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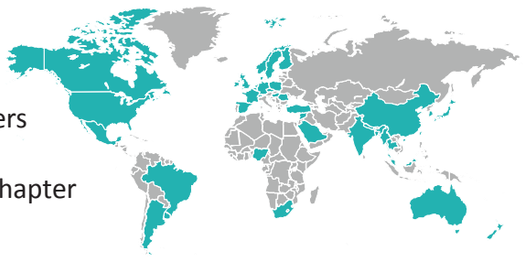
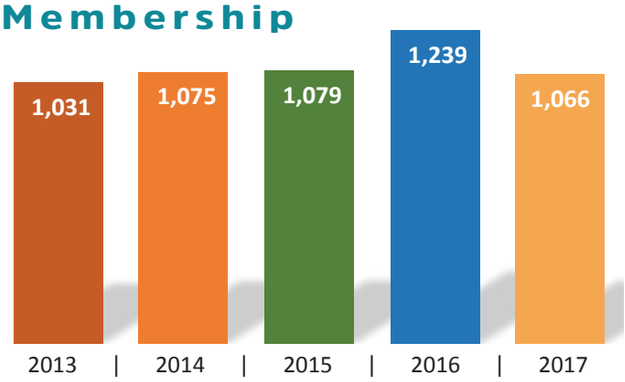
GLOBAL REACH



- 1,066 Members
- 42 Countries
- 1 European Chapter

Cross-disciplinary, with members specializing in Basic Science Research, Clinical Research, Public Health/Epidemiology Research, and Policy Research.

Membership



Annual PRESIDENTIAL Stakeholder Visits

Campaign for Tobacco-Free Kids
NIH National Institute on Drug Abuse
National Cancer Institute
truth initiative — Inspiring Tobacco-Free Lives
FDA Center for Tobacco Products
FDA Center for Drug Evaluation and Research
NIH National Institutes of Health Tobacco Regulatory Science Program (TRSP)

Hill Visits

Offices of the following:

- Rep. Roybal-Allard
- Rep. Lowey
- Rep. Pallone
- Senator Murray

NETWORK-GENERATED Content

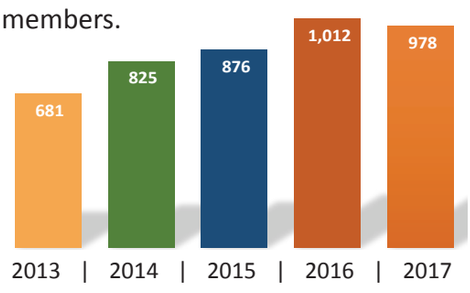
- **9** New Webinars
- **14** Symposia and Workshops
- **5** Papers
- **8** Member Spotlights
- **24** Bulletins and Newsletters
- **28** Archived Webinars Online

NETWORKS FOSTER Early Career Involvement

- Trainee Network's Mixer and Mentoring Roundtable events
- Trainee's Guide to the Annual Meeting
- Mentored poster program
- "It's Just Coffee" mentoring meetings
- Disparities Travel Awards
- Basic Science Network Trainee Taskforce
- 11 Early-Career Operations Coordinators

JOURNAL Subs

SRNT's scientific journal *Nicotine & Tobacco Research* continues to see a robust number of submissions, making it a Journal of choice for members.



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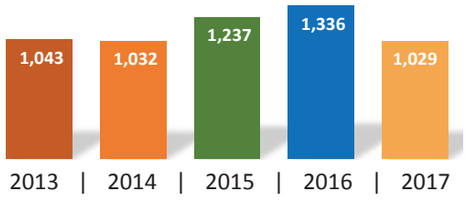
2017 Annual Meeting in Florence, Italy

- 1,029 Registrants
- 1,001 Abstracts submitted (a record)
- 8 Concurrent breakouts in 6 Sessions
- 750 Posters
- 15 Travel awards



The data contained in this infographic demonstrate SRNT's success in 2017 in support of its mission to stimulate the generation and dissemination of new knowledge concerning nicotine in all its manifestations, with the ultimate goal of decreasing tobacco-related disease and improving global health.

SRNT University

New this year, SRNT-U brings you organized, curated training and information on nicotine and tobacco research.

- Smoking Cessation Research: Certificate Program of 10 courses on the fundamentals of nicotine and tobacco research. Developed by Curriculum Review Board.
- Knowledge Center: An organized, curated collection of training and information in diverse areas of nicotine and tobacco research. Links to and information on 130+ courses.
- Webinar Archive: A single-stop library of recorded webinars on research methodologies, policy issues and science updates.

President's Report

Judith J. Prochaska, PhD, MPH

Starting in stunning Florence, Italy last March and culminating in Baltimore, Maryland with our largest conference registration to date, it has been an honor and a pleasure to serve as SRNT President this year. The society is strong in its membership, research activity, fiscal health, reach, and service. We have made progress with delivering on our investments in SRNT-University; we have demonstrated our expertise and public value with a charge that Science Matters; and we have further broadened our membership to support the next generation of tobacco control researchers.

SRNT is the intellectual home for interdisciplinary science on nicotine and tobacco. Our members are leaders in the field, generating and disseminating the scientific evidence to quantify the harms of tobacco use around the globe and to inform innovations and expansions in tobacco cessation treatment, health policy, and regulatory affairs. SRNT also prides itself as providing a community for mentoring students, postdoctoral fellows, and new investigators.

With a focus on our membership, research dissemination, and the Society's public face, I am pleased to report on SRNT's accomplishments for the year.

Growth in the SRNT Membership

The greatness of SRNT is directly a reflection of and dependent upon its membership. To ensure maximum affiliation through recruitment and retention of Society members, this past year, I formed SRNT's Membership Committee, chaired by Danielle Ramo. Aims of the Membership Committee include: reviewing and advising on membership structure and benefits; undertaking a biannual membership satisfaction survey (coming to you this spring); and developing strategies to increase recruitment of new members and retention of current members.

Critically, our members actively participate and with a growth trajectory. Our 2016 Annual Meeting in Chicago had record attendance, with over 1300 attendees and 966 abstracts submitted; the abstract record was again broken for the Florence 2017 meeting with 1006 submissions; and the numbers for the Baltimore 2018 meeting reached an all-time high of 1204 abstract submissions and with 1353 registered to date, with more anticipated onsite.

With great enthusiasm, I announced earlier this month the launch of a new regional chapter, SRNT-Oceania, which is spearheaded by colleagues Billie Bonevski (Acting President), Coral Gartner (Acting Secretary), Andrew Waa, Natalie Walker, and Sefita Hao'uli. SRNT-Oceania will be dedicated to advancing nicotine and tobacco research in the Oceania region, which includes Australia, New Zealand and the Pacific nations (in Melanesia, Micronesia, and Polynesia). The region is diverse, and the Chapter will strive to give voice to all its Indigenous cultures.

SRNT-Oceania joins SRNT-Europe as the second of SRNT's regional Chapters. Not to be missed, later this year, is SRNT-Europe's Annual Conference in Munich, Germany September 6-8, 2018.

Also, worth highlighting with a focus on member recognition, is the SRNT Fellows program, which continues to grow, adding a second cohort this year. The SRNT Fellows program was developed in recognition of members' outstanding contributions to the field of nicotine and tobacco research and in service to SRNT. Information on the Fellows program, including application instructions, can be found at: https://www.srnt.org/default.asp?page=fellow.

Engagement of the Membership in Network Activities

SRNT Network activities, including papers, webinars, symposia, communications and networking opportunities, continue to provide value for SRNT members and the field. SRNT's Networks serve as a key infrastructure to support growth and provide content focused communities for members. 857 of our members (80%) belong to at least one Network, and 149 members are active in Network committees, subcommittees, and workgroups. Network Advisory Committees continue to refine their focus, work-plans, and Network structures to better guide the work they undertake. A strengthened focus on research is now reflected in revised Network names and charges.

In 2017, the Networks supported nine webinars, with two reflecting a joint-Network collaboration. A total of 648 attendees participated in these webinars on cutting-edge topics including epigenetics, heat-not-burn products, social media for scientists, and mHealth.

Journal and Publications

2018 marks the 20th anniversary of SRNT's journal Nicotine and Tobacco Research (NTR). At the Baltimore meeting, with great respect and appreciation for his vision, we will be honoring Gary Swan, NTR's founding Editor. In 2017, under Editor Marcus Munafo's leadership, NTR received 978 submissions, and the journal's Impact Factor reached an all-time high of 4.609. SRNT's journal is now ranked 2nd of 18 journals in the Substance Abuse category and 16th of

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176 journals in the Public, Environmental & Occupational Health category in the Science Citation Index, as well as 2nd of 34 journals in the Substance Abuse category and 5th of 176 journals in the Public, Environmental & Occupational Health category in the Social Science Citation Index. Congratulations to Marcus, his editorial team, and the many authors whose work has been published in NTR. Recognizing that the strength of SRNT's journal is built upon the quality of submissions attracted and the service of colleagues participating in peer review, at Baltimore, Marcus will be recognizing the NTR Reviewer of the Year and Best Paper.

I also want to highlight that this year I re-established SRNT's Publications Committee, now chaired by Adam Leventhal. The charge of SRNT's Publication's Committee is to serve as the interface between the Board of Directors and the Editorial Team of SRNT's Journal and other SRNT publications, and to think strategically about how SRNT publications can enhance membership in the Society as well as impact the field of nicotine and tobacco research. One exciting possibility currently being discussed by the Publications Committee is the publication of an SRNT text book on nicotine and tobacco research. Stay tuned!

SRNT's Public Face: Science Matters
In June 2017, our President's annual visit to funders and stakeholders expanded to include visits to staffers on the Hill and leadership with the FDA's Center for Drug Evaluation and Research (CDER). A direct outcome of the meeting with CDER is the joint CDER-CTP panel scheduled for Wednesday afternoon at the Baltimore meeting. Participants are Janet Woodcock (CDER Director), Mitch Zeller (CTP Director), Grail Sipes (Director with CDER's Office of Regulatory Policy), and Priscilla Callahan-Lyon (Deputy Director with the CTP Division of Individual Health Science). The focus of the panel is on investigational research issues with electronic nicotine delivery systems and other tobacco products.

This year, SRNT signed on to 15 letters affecting federal policies in the tobacco and nicotine arena. Letters concerned threatening budget cuts for NIH and CDC's Office on Smoking and Health; Product Standards for NNN in smokeless tobacco products; smoke-free facilities of the Veterans Health Administration; and appropriation bills that would have weakened the FDA's authority to oversee tobacco products. For a full list of letters, visit the "Positions" section of the SRNT website.

Dissemination of Science to the Broader Community
I am excited to announce that we are ready to introduce SRNT's new learning and information platform: SRNT University (SRNT-U). SRNT-U aims to disseminate key knowledge and education on nicotine, in all its manifestations, to our members and the field at large. Dedicating countless hours, 140 member volunteers from 20 countries have been hard at work developing early offerings for SRNT-U: the Knowledge Center portal and a Smoking Cessation Research Certificate Program. These initial offerings will serve a broad audience: graduate students, medical school students and residents, postdoctoral fellows, healthcare professionals worldwide, and members of transdisciplinary teams—anyone seeking information on research techniques or background information relevant to nicotine and tobacco research.

SRNT-U is a work in progress, and we very much welcome your feedback. Please stop by the SRNT-U booth in Baltimore during poster sessions and coffee breaks for a demonstration and let us know what you think.

In reflecting on the Society's many activities over the past year, I wish to recognize the concerted efforts of many, including SRNT's:

- Board of Directors: Debbie Ossip, Marina Picciotto, Megan Piper, Jasjit Ahluwalia, Tellervo Korhonen, Mira Aghi, and Jennifer McClure
- Executive Director Bruce Wheeler (impressively, now in his 14th year of service to SRNT!)
- Strategic Initiatives Manager Mona Johnson
- Network Chairs: Suzanne Colby and Robin Mermelstein, Adolescent Network; Christie Fowler and Jill Turner, Basic Science Network; Sean David and Li-Shiun Chen, Genetics Network; Carla Berg and Scott McIntosh, Global Research Network; Norval Hickman and Steven Fu, Health Disparities Network; Andrea Villanti, Sara Hitchman and Olivia Maynard, Policy Research Network; Megan Piper and Leonie Brose, Treatment Research Network; and Meg Fluharty, Omar El Shahawy and Steve Heishman, Trainee Network
- SRNT University Curriculum Review Board Leadership: Lisa Sanderson Cox (Chair), Rasha Bader and Raúl Mejia (Co-Chairs), and Aishwarya Vidyasagaran (Operations Coordinator)

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- SRNT-U Global Research Network Education Subcommittee and Knowledge Center Portal Co-Chairs: Irina Stepanov and Kamran Siddiqi
- Committee Chairs: Tom Glynn, Awards Committee; Megan Piper, Finance Committee; Danielle Ramo, Membership Committee; Debbie Ossip Nominations Committee; Ray Niaura, Nicotine Policy Action Committee (NicPAC); Adam Leventhal, Publications Committee; and Sheila Alessi, Electronic Communications Committee
- Nicotine and Tobacco Research Journal Editor Marcus Munafò and his team of 11 Deputy and 54 Associate Editors

In the true spirit of collaboration, more than 250 individuals volunteered their time and expertise this year in service to advancing the mission and activities of SRNT. We can all be proud of our Society's efforts over the past 12-months toward stimulating discovery and dissemination of findings on nicotine and tobacco with the end goal of improving health globally. We experienced growth in our journal, conference and communication channels; delivered on milestones with SRNT-U; and expanded our outreach to federal agencies and other stakeholder organizations.

Further, with a great deal of appreciation for their time and commitment (and back up plans in case of a government shutdown), I recognize the 2019 Program Committee led by Program Chair Rachel Grana and co-chairs Gideon St Helen and Lisa Fucito. Baltimore promises to be an outstanding meeting with a record-breaking number of submissions, two high-profile keynote speakers (Surgeon General Jerome Adams and FDA Commissioner Scott Gottlieb), multiple interdisciplinary panels on timely concerns facing the field, and an overall exemplary scientific program.

With an eye to the days ahead, I am very pleased to welcome Marina Picciotto's leadership as SRNT President for 2018-2019. Traveling more than 3,000 miles from Stanford to Yale, the gavel will transfer from the hands of a clinical to a basic science researcher, reflective of the geographic and interdisciplinary breadth of our society.

In closing, I pay tribute to an outstanding scholar and leader in quantitative methods in the field, Wayne Velicer, who in autumn 2017 we lost to a battle with cancer. Wayne was a close colleague to my father, a mentor of mine, and a friend to many. As one example, Phil Gardiner shared his story of meeting Wayne at SRNT. New to the conference, Phil was sitting alone during the lunch hour when Wayne approached and asked if he could join him. It was the start of future research engagements, a shared appreciation for fine food and wine, and a long-standing friendship. In the spirit of Wayne's warmth, I encourage each of you to maximize the networking possibilities at the SRNT meeting and to introduce yourself to new faces.

We look forward to connecting with you in Baltimore!

Treasurer's Report

Megan Piper, PhD

2017 Year-End Financials

The SRNT 2017 budget projected a deficit of $195,000. I am beyond thrilled to report that we ended 2017 with a projected surplus of approximately $62,000. This is largely due to three things: 1) SRNT had a very successful year with investment income, thanks to a robust stock market; 2) Nicotine & Tobacco Research, the Society journal, continues to surpass financial expectations; and 3) the SRNT Annual Meeting in Florence, actually turned a very small profit rather than losing money as we had projected.

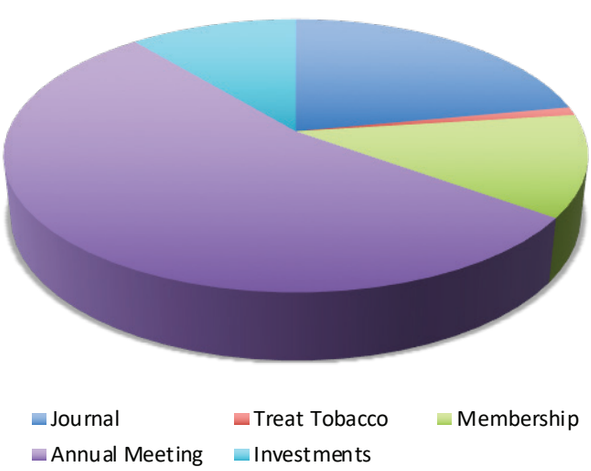
Therefore, SRNT's financial position continues to be strong and allows the Society to engage in activities and initiatives to promote tobacco science.

Notes: The 2017 year-end financials are preliminary, as SRNT has not yet received the 2017 journal royalties from Oxford University Press nor the invoice for member journal subscriptions. Therefore, year-end net is based on estimates that include outstanding budgeted income and expenses.

Revenue

SRNT's main sources of revenue are: (a) membership dues, (b) conference registration, (c) journal royalties, and (d) investment income. Financial support from the pharmaceutical industry represents less than five percent of SRNT's 2017 revenues (included in the Other category). One hundred percent of the pharmaceutical industry's support of SRNT was an unrestricted educational grant for the Florence conference that was received through a competitive review process.

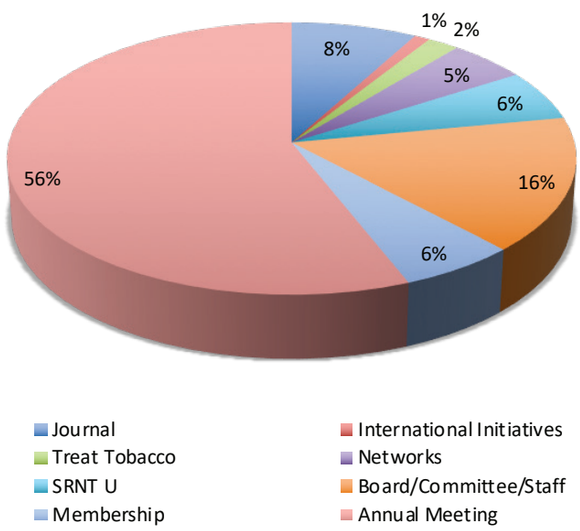
2017 Preliminary Income



Expenses

SRNT's two largest expenses are: (a) management and staff/office support, provided through a contract with The Rees Group, and (b) the Annual Meeting. We had additional expenditures in 2017 as we continued to develop SRNT University (SRNT-U). In addition, SRNT continued to invest in our eight networks that support the research of all of our members (Adolescents, Basic Science, Genetics, Global, Health Disparities, Public Policy, Trainees, and Treatment).

2017 Preliminary Expenses



Assets

SRNT currently has just over $1.6 million in assets at year-end. We currently have $622,873.86 in the Reserve Fund. Based on the 2014 Financial Reserve Policy, the amount held in reserve exceeds the policy requirement. Therefore, no money will be added to the Reserve Fund this year.

The Finance Committee continues to closely monitor SRNT's accounts and investments to ensure that our funds are being properly managed. This means that funds needed for operations are readily available and that funds that will be needed within the next 12 months are in appropriate investment vehicles that meet the Investment Policy laid out by the SRNT Board.

Treasurer's Report (continued)

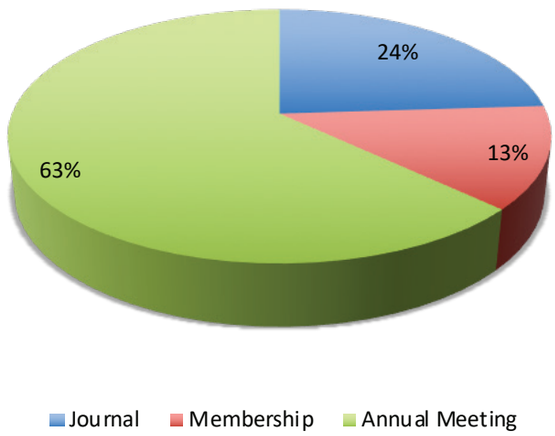
Megan Piper, PhD

2018 Budget

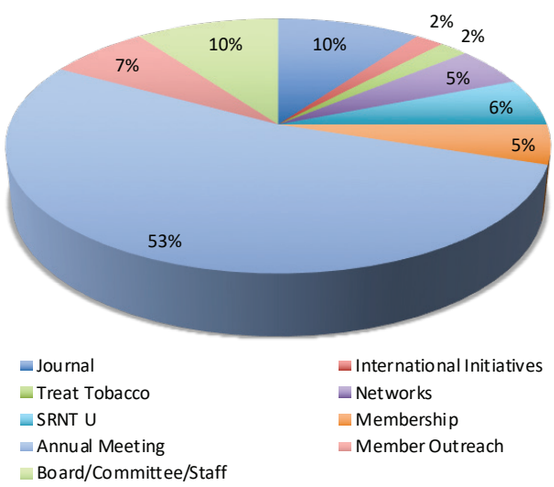
We currently project a budget deficit of $42,720 for 2018. This deficit is primarily due to the Board's decision to continue to invest in strategic initiatives including SRNT University and our eight Networks.

Please note that the SRNT Finance Committee and staff budget very conservatively. If history is any guide, and investments continue to do well, the deficit will likely be smaller. Despite the projected deficit budget for 2018, SRNT remains in a very strong financial position. Our current trend of budgeting deficits is very much in line with our financial resources and our commitment to using our resources to support tobacco science.

2018 Budget Income



2018 Budget Expense



Executive Director's Report

Bruce Wheeler

After more than three years of effort, including a dedicated half-time staff position and participation from more than 140 SRNT volunteers in 20 countries(!), SRNT is ready to introduce its sweeping new online learning platform, SRNT University (SRNT-U)!

SRNT-U began in 2015 with the Global Certification Program Advisory Task force, chaired by Ken Warner. Then-President Robin Mermelstein made this program her signature initiative and has remained a committed resource during SRNT-U's development. The wonderful Mona Johnson was brought on to lead development of the project (I shudder to think how many hours Mona has invested in this project, not to mention sleepless nights!).

The initial phase of development, the Global Certification Program, was an online educational initiative aimed at helping frontline LMIC healthcare workers learn the fundamentals of research so that they can incorporate specific research projects in their practices. Once the curriculum was set, a task force led by Board member Megan Piper developed seven study outlines as exemplars of smoking cessation research. Based on these outlines, a Curriculum Review Board of more than 110 Section Heads and Reviewers began work on learning objectives for the smoking cessation research curriculum, identifying existing courses suitable for the program, as well as gaps that SRNT would need to fill. This heroic review effort was led by Lisa Sanderson Cox, Rasha Bader and Raúl Mejía, and Aishwarya Vidyasagaran.

As work progressed on the first curriculum for the Global Certification Program, it became clear that the potential audience was significantly broader and more diverse than originally anticipated. In addition to LMIC healthcare workers, the course material could benefit grad students, medical school students and residents, postdoctoral fellows, healthcare professionals worldwide and members of transdisciplinary teams—anyone seeking information on research techniques or background information relevant to nicotine and tobacco research. As a result, the Global Certification Program became the simpler, more flexible "Certificate Programs," which represents the first pillar of SRNT-U.

While development of the Certificate Programs was underway, SRNT's Global Research Network was formulating their own online educational initiative, a web-based portal providing access to an organized, curated collection of training and information from SRNT and other organizations in diverse areas of nicotine and tobacco research.

With the development of this second educational resource, it became clear that SRNT needed learning management software and a dedicated home/educational platform for the certificate program and the learning portal.

Thus, SRNT University was born!

The educational portal was renamed the SRNT-U Knowledge Center and is the second pillar of SRNT University. It links to information on over 130 courses and webinars reviewed by the Global Research Network Education Subcommittee, led by Irina Stepanov and Kamran Siddiqi.

The Certificate Programs and Knowledge Center are but two of the pillars of SRNT-U. In addition, SRNT-U will house an archive of selected Annual Meeting presentations (beginning with sessions taped here in Baltimore!). And, SRNT's journal, Nicotine & Tobacco Research, will have its own section to highlight editorials, virtual issues on selected topics, and articles that are publicly available.

In closing, I truly believe that SRNT-U will be an amazing resource for members of SRNT, in particular, and the broader research community, in general! Since this is very much a work in progress, we need your help in making that happen. As you browse the site, please share your feedback – let us know of programs we might not have linked to, topics of interest, or comments on how to improve the experience. We see SRNT-U as a way to help meet the professional and technical needs of our members and their institutions, as well as a platform for SRNT to support future improvements in the way nicotine and tobacco research is conducted.

Oh, and please join me in thanking the 140+ volunteers, Robin Mermelstein, the other lead volunteers mentioned above, and Mona, who together have made this vision for the future a reality for today!

Journal Editor's Report

Marcus Munafò, PhD

Now in our 20th year, Nicotine & Tobacco Research continues to lead the field, and is rapidly becoming the first-choice journal for researchers working in the area. Our Impact Factor is now 4.609, placing us 2nd in the category of Substance Use. While the Impact Factor is certainly an imperfect metric, I think our ranking in the substance use category says something about our standing in the field. It is testament not only to the growing number of submissions we are receiving, but more importantly to the very high quality of these submissions.

Fortunately, after several years of steady growth in submissions, we appear to have stabilized at ~1,000 new submissions every year. I say fortunately because this growth in submissions was placing increasing pressure on our Deputy and Associate Editors. We have responded by increasing the size of our editorial board, and I am extremely grateful for their hard work and rigour. Of course, a downside of this growth in submissions is that we are now having to decline some very strong work – I'm sorry if you've been on the receiving end of a disappointing decision, but please do continue to send us your work!

We have continued to group articles thematically in issues, and include a linked editorial in each issue. Increasingly, these are authored by Associate Editors, as a means by which we can capture the breadth and depth of expertise across our editorial board. My impression is that these editorials are helping to raise the profile of the articles published in their issue, and I would encourage you to read these as an efficient way to obtain an overview of the content of each issue. Remember that you are also able to sign up to content alerts via the journal website, which will deliver a table of contents to your inbox every month.

One exciting new innovation that we are piloting this year is to link journal review with grant review in a single process intended to provide applicants with both funding for their research project and in-principle acceptance of the results of the project. This extends the Registered Reports concept, where an article is reviewed (before data collection has commenced) on the basis of the importance of the research question and robustness of the method. Our Registered Reports Funding pilot, in partnership with Cancer Research UK's Tobacco Advisory Board and the Pfizer GRAND scheme is currently underway, and I look forward to reporting on the results next year.

After two decades of steady progress, both in terms of the growth of the journal and (more importantly) in contributing to the Society's mission to generate and disseminate "new knowledge concerning nicotine in all its manifestations", I would like to acknowledge the critical contributions of our two previous Editors-in-Chief – Gary Swan and David Balfour. Without their stewardship, particularly in the early years of the journal, we would not be where we are now. It continues to be a great honour to follow in their footsteps, and to serve the Society as they have done.

Adolescent Network

Network Co-Chairs: Suzanne Colby, PhD and Robin Mermelstein, PhD
No. of Members: 267

The Adolescent Network was established in 2015. At the annual meeting in 2018 our leadership team will transition, with Alexandra Loukas taking over as Advisory Committee (AC) Chair and Amanda Quisenberry becoming Co-Chair.

Our AC has been actively engaged over the past year, meeting monthly via teleconference to plan activities and report on progress. In addition to the members mentioned above, additional AC members include: Drs. Maria Cooper, Yvonne Hunt, Grace Kong, Suchitra Krishnan-Sarin, Laura MacPherson, and Elizabeth Seaman. Our Network Operations Coordinator is Julia Chen, who facilitates the work of the AC and its subcommittees. Subcommittees meet separately and report progress at each AC meeting. Our four subcommittees include:

- Communications: Maria Cooper and Amanda Quisenberry (Chairs); Aly Rudy, MeLisa Creamer, Rachel Cassidy, Meme Wang-Schweig
- Education/Training: Laura MacPherson and Suchitra Krishnan-Sarin (Chairs); Sharon Lipperman-Kreda, Georges Khalil
- Annual Meeting/Program: Alex Loukas and Yvonne Hunt (Chairs); Suzanne Colby, Kathleen Garrison, Erin Sutfin
- Membership: Grace Kong (Chair)

Network Communications
Subscribers receive updates and messages from our network on Facebook, Twitter, and the member listserv, and information about the network is regularly updated on the network page of the SRNT website. This year, the communications committee began posting recent publications of relevance to our members on the listserv. The committee members continue to facilitate listserv interactions among our members, and send topical news items and inquiries on a regular basis.

Network Newsletters
The network develops and distributes newsletters on a quarterly basis. This year, a member spotlight feature was added. So far, we have featured Spotlight Interviews with Dr. Janet Hoek and Dr. Yvonne Hunt.

Webinars: Our first webinar was held in May of 2017 and featured the work of the Campaign for Tobacco-Free Kids. This webinar increased member knowledge about how policy advocates utilize our research when creating policy approaches. A total of 70 members attended this webinar. Our next webinar is planned for the spring of 2018 and will focus on the development of the Real Cost campaign by the FDA.

Pre-Conference Workshops
We ran our first pre-conference workshop at the 2017 annual meeting, entitled "Tobacco and Marijuana Co-Use in Adolescents and Young Adults". The workshop was successful with 45 attendees. We will hold our next pre-conference workshop at the 2018 meeting, entitled "Adolescent and Young Adult Nicotine Dependence in the Contemporary Tobacco Landscape".

Member Meetings
Since 2016, we have hosted a network member meeting annually at the SRNT meeting. Each year, we report on our past-year activities and get input from our members.

Membership
This year, we established guidelines for terms of service and transitions in leadership and membership. We also successfully recruited nine new members to serve on network subcommittees.

Basic Science Network (BSN)

Network Co-Chairs: Christie Fowler, PhD and Jill Turner, PhD
No. of Members: 250

Administrative Structure
This past year, we maintained 13 Advisory Committee members to assist with our goal of promoting basic science within SRNT and reorganized the subcommittees to be more effective in our initiatives, which include the following:

- Social Media Outreach: Rick Bevins and Suzi Gage
- Network Collaborations: Annie Kleykamp and Jason Oliver
- Education/Scholarship: Gunes Kutlu, Imad Damaj and Tom Gould
- Website Subcommittee: Laura Rupprecht and Paul Harrell
- Annual Meeting/Program Subcommittee: Heath Schmidt, Adriaan Bruijnzeel, and Jerry Stitzel

Cassandra Gipson-Reichardt served as the BSN Operations Coordinator.

We also organized a Trainee Taskforce to encourage younger scientist to be involved in the BSN activities and recruited 4 pre- and post-doctoral trainees to assist in this capacity (see names indicated below).

Webinars
In conjunction with the Trainee Network, the Education Subcommittee has been working to organize a webinar focused on the developmental effects of nicotine exposure. Confirmed speakers include Tom Gould, Imad Damaj, Francis Leslie and Suchitra Krishnan-Sarin as a clinical discussant.

A review manuscript is also planned based on this topic, spear-headed by Gunes Kutlu and Greg Powell.

SRNT 2017 Symposia Submissions
The BSN and Trainee networks worked together to develop and submit a workshop for the SRNT 2018 annual meeting focused on non-traditional career pathways. The workshop will be chaired by Christie Fowler (BSN Network) and Allison Borges (Trainee Network). Panelists include Albert Avila (Director of the Office of Diversity and Health Disparities, NIDA), Mary Kautz (Acting Chief, Behavioral and Cognitive Neuroscience Branch, NIDA), Glenda Lassi (Postdoctoral Researcher, AstraZeneca and University of Bristol), Cindy Miner (Formally Director, Division of Health, Scientific and Regulatory Communications, FDA Center for Tobacco Products and currently Deputy Director for Science Policy, Engagement, Education, and Communications at NHLBI), Kymberle Sterling (Principal Research Scientist, Battelle Memorial Institute), and Andrea Villanti (Formally Director for Regulatory Science and Policy, The Truth Initiative and currently Associate Professor, University of Vermont).

In addition, a symposium titled "Trans-generational effects of parental nicotine and tobacco exposure on emotion, cognition and reward" was accepted for this year's annual meeting. A number of BSN members are presenting, including Heath Schmidt, Ed Levin, Deirdre McCarthy Gunes Kutlu, and Laura Stroud.

Website
Content has continued to be updated by the network. The subcommittee is currently working on reconfiguring the content to best communicate BSN interests and activities.

Social Networking/Electronic Communications
The BSN has further progressed with social networking efforts via postings on Facebook and Twitter.

Scientist Spotlight Interviews
Interviews with current scientists in the field were conducted and posted on the BSN website. The goal of these interviews is to provide research and career perspectives from emerging and established leaders in the field. The 2017 interviewees included Dr. Brandon Henderson, Marshall University (July 2017) and Dr. Glenda Lassi, AstraZeneca and University of Bristol (October 2017). Dr. Christie Fowler is slated as our next Scientist Spotlight and will be the first of the 2018 cycle. Members of the Trainee Taskforce conducted these interviews.

Advisory Committee Changes
At SRNT 2018, Christie Fowler will rotate off as Network Co-chair and Cassandra Gipson-Reichardt will rotate off as Operations Coordinator. Brett Froeliger will begin his term as C-chair and Theresa Patten will be the Network's Operations coordinator. Rick Bevins will be a new Advisory Committee member. With many long-time AC members rotating off, the remaining Advisory Committee members will work to re-organize the Network's administrative structure.

Basic Science Network (BSN) (continued

BSN Trainee Task Force

Members of the Trainee Task force are:

- Miranda Fisher, PhD (Predoctoral trainee with Dr. Jill Turner, University of South Carolina and Medical University of South Carolina)
- Valeria Lallai, PhD (Postdoctoral trainee with Dr. Christie Fowler, University of California Irvine)
- Theresa Patten, PhD (Predoctoral trainee with Dr. Mariella De Biasi, University of Pennsylvania)
- Gregory Powell, PhD (Postdoctoral trainee with Dr. Cassandra Gipson-Reichardt, Arizona State University)

Genetics Network

Network Chairs: Sean David, MD, SM, and Phil and Li-Shiun Chen, MD
No. of Members: 140

The leadership of the Genetics Network changed with Marissa Ehringer, PhD and Anu Loukola, PhD rotating off after the 2017 Annual Meeting. The Genetics Network generated several transdisciplinary and collaborative products in 2017 and is seeking to grow its membership and recruit additional new leaders and young investigators.

Working with the Trainee Network, the Genetics Network sponsored a webinar entitled "Introduction to (epi)genetics" led by Anu Loukola, PhD. The webinar was held in October 2017 with 30 attendees. The webinar presented an introduction to the terms and concepts central to the field of genetics and epigenetics and discussed the importance and applicability of (epi)genetic research.

The Genetics Network worked together with the Treatment Research Network on two SRNT Network Work Proposals: (i) a scientific review on key results that demonstrate the value and utility of data generated from biosamples in a clinical treatment trial setting, and (ii) a scientific review providing practical advice and guidance for incorporating the collection of genomic and other 'omic' data within a clinical trial setting. SRNT Board approved these two papers for submission in November 2016, and both papers are currently in press in Nicotine and Tobacco Research:

(i) Saccone NL, Baurley JW, Bergen AW, David SP, Elliott HR, Foreman MG, Kaprio J, Piasecki TM, Relton CL, Zawertailo L, Bierut LJ, Tyndale RF, Chen LS; Genetics and Treatment Networks of the Society for Research on Nicotine and Tobacco (SRNT). The Value of Biosamples in Smoking Cessation Trials: A Review of Genetic, Metabolomic, and Epigenetic Findings. Nicotine Tob Res. (in press). PMID: 28472521

(ii) Chen LS, Zawertailo L, Piasecki TM, Kaprio J, Foreman M, Elliott HR, David SP, Bergen AW, Baurley JW, Tyndale RF, Baker TB, Bierut LJ, Saccone NL; Genetics and Treatment Workgroup of the Society for Research on Nicotine and Tobacco (SRNT). Leveraging genomic data in smoking cessation trials in the era of Precision Medicine: Why and how. Nicotine Tob Res. (in press) PMID: 28498934

The Genetics Network submitted a symposium proposal for the 2018 Annual Meeting entitled 'Translating Genetic Research into Clinical Practice for Precision Medicine Tobacco Treatment – SRNT Genetics Network', which was accepted and will be presented as Symposium 6 on 02/22/2018. The goals of this symposium will be to (a) provide an update on the state of the science of pharmacogenetic tobacco treatment research and biomarker development (e.g., Andrew Bergen, PhD James Baurley, PhD); (b) present evidence synthesis from the first Cochrane systematic review and meta-analyses of genetically-informed biomarkers for smoking cessation (Sean David, MD, SM, DPhil); (c) preview research in progress from a prospective pharmacogenetic clinical trial (Li-Shiun Chen, MD, MPH, ScD); and host (d) an expert panel led by Robert Schnoll, PhD (including the presenters and Kristopher Bough, PhD (National Institute on Drug Abuse Program Director for biomarker identification, validation and Small Business Innovation Research) and Timothy Baker, PhD (USPHS Tobacco Treatment Guideline developer and treatment expert) that will discuss and propose a field-wide enterprise to encourage open science, data sharing, and streamline clinical implementation science for companion diagnostic tests with good clinical utility, and incorporation into clinical practice guidelines.

Global Research Network

Network Chairs: Carla Berg, PhD, MBA, LP and Scott McIntosh, PhD
No. of Members: 321

The Global Health Network (GHN) was renamed the Global Research Network (GRN) in December, 2017, with Board approval. The GRN's activities in 2017 primarily focused on building resources for research capacity, enhancing SRNT's outreach to LMICs, and communications within the GRN membership (summarized below). To provide input into short- and long-term goals and activities, we have quarterly conference calls with our Advisory Committee, which includes representatives from major regions around the world. Carla Berg, who began serving as co-chair in 2015, and Scott McIntosh, who began serving as co-chair in 2016, continue to lead the GRN. In 2017, we maintained the majority of our Advisory Board members: Mark Parascandola, Erika Pinsker, Ramzi Salloum, Kamran Siddiqi, Irina Stepanov, and Jim Thrasher. Harry Lando, Joanna Cohen, and Rima Nakkash cycled off at the 2017 SRNT annual meeting.

In considering our mission, we 1) revised our mission statement to be more specific and focused on research, to develop a more specific scope, and update the content; and 2) revised our name (changing it from Global Health Network to Global Research Network), making it more consistent both with the revised mission and with the format of other Network names.

We continued to maintain four highly engaged subcommittees with strong leadership: 1) Outreach (Chair: Ramzi Salloum); 2) Education (Chairs: Kamran Siddiqi, Irina Stepanov); 3) Assessment (Chair: Scott McIntosh); and 4) Communications (Chair: Erika Pinsker).

Below we highlight the SRNT Goal each of our GRN addresses along with our activities within each goal.

SRNT STRATEGIC GOAL 1: SRNT RECRUITS AND RETAINS AN INCLUSIVE, ENGAGED MEMBERSHIP.

GRN GOAL: Enhance reputation of SRNT as global leader on the science of nicotine and tobacco.

- We continued to develop partnerships with other global tobacco control stakeholder organizations to increase the visibility of SRNT as an asset for LMIC researchers and practitioners.
- Based on the pre-conference workshop at the 2016 SRNT Annual Meeting entitled: "Strengthening policy-relevant tobacco research capacity in low- and middle-income countries: Strategies, challenges, and lessons learned"; we developed a manuscript to be published in NTR covering what was discussed (Post-conference Paper Work Group) – currently under review
- We developed a co-branded symposium (with Health Disparities Network) for the 2017 SRNT Annual Meeting entitled: "Global Tobacco Disparities: Where are we? Where are we going?"
- We continue to promote the work of SRNT in the area of global tobacco control through presentations, workshops, and/or symposia and providing SRNT-branded presentation awards at international/regional conferences related to tobacco control, lung disease, cancer, etc. Examples:
  - 5th Latin American Conference on Tobacco or Health; Montevideo, Uruguay; June 13-16, 2017: Led by the Outreach Subcommittee, we presented 1) a pre-conference workshop, with a focus on measures and assessment of various tobacco products globally, with a focus on some products more relevant in Latin America, e.g., e-cigs, flavored cigarettes, hookah; roughly 30-40 participants; and 2) and SRNT-branded poster session award announced at closing ceremony.
  - 17th World Conference on Tobacco or Health; Cape Town, South Africa; March 7-9, 2018: Led by the Outreach, Education, and Assessment Subcommittees, we will present a full-day workshop focusing on low-cost tobacco research studies to inform the development and implementation of tobacco control interventions and strategies.

SRNT STRATEGIC GOAL 2: SRNT DELIVERS PROGRAMS AND SERVICES THAT ARE HIGHLY RELEVANT, VALUABLE AND ESSENTIAL FOR ALL MEMBERS.

GRN GOAL: Enhance utility of SRNT activities for LMIC members of SRNT.

- We developed the Knowledge Center, a library of online resources of educational and training resources relevant to global tobacco control, which was launched in Fall 2017.
- During quarterly GHN meetings, the Education Subcommittee presented global tobacco control research activities among and beyond SRNT GHN members. (Example: "Betel Quid and Areca Nut: State of Knowledge and Parallels with Tobacco-Related Issues" Webinar, January 12, 2017)

Global Research Network (continued)

SRNT STRATEGIC GOAL 3: SRNT SYSTEMATICALLY INFORMS AND HELPS TO INFLUENCE CLINICAL PRACTICE, PUBLIC HEALTH POLICY, REGULATION, PREVENTION, TREATMENT, AND TOBACCO CONTROL GLOBALLY FOR THE BETTERMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH.

GRN GOAL. Increase utility of SRNT activity to tobacco research stakeholders in LMICs.

- We have continued to participate in the planning and development of a SRNT Global Certificate course.

SRNT STRATEGIC GOAL 6: SRNT HAS A COHESIVE IDENTITY THAT SUPPORTS PROACTIVE COMMUNICATIONS STRATEGIES FOR THE ORGANIZATION AND THE SCIENTIFIC FIELD.

GRN GOAL. Communicate with SRNT membership about core global tobacco control activities.

- The Communications Subcommittee continued to disseminate quarterly newsletters to GRN members to document: global tobacco-related conference activity (upcoming conferences and deadlines; summaries of conference activity); active LMIC researchers through the GRN Spotlight; NTR publications in the realm of global tobacco control; and activities of the GRN, including opportunities for participation.
- The Communications Subcommittee continued to maintain the GRN webpage containing: newsletters, webinars, upcoming conferences, training and educational resources, information about co-chairs and advisory committee members, and information regarding joining the network.

Other Special Initiatives

In response to the threat of funding for global research, the GRN took two courses of action. First, we developed a Position Statement regarding the importance of global research, specifically global tobacco control and research capacity work. Second, we formed a work group to develop a manuscript highlighting the benefit of tobacco control and research capacity efforts for the US (currently in development).

Health Disparities Network

Network Chairs: Steven Fu, MD, MSCE and Norval Hickman, PhD
No. of Members: 505

Administrative Structure
Members of the 2017-2018 Network Advisory Committee (AC) include Erik Augustson, Jennifer Cantrell, Kelvin Choi, Raúl Mejía, Shadi Nahvi, Christi Patten, Kymberle Sterling, Jennifer Vidrine, and Monica Webb Hooper.

Subcommittees are as follows:

- Program: Jen Cantrell, Erik Augustson,
- Scholarship and Development: Kelvin Choi, Jennifer Vidrine, Raúl Mejía
- Evaluation: Shadi Nahvi, Christi Patten
- Communications: Monica Webb Hooper, Kym Sterling, Juliet Lee

In 2017, Aashir Nasim resigned from the AC and past co-Chairs Joanne D'Silva and Pat Nez Henderson rotated off the committee. We are grateful for their leadership and many years of dedicated service. Juliet Lee also joined the AC at the end of 2017 and is serving on the Communications Subcommittee.

Program Subcommittee Activities 2017-2018
Program co-chairs Jennifer Cantrell and Erik Augustson worked closely with Disparities Network members to develop pre-conference and symposia submissions for the 2018 SRNT conference and to connect researchers to help improve individual disparities abstract submissions. This work resulted in the submission of two disparities pre-conferences, and at least three symposia. Both disparities-related pre-conferences were accepted and 2 of the 3 symposia were accepted. Individual abstracts were accepted separately for the symposium that was not accepted as a whole. The Co-Chairs plan to analyze data on the number of disparities submissions and acceptances as a proportion of all submissions and acceptances once that data becomes available. These analyses will help inform strategies for increasing submissions and acceptances for next year's conference.

Scholarship and Development Subcommittee Activities
2017 was a year of cultivation and expanded the activities provided by the Scholarship subcommittee. First, Dr. Raul Mejia joined the subcommittee as the third co-chair. Dr. Mejia is a faculty member at Centro de Estudios de Estado y Sociedad, Argentina and is Principal Investigator at the "Tobacco Control Research and Training in South America Project", funded by Fogarty/NIH. Dr. Mejia has been leading the expansion of the "It's Just Coffee" program, which aims to facilitate mentoring meetings during the SRNT Annual Meeting between HD Network members and trainees. The program was originally offered only to Network Travel Scholars. At the 2018 SRNT Annual Meeting, we will open the program to all Network members for the first time.

The subcommittee also led the 2018 Health Disparities Network Travel Scholarship Program, generously supported by the Truth Initiative, ClearWay Minnesota, California's Tobacco-Related Disparities Research Program, and the Oklahoma Tobacco Research Center at the Stephenson Cancer Center. We received 29 applications and coordinated the reviews of these application to select high-quality, early-career scholars for the scholarship. We are very fortunate to have the funding to support 13 scholars (11 new scholars, 2 returning scholars) to attend the 2018 SRNT Annual Meeting in Baltimore, MD. These scholars will be paired to meet with mentors during the 2018 SRNT Annual Meeting through the "It's Just Coffee" program, given the positive feedback we have received for the program.

Evaluation Subcommittee Activities
In the past year, the Evaluation subcommittee has taken up evaluating the Health Disparities Travel Scholarship, which provides funding to travel to the SRNT conference for early carrier investigators working in health disparities research or from an underserved population. Using data from scholars who were recipients between 2007 - 2014, we assessed the scholars' demographic characteristics, their current employment, their productivity since receiving the scholarship, and current research interests. We also assessed scholars' perceived benefit from receiving the scholarship. With information from 89 or 117 scholars surveyed (77% response rate), we wrote a brief report describing the scholars and the potential benefits of a scholarship similar to ours for other professional organizations. The findings of this paper suggest that the SRNT scholarship contributed to scholarly productivity, professional development, and advancement of health disparities research among a diverse group of scientists. The paper is in the final stages prior to submission.

Communications Subcommittee Activities
Co-Chairs Monica Webb Hooper and Kym Sterling continue to focus on facilitating engagement among HD Network members. Psychology doctoral student, Danielle Davis has continued as our Network Operations Coordinator, which includes updating and posting content on the website. We were also pleased that new Advisory Committee member, Juliet Lee, joined this subcommittee.

Health Disparities Network (continued)

Over the past year, the primary methods to engage with Network members included the listserv, website, and social media. There are 505 registered members of the Network, which is the most of any of the SRNT Networks. Dr. Webb Hooper is also a member of the SRNT Communications Committee, contributing to the ongoing efforts to develop communication strategies (e.g., listservs, website management, and social media efforts). The Communications Subcommittee focused on the launch of our newest website feature, the Health Disparities Network Researcher Spotlight. Each quarter, we highlighted a tobacco researcher with interests in underserved and/or populations with disparate outcomes. This group of excellent researchers included Dr. Valerie Yerger, Dr. Kasim Ortiz, and Dr. Erika Pinsker. We are currently preparing to post our next Research Spotlight. Members of our Network have also increased activity on social media, specifically making efforts to utilize Twitter to disseminate information relevant to tobacco-related disparities. Over the coming year, we plan to continue efforts to increase the SRNT HD's presence on social media. The Network's new listserv was launched in October 2016 and has 217 subscribers. Members utilized the listserv to disseminate new research articles and reports, announce webinars, post career opportunities, connect regarding possible conference submissions, and seek mentors for the "It's Just Coffee" program. We averaged 3.17 emails sent via the Listserv per month, which was an improvement compared to previous years. One of our goals will be to increase listserv activity by at least 25%.

Policy Research Network

Network Co-chairs: Sara Hitchman, MASc, PhD, Olivia Maynard, PhD (acting), and Andrea Villanti, PhD, MPH
No. of Members: 418

Administrative Structure
In 2017, we retained all members on our Advisory Committee (Andrea Villanti, Sara Hitchman, Paula Keller, Rob Schwartz, Jonathan Foulds, David Hammond and Desmond Jenson) and added an acting co-chair (Olivia Maynard). We formed a new subcommittee (Education) and merged our Monitoring subcommittee with our Communications subcommittee. We brought on a Network Operations Coordinator (Dale Mantey) and a co-chair for the Education Subcommittee (Nicole Nicksic) to support the development of a webinar and an SRNT symposium.
Leadership of the subcommittees are as follows:

- Communication: Olivia Maynard
- Education: Desmond Jenson and Nicole Nicksic

Network Activities
With support and guidance from our Network Advisory Committee, our activities for the year have included:

- Renaming the Public Health Policy Network as the "Policy Research Network"
- Transitioned away from contributing to SRNT Policy and Position Statements
- Circulating a monthly digest with policy-related information provided by our Communications/Monitoring Subcommittees
- Hosting a webinar on "Heat-not-burn products 101" in September 2017 for 174 participants (Education Subcommittee)
- Soliciting and submitting an SRNT Symposium proposal on "Communicating Science to Policymakers" (Education Subcommittee; accepted for 2018 Annual Meeting)
- Hosting an online member meeting in December 2017 with a presentation by Micah Berman on "Effective ways for researchers to communicate with policymakers" (Education Subcommittee)
- Participating on SRNT's Nicotine Policy Action Committee
- Participating in the TreatTobacco.Net review
- Participating in the Treatment Network Comorbidity Workgroup re: costs of smoking for cancer treatment

In 2018, we hope to hold one webinar on a topic nominated by Network members, recruit more members for our two subcommittees (Communications, Education), engage our Network Operations Coordinator in assisting with the monthly digest, pursue a publication based on our 2018 Symposium, and propose a symposium for the 2019 SRNT Annual Meeting.

Trainee Network

Co-Chairs: Meg Fluharty, MRes, Omar El-Shahawy, PhD, and Steve Heishman, PhD
No. of Members: 333

The Trainee Network remained highly active in 2017. Our Advisory Committee meets monthly via teleconference and subcommittees (Networking, Education, and Communications) meet via e-mail and teleconference to discuss projects as needed. Our projects have emphasized our mission to support an emerging generation of tobacco scientists by facilitation networking and career development opportunities. This year we have additionally focused on cross-network collaboration.

Administrative Structure
This year Meg Fluharty and Omar El-Shahawy served as Chair and Co-Chair, respectively, with Steve Heishman again supporting as our Senior Advisor/Co-Chair. Jesse Kosiba served as our Network Operations Coordinator. Our subcommittee members for 2017 were:

- Networking Subcommittee: Nancy Jao, Omar El Shahawy
- Communications Subcommittee: Lauren Pacek, Melissa Mercincavage
- Education Subcommittee: Paul Harrell, Allison Borges

Networking

- We are hosting our fifth annual trainee mixer event in Baltimore, which is typically a highly rated event. Currently, 10+ institutions plan to be present to discuss opportunities for trainees.
- We have continued the Trainee Spotlight Series. All Spotlight installments are available on the trainee network webpage, and have included a mentor spotlight.
- We updated our "Trainees' Guide to the Annual Meeting" and distributed it to trainees for the 2018 SRNT conference. The guide provides trainees with tips for travel, networking, and how to get the most out of conference attendance. The guide advertised all our events.
- We continued our e-mail consolidating communications to members and providing members outside the Advisory Committee the opportunity to submit content. Each newsletter contains original articles or essays on topics relevant to career development, announcements (e.g., opportunities for education, training, or employment; trainee awards and accomplishments), and a trainee "datablitz" (abstracts of recently published articles first-authored by trainees).

Career Development
To address the career development needs of our network members:

- We continued the trainee webinar series, with two new webinars: "Academic Blogging: How and why to use social media" presented by Dr Suzi Gage, and a joint webinar with the Genetics Network: "An Introduction to (Epi) genetics", presented by Dr. Anu Loukola
- We continued our Mentored Poster Program, which matched trainees with senior investigators to facilitate mentorship and networking at the annual meeting. Five trainees who were presenting a first-authored poster were visited by senior investigators, who provided feedback on the research study and presentation during the poster sessions. We developed a set of guidelines for trainees and mentors in order to facilitate the interaction. Feedback obtained from trainees and mentors after the meeting was positive.
- We will be hosting a preconference workshop alongside the Basic Science Nework at the annual meeting in Baltimore entitled, Alternative Careers for Individuals in Tobacco and Nicotine Research. The workshop will include six presentations that will provide an overview of varying career trajectories for scientists in the field of nicotine and tobacco. Presentations will cover careers that are outside of traditional academic or research positions, such as industry, public health institutes, education, and public policy. Presentations will be followed by an opportunity for discussion with the panelists.
- We initiated a new mentored roundtable event at the 2018 meeting in Baltimore. Two representatives from each network will be available from each table for informal conversations. This will provide a relaxed platform for early career researchers to meet with leaders in their fields and exchange information on current topics in the discipline, methods currently being used, publications of interest, and career paths of the investigators.

Treatment Research Network

Network Co-Chairs: Megan Piper, PhD and Leonie Brose, PhD
No. of Members: 498

Administrative Structure

Treatment Research Network Advisory Committee Members in 2017 were Megan Piper (co-chair), Leonie Brose (co-chair), Lisa Fucito, Anne Joseph, Jennifer McClure, Marc Steinberg, Joanna Streck, Jan Blalock, and Ben Toll. The Treatment Research Network Advisory Committee continues to meet monthly to provide high-level guidance for all Treatment Research Network activities.

- Megan Piper will end her term as co-chair of the AC in February, 2018, but remain on the AC. Jan Blalock has been named as the new co-chair, with approval from the SRNT Board.
- Andrea Weinberger and Steve Bernstein will be joining the AC to replace Lisa Fucito and Ben Toll who will be leaving in February, 2018.

Treatment Research Network Subcommittee and working group members for 2018 are:

- Education Subcommittee: Darla Kendzor (co-chair), Michael Businelle (co-chair), Alana Rojewski.
- Communications Subcommittee: Erika Bloom (chair), Krysten Bold, Audrey Darville, Andrea Weinberger, Stuart Ferguson, Jaimee Heffner, Omara Dogar (Operations Coordinator).
- Comorbidities Working Group (ending in mid-2018): Alana Rojewski (chair), Graham Warren, Steffani Bailey, Steven Bernstein, Nina Cooperman, Ellen Gritz, Maher Karem, Megan Piper, Nancy Rigotti
- Biochemical Verification of Abstinence Working Group: Neal Benowitz (chair), Anne Joseph, Megan Piper, John Bernert, Stephen Hecht, Cheryl Oncken, Martin Jarvis, Jonathan Foulds
- Measures of Abstinence Working Group: Anne Joseph and Megan Piper (chairs), Chris Bullen, John Hughes, Suchitra Krishnan-Sarin, Debbie Ossip, Nancy Rigotti, Marc Steinberg, and Joanna Streck
- Adherence to Behavioral Interventions: Jamie Ostroff (co-chair), Jan Blalock (co-chair), Megan Piper
- mHealth Working Group: Michael Businelle and Bryan Heckman (chairs), Saul Shiffman, Erik Augustson, William Riley

Two special interest groups were approved by the SRNT Board for pilot testing in 2017 and will continue in 2018:

- mHealth Interest Group: Michael Businelle and Bryan Heckman (chairs)
- Incentives Interest Group: Darla Kendzor (chair).

Education

The Advisory Committee and the Education Subcommittee worked to provide educational activities of interest to the Treatment Research Network and broader SRNT membership. Key educational activities in 2017 included:

- Sponsored successful pre-conference workshops at the 2017 and 2018 annual meetings
  - 2017: Novel Approaches to Implementing Tobacco Treatment Within Health Systems
  - 2018: Innovations in Tobacco Treatment Research: New Treatments and Methodologies
- Sponsored 3 webinars:
  - 10/13/17 - Neal Benowitz, Biochemical verification of tobacco use and cessation: An update (Darla Kendzor moderating) - 206 registered, 127 attended
  - 1/24/18 – Megan Piper, Using the Phase-Based Model to Guide Treatment Development and Evaluation (Darla Kendzor moderating)
  - 2/15/18 – Damon Vidrine, Using mHealth Interventions for Underserved Smokers (Michael Businelle moderating)

Manuscripts

- The Comorbidities Working Group has submitted the paper: Considering Systemic Barriers to Treating Tobacco Use in Clinical Settings in the United States to NTR and is revising the manuscript for resubmission.
- Dr. Tim Baker translated his 2016 Ove Ferno talk into a paper now published in NTR.
- The following working groups are working on papers to submit to NTR:
  - Biochemical Verification Working Group
  - Measures of Abstinence Working Group
  - mHealth Working Group
  - Adherence to Behavioral Interventions Working Group

Communications

The Communications Subcommittee focuses on building membership within the Treatment Research Network Listserv and facilitating active discussions on the Listserv. Key 2017 activities included:

- Oversaw the transitions from the old listserv to the new listserv. Increased Treatment Research Network Listserv membership from 213 to 402.

Treatment Research Network (continued)

- Sustained engagement (i.e., responses to Listserv posts) with Treatment Research Network listserv posts. 24% of listserv members have posted on the listserv, and some additional private messages were sent in response. Subcommittee members encouraged communication by posting NTR treatment-related papers, other treatment-related papers published by network members, minutes from subcommittee meetings, and questions to generate discussion.
- Continued Treatment Research Network Member Spotlights, to introduce and spotlight different network members. To date, 13 Treatment Research Network members have completed spotlights (and 1 is in progress), which are sent out in the listserv and posted on the Treatment Research Network webpage.
- Created a google document for network members to list individual and group/organization twitter handles to increase social media communication. As of January 2018, more than 50 individuals and 24 groups/organizations were included on the google document.

Service

- Provided a response to the Centers for Disease Control request for information on effective, large-scale, sustainable approaches to help people quit using tobacco by employing evidence-based treatment options.
- Assisted SRNT with a review of Treatobacco.net.

Plans for 2018

For the upcoming year, the Treatment Research Network will continue to provide educational webinars for the members and continue to sponsor papers relevant to treatment research. Additionally, the Treatment Research Network will continue to pilot two special interest groups (mHealth and financial incentives) as well as support three new working groups (bioverification, measures of abstinence, and adherence to behavioral interventions) which will work towards publishing manuscripts in 2018 and engaging like-minded members. Further, the Treatment Research Network will continue collaboration with the National Cancer Institutes' Clinical Trials Network regarding the development of a smoking cessation network.

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