The APHA Annual Meeting invites public health professionals and practitioners from all over the country to "enhance their knowledge and exchange information on best practices, latest research and new trends in public health" through 1,000 scientific sessions and 700 booths of information, products and services (apha.org).

"Healthy Communities Promote Health Minds and Bodies" is the theme to the 139th Annual APHA Meeting and Exposition. Although the deadline for discounted registration fees has passed, you can pay attendee fees on-site. Visit http://www.apha.org/meetings/registration to find out more.

For those who have already registered and filled your reimbursement forms on time, feel free to contact Fran Branch, APHA SGA liaison with any additional concerns.

As for hotels, access discounted rates at http://www.apha.org/meetings/housing/

If you would like to split hotel costs with other students attending the conference contact Fran who will help you coordinate with potential roommates. Also, use the SGA Facebook page!

Hello and thank you for picking up the first issue of the 2011-2012 monthly SGA newsletter! Our goal with this newsletter is to increase communication about upcoming SGA sponsored events throughout the year and create a better sense of awareness and understanding of important issues, affairs and opportunities within the SPHTM community.

I am very excited about the turn out to all our recent SGA events! First, the participation at our first general meeting last month was unprecedented and the same can be said for the voter turnout for our Fall SGA Elections! Secondly, thank you to all of you who helped make our Philanthropy and Social kick-off events a HUGE success!

We've started the year off right and it will only get better! Best of luck to you on your upcoming exams!

Ryan Alipio, SGA President
Practicum Panel

At the SPHTM, all students are to complete the practicum requirement in order to receive a professional master’s or doctoral degree. The practicum is an internship, project, or experience where the student fulfills pre-defined program objectives set by the student along with their advisor. Many students create their own practicum that both fulfills their departmental requirements as well as their personal and professionals needs; other students apply for national internship programs with a defined structure. Practicums range from building public health centered programs in developing countries, to analyzing data on important domestic public health issues. On behalf of Epidemiology Departmental Organization, the Epidemiology Club would like to invite all students to the Practicum Panel on October 5, 2011 from 12p-1p in room 1825. Here a panel of students will speak about their experiences in applying and successfully completing their practicum. A few faculty members will also speak about how best to get a practicum and their experiences. Food will be provided!

Tulane Red Cross Disaster Preparedness: Ready to “Go”

Did you know that hurricane season is June 1st-November 30th?

How do you make sure you’re prepared you might ask?

**Step 1: Make a “Go-Bag”**
Has everything you need to for an evacuation or sheltering-in-place
- Water: one gallon per person per day for three days
- Food: three days of nonperishable food and can opener
- Flashlight and extra batteries
- First Aid Kit
- Prescription meds and glasses
- Battery-powered weather radio
- Cash (ATM’s may be out)
- Important papers

Knowing what you will do in a storm makes dealing with these disasters safer and less stressful.

**Step 2: Make a Plan**
- Are you going to use Tulane’s evacuation plan?
- Which family member or friend could you evacuate to?
- What highway will you take to get out of town?
- How will you get in touch with your family?
- What are you going to do with your pet?

‘In a category 1 or 2 storm the city does not evacuate, but may still lose power and water for several days.
‘In a disaster, the news is your best source of information
‘To become involved with the Tulane Red Cross contact Selena Gonzales at: sgonzal2@tulane.edu
‘For more information and how to prepare for disasters in New Orleans visit: www.redcross.org

**Step 3: Be Informed**
- A mandatory evacuation is issued for Category 3 hurricanes and higher.
- Tulane has a plan to evacuate all students to a shelter.

American Red Cross
October 2011 Schedule of Events

October 5th: Practicum Panel
October 12th: Culture Seminar—Traditional Chinese Acupuncture and Massage
October 13th-16th: Fall Break
October 18th: International Horror Movie Night
October 19th: Culture Seminar—Japanese Earthquake and Tsunami Relief 2011
October 22nd: Komen Breast Cancer Walk
October 23rd: Swamp tour
October 27th: SGA General Meeting

Ongoing: Language Conversation Clubs co-sponsored with the Peace Corps Programs Office
Every week in the Student Lounge—Mondays (Swahili/English), Wednesday (Spanish), Thursday (French)