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ON NICOTINE & TOBACCO

2016
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Report

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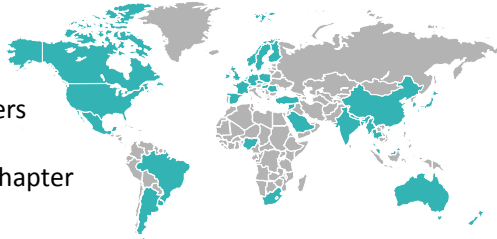


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2016 ANNUAL REPORT

GLOBAL REACH

- 1,239 Members
- 40 Countries
- 1 European Chapter



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

Membership Growth



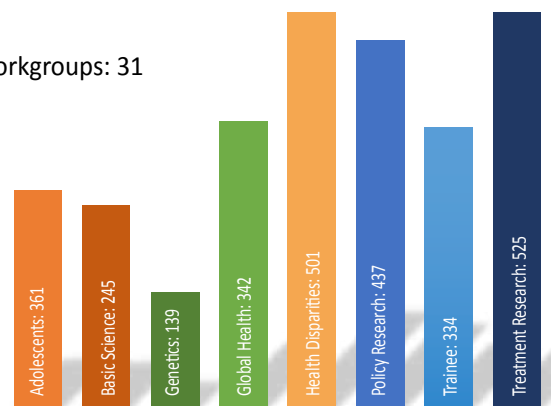
Annual PRESIDENTIAL Stakeholder Visits



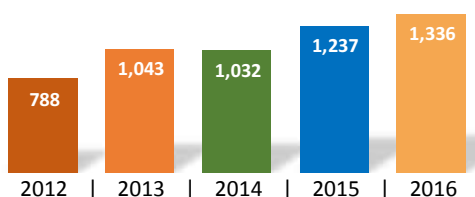
Network Demographics

Total Networks: 8
Subcommittees & Workgroups: 31

- 149 Members active in committees, subcommittees and workgroups
- 1,015 (82%) SRNT members in at least one network



Getting to Know You @Annual Meeting



2016 Meeting in Chicago, Illinois, US

- 1,336 Registrants (a record)
- 996 Abstracts submitted (a record)
- 8 Concurrent breakouts in 6 Podium Sessions for a total of 48 paper sessions and symposia
- 759 Posters
- 22 Travel awards

In OTHER NEWS



Global Certification Program

- Pilot course modules reviewed by LMIC professionals focus group.
- Treatment Study Template and 7 example studies developed
- Curriculum Review Board seated



New Initiatives

- Launched SRNT Fellows Program with Inaugural Cohort of 31 Fellows
- Developed a Comprehensive Volunteer Recognition Program
- Created the Policy Action Committee

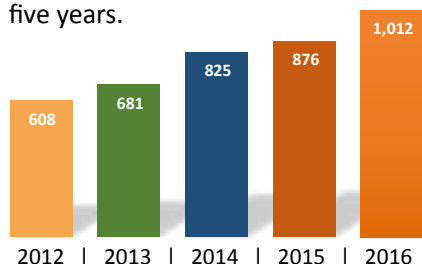


2017 SRNT Fellows

- 10 SRNT Award winners
- 13 Past Presidents
- 8 Past Presidents/Award Winners

JOURNAL Growth

SRNT's scientific journal *Nicotine & Tobacco Research* has seen a steady increase in the number of original submissions over the past five years.



BOARD of Directors

Deborah J. Ossip	President
Jodi Prochaska	President-Elect
Robin Mermelstein	Past President
Megan Piper	Secretary/Treasurer
Naowarut Charoeng	AAOLA Member Delegate
Tellervo Korhonen	European Member Delegate
Jasjit Ahluwalia	North American Member Delegate
Jennifer McClure	At-Large Member Delegate

The data contained in this infographic demonstrate SRNT's success in 2016 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

Society for Research on Nicotine and Tobacco

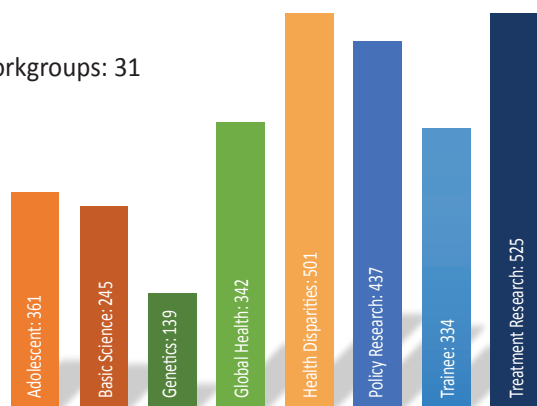
2016 ANNUAL REPORT on NETWORKS

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COMMUNICATIONS

Adolescent Network	1 newsletter
Basic Science Network	2 spotlights
Global Health Network	3 spotlights 3 newsletters
Health Disparities	1 spotlight
Policy Research Network	3 monthly bulletins
Trainee Network	5 spotlights 2 newsletters
Treatment Research Network	4 spotlights

NETWORKING

To improve interaction among network members, SRNT launched several new communication tools and social media channels in 2016.

- 8 new Network state-of-the-art listservs
- 1,145 subscriptions within six months
- Networks contributed to SRNT social media outreach on Facebook and Twitter

SRNT 2016 Annual Meeting

- Three preconference workshops: Global Health, Trainee and Treatment Research Networks
- Trainee Network Mixer
- Network meetings

Network PAPERS

- *The Value of Biosamples in Smoking Cessation Trials: A Review of Genetic, Metabolomic, and Epigenetic Findings* (Genetics and Treatment Research Networks, submitted to NTR)
- *Leveraging Genomic Data in Smoking Cessation Trials in the Era of Precision Medicine: Why and How* (Genetics and Treatment Research Networks, submitted to NTR)
- *Basic Science and Public Policy: Informed Regulation for Nicotine and Tobacco Products* (Basic Science Network, submitted to NTR)
- *Exploring Issues of Comorbid Conditions in People Who Smoke* (Treatment Research Network, published in NTR)



WEBINARS

- An Integrated Qualitative and Quantitative Approach to Understanding Smoke-free Policy Issues in Navajo Nation ([Health Disparities](#), 33 attendees)
- Genetic and Pre-clinical Findings on OPRM1 in Drug Abuse ([Genetics and Basic Science Networks](#), 32 attendees)
- SRNT Virtual Lab Tour ([Global Health Network](#), 37 attendees)
- Algorithms for Selecting Smoking Cessation Treatments ([Treatment Research Network](#), 108 attendees)
- Tobacco Treatment in Cancer Patients ([Trainee and Treatment Research Networks](#), 76)
- Betel Quid and Areca Nut: Current State of Knowledge and Research Needs ([Global Health Network](#), 40 attendees)
- Do E-Cigarettes Have Any Potential for Smoking Cessation? ([Treatment Research Network](#), 134 attendees)
- Evidence into Policy: UK Approach to E-Cigarettes ([Policy Research Network](#), 102 attendees)



FOSTERING Early Career INVOLVEMENT

- 22 Student members active in network leadership
 - 8 Operations Coordinators
 - 13 Network Advisory Committee Members
- Piloted two brief mentoring initiatives at SRNT 2016 (Health Disparities and Trainee Networks)
- Trainee's Guide to the Annual Meeting (Trainee Network)
- Preconference workshop: NIH and FDA Funding Opportunities for Early Career Researchers (Trainee Network)



2016–2017 PRESIDENT’S REPORT

DEBORAH OSSIP, PhD

SRNT had another successful year, as we continue to expand our reach in support of our mission to stimulate the generation and dissemination of new knowledge concerning nicotine in all of its manifestations. When you elected me as President, I identified goals in three areas: supporting the advancement of the science in nicotine and tobacco research, expanding SRNT’s support of our members, and enhancing our ability to convey our findings to stakeholders and the public. With the help of our outstanding Board of Directors, Executive Team, Networks, and members, I am pleased to report on accomplishments in each of these areas for 2016.

Supporting Advancement of Science in Nicotine and Tobacco Research

Advancing the science requires that we maintain a strong SRNT infrastructure. SRNT had a record-breaking year for membership, which increased from 1,079 in 2015 to 1,239 in 2016, and included representation from 40 countries globally. Our 2016 Annual Meeting in Chicago had record attendance, with over 1300 attendees and 966 abstracts submitted, and the abstract record was again broken for the Florence meeting with 1006 submissions. Our journal, Nicotine and Tobacco Research (NTR), under Marcus Munafo’s leadership, had another landmark year, with submissions continuing an upward trajectory to over 1,000 manuscripts received in 2016. Our Networks continue to develop as key infrastructures to support growth and to provide conceptual homes for members, with 1,015 of our members (82.5%) belonging to at least one Network, and 149 members active in Network committees, subcommittees, and workgroups. Our President’s annual visit to funders and stakeholders expanded to include the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Finally, we expanded the roles of the President-Elect and Past President to create a more stable structure for pull-through of initiatives and more seamless transition each year from President to President.

To foster cross-disciplinary research, 2016 brought increased collaboration among the SRNT Networks, with two cross-Network synergy papers, two jointly sponsored webinars, and cross-Network consultations – in addition to within-Network manuscripts, webinars, a virtual lab tour, newsletters, bulletins, pre-conference workshops, and member spotlights! Exploring synergies with related fields, the Treatment Network’s Comorbidities Workgroup published a paper on comorbid conditions among smokers, and two Networks are exploring outreach to related fields such as lung disease and cardiovascular health. To highlight research across the translational continuum, the Florence meeting began with a Keynote Presidential Symposium, Nicotine and Other Addictive Behaviors: Addressing the Added Complexities across the Translational Continuum. To support our researchers, NTR partnered with SRNT to provide expanded publication opportunities, such as publishing reviews by SRNT award recipients and identifying opportunities for Network publications.

To advance global research capacity, the Global Nicotine & Tobacco Foundational Research Certification Program continued to advance under the leadership of Robin Mermelstein and an impressive team of contributors as the first component of what we envision as SRNT’s ultimate online education hub, SRNT-U. The Advisory Committee finalized a high-level curriculum outline, two demonstration modules were pre-tested with tobacco control and treatment professionals from low-and middle-income countries (the program’s target audience), and a Curriculum Review Board with SRNT members from eight countries are reviewing potential modules and content for a targeted initial launch by early 2018.

Expanding SRNT Support of Members

Recognizing the wealth of talent within our membership, SRNT expanded our member recognition program. SRNT launched the SRNT Fellows Program, with the goal of recognizing outstanding contributions to the field. The program is intended to be prestigious though not elitist, and to appropriately and inclusively recognize all SRNT members who have achieved this level of excellence. We congratulate our exemplary initial cohort of 10 SRNT Major Award winners, 13 Past Presidents, and 8 Past Presidents/Award Winners. Additional information on this program, including application instructions, will be posted online by late spring. SRNT also extended our ability to pay tribute to members at all career levels through letters of appreciation from the President and the Journal Editor, certificates, plaques, recognition on the SRNT website, and emails to SRNT membership. In addition, the Board approved an NTR request to create an annual Best Paper award to recognize outstanding contributions to our Society’s journal.

Finally, SRNT upgraded our electronic platform to update the outdated listserv software, and created new listservs for SRNT general discussion, all Networks and SRNT-Europe to better facilitate discussions. Next to come: introduction of a new online Career Center!

SRNT’s Public Face: Enhancing our Ability to Disseminate our Findings to Stakeholders and the Public

SRNT continued to explore methods of communicating information to stakeholders in ways in which they are accustomed to receiving information. SRNT maintained a social media presence, with Networks enhancing our social media outreach. SRNT added infographics as a means of providing concise, engaging summaries of accomplishments that will be posted online and available for sharing with stakeholders. The two infographics launched this year summarize the 2016 Annual Report for the Society and the 2016 Annual Report on Networks.

In addition, the Board worked to clarify our scientific “lane” for disseminating evidence-based findings to inform policy decisions. The Board approved Ray Niaura’s presenting the evidence base on behalf of SRNT regarding the risk/safety profile of Varenicline at the FDA public hearing on the Varenicline black box warning. To facilitate SRNT’s ability to be nimble in responding to emerging needs and to proactively address key issues, while remaining true to our mission as a scientific society, SRNT (in discussion with the renamed Policy Research Network) created a new Policy Action Committee under the leadership of Ray Niaura.

Overall, SRNT remains a scientific society that supports our members, embraces diversity, welcomes open and respectful discussion, and is unwavering in its mission to advance the science of nicotine and tobacco research with the ultimate goal of making the world a more healthful place for our generation and those to come after us. I want to personally thank this year’s outstanding Board of Directors (Robin Mermelstein, Jodi Prochaska, Megan Piper, Nao Charowenca, Tellervo Korhonen, Jasjit Ahluwalia, and Jennifer McClure), the Program Committee Chair/Co-Chairs (Maciej Goniewicz, Rachel Grana, Daniel Kotz), the Network Co-Chairs, the SRNT Committee and Workgroup Chairs, and SRNT’s Executive Director, Bruce Wheeler and Strategic Initiatives Manager, Mona Johnson, for their visionary leadership and tireless dedication to SRNT’s vision. Finally, I want to thank all of our members for your commitment to excellence in science, your collaborative spirit, and your willingness to engage to make SRNT a premier scientific society. It has been both humbling and a tremendous honor to serve as your president this past year.

As I pass the gavel to Jodi Prochaska, I am confident that SRNT will continue to innovate, discover, communicate, impact, and thrive under her able leadership in 2017.



TREASURER’S REPORT

MEGAN PIPER, PhD

2016 Year-End Financials

SRNT ended 2016 with a surplus of \$33,630, despite a budgeted deficit of \$75,000. Higher than expected journal royalties and income from investments were responsible for the positive year-end numbers. This surplus does not affect SRNT’s financial reserves, which are separate from operating expenses. SRNT’s financial position continues to be strong, allowing the Society to engage in activities and initiatives to promote tobacco science.

Note: The 2016 year-end financials are preliminary, based on projected journal income and expenses from Oxford University Press (OUP). Financials will be finalized and the books closed on 2016 once the royalty payment from OUP has been received.

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 approximately six percent of SRNT’s 2016 revenues (included in the Other category). Of that amount, 70% was an unrestricted educational grant for the 2016 conference that was received through a competitive review process.

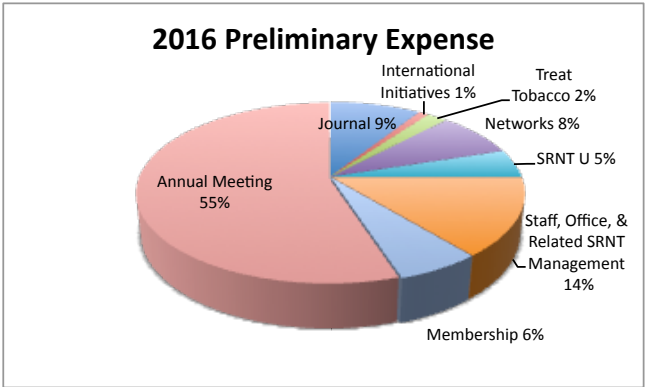
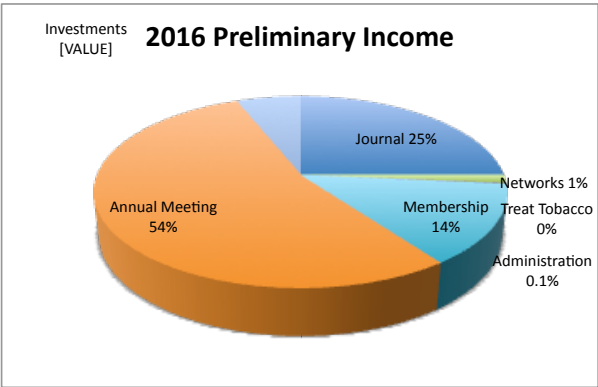
Expenses

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 2016 as we implemented more components of our Strategic Plan (e.g., the Global Certification Program). In addition, SRNT continued to invest in our eight networks that support the research of all of our members (Adolescents, Basic Science, Genetics, Global, Public Policy, Trainees, and Treatment).

Assets

SRNT currently has just under \$1.7 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 by approximately \$125,000. Therefore, no money will be added to the Reserve Fund this year.

We continue to work closely with our professional investment firm 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.



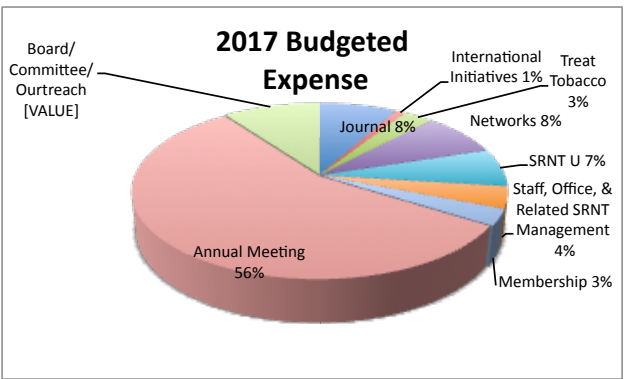
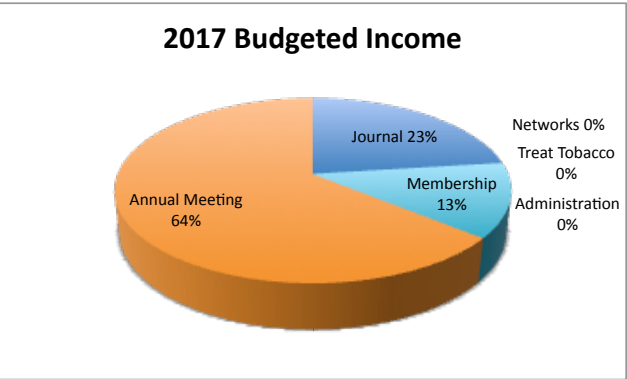
2017 Budget

We currently project a budget deficit of \$150,000 for 2017. This deficit is primarily due to the Board’s decision to continue to invest in strategic initiatives including: (a) the Global Certification Program, (b) our eight Networks, (c) the added cost of holding the Annual Meeting outside of the United States, and (d) a new contract with our management company, which includes additional staff support.

It should be noted that the costs for SRNT’s leadership (i.e., Board and Committee support, our Executive Director) are now broken out into a separate category (Leadership and Outreach) for the purpose of the annual budget and more transparent tracking of expenses. This was done to better illustrate for the Board and Members the actual cost of our leadership, both volunteer and staff.

Please note that the SRNT Finance Committee and staff budget very conservatively. If history—including 2016—is any guide, the deficit will likely be smaller. For instance, if the 2017 Annual Meeting in Florence makes a profit, the royalties generated by the journal exceed expectations, or we have another positive year with our investments, or any combination of these events, the deficit may be considerably smaller than expected.

Despite the projected deficit budget for 2017, SRNT remains in a very strong financial position. Our current trend of budgeting deficits is in line with our financial resources.





EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

BRUCE WHEELER

SRNT's year begins and ends with the Annual meeting and the attendant change in Presidents, a few Board members, and several committee and Network chairs. It's an odd juxtaposition, but just as we gear up for the biggest event of the year – the Annual Meeting – we're also winding down from some of the projects/initiatives of the prior 12 months.

Thinking about this past year, what stands out the most to me is our concerted effort to recognize SRNT's volunteers. Of course, many other things happened (see the President's report for a great high-level review), but when I look back on it I believe I will remember 2016 as the Year of the Volunteer!

Has a nice ring to it, doesn't it?

SRNT has always acknowledged and thanked volunteers when they exit elected or appointed leadership positions. However, thanks to the vision of SRNT President, Debbie Ossip, this year we made an all-out effort to identify, track and acknowledge all SRNT volunteers serving on committees and task forces, members as well as chairs, whether or not their terms of service have been completed.

Which turned out to be no small feat.

Back in the day, SRNT's elected and appointed volunteers primarily served on the Board and operational committees, so were easy to track. Now we have eight Networks, and each one of those has several sub-committees and titled volunteer roles; Networks, alone, represent 50 new volunteer groups/roles, and the lion's share of member volunteers!

We also have the Global Certification Program, which is relying more and more on volunteers as we review existing educational content and begin to create original content for inclusion in the online training program currently under development.

And, of course, we can't forget *Nicotine & Tobacco Research*, with its volunteer Editor-in-Chief, Deputy Editors, Associate Editors and reviewers!

When you add up all of the above (plus a couple of project-specific task forces), we have hundreds of volunteers who keep SRNT moving forward, whose hard work ensures that SRNT continues to promote the latest nicotine/tobacco science while keeping a watchful eye on the global goings on in the field.

Under Debbie Ossip's thoughtful leadership, our goal is to acknowledge all elected and appointed volunteers with plaques, certificates of appreciation, and/or letters from the President, as well as to share the names of those individuals with the membership via email, during the Annual Meeting, and for posterity in our online Annual Report.

Because staff is creating this (seriously long) list the old fashioned way – manually – I can't help but worry about accidentally omitting a name or two. Trust me, if it happens it truly will be accidental! If you have served on a committee, task force, or in some other volunteer capacity and don't see your name anywhere, please let me know so that we can update our list and recognize you properly!

And on that note, I would like to formally close this aspect of the 2016/2017 year by acknowledging the debt of gratitude the Board and staff of SRNT owe to our many volunteers. Just take a look at the rest of this annual report and you'll see how your efforts over the past 12 months have helped make 2016 a banner year!

Thank you for your time, thank you for your service, and thank you for your dedication to SRNT and its mission *to stimulate the generation and dissemination of new knowledge concerning nicotine in all its manifestations.*

SRNT couldn't do it without you.



JOURNAL EDITOR'S REPORT

MARCUS MUNAFÒ, PhD

Last year was a landmark for *Nicotine & Tobacco Research* – for the first time the journal received over 1,000 original submissions. The number of submissions we receive each year has been steadily increasing, and it is exciting to reach this symbolic milestone.

This growing number of submissions over the years reflects the growing stature of the journal as the primary outlet for the highest quality research in our field. In response to the growing number of submissions, we have expanded the editorial board, and welcome a number of new Deputy and (in particular) Associate Editors to the journal. We are also keen to encourage early career researchers to support the journal, in particular by acting as reviewers – early career researchers are invited to self-nominate themselves as potential reviewers, while we would also ask more senior researchers to consider whether someone in their group could review an article if they are unable to themselves.

You may also have noticed that journal issues are now more thematic – we have attempted to group articles that are related to each other into single issues, in the hope that this will increase the impact of the individual articles, and also allow readers to identify linkages between different studies. To this end, we have also introduced regular editorials that accompany each issue. These attempt to synthesise key articles within an issue, highlighting key findings and identifying the implications and future directions indicated by the studies we publish. In general, these editorials are authored by the Deputy Editors, but we are also asking Associate Editors and others who are not on the Editorial Board to contribute, to provide the wider Nicotine & Tobacco Research community with the opportunity to contribute.

Another innovation that we have introduced is to publish reviews authored by recipients of SRNT awards. Last year we published the *The Sociopharmacology of Tobacco Addiction* by Adam Leventhal, recipient of the Jarvik-Russell Early Career Award in 2015, and this year we will publish *The 2016 Ferno Award Address: Three Things* by Timothy Baker, recipient of the Ferno Clinical Research Award in 2016. We are keen to strengthen the close links between the journal and society, and see the publication of articles that reflect the work of our award winners as an important part of this. We will also be holding a Meet the Editor session at the SRNT Annual Meeting in Florence in 2017, following on from the success of similar sessions at the 2015 and 2016 meetings.

It continues to be a privilege to be entrusted with the stewardship of the journal, and to follow in the footsteps of our two previous editors, Gary Swan and David Balfour. We strive to be fair and quick in our decision making; the number of submissions we are receiving means that these decisions are becoming harder to make, and we are having to decline good work, but we hope that this means that what are able to publish is of even greater interest and value to our community.



NETWORKS REPORT

MONA JOHNSON, CAE

In 2016, the Networks built upon the subcommittee and workgroup structures set up in 2015 to engage members and to deliver valuable content and networking opportunities. One thousand and fifteen SRNT members (82%) joined at least one Network, and 149 were active in Network Committees or in one of the 31 Network Subcommittees and Workgroups. Nine new Network Operations Coordinator positions were filled by early career members, increasing both early career involvement and Network efficiency.

There was increased collaboration among Networks, with two cross-Network papers, two jointly sponsored webinars, and cross-Network consultations on multiple projects. Exploring synergies with related fields, the Treatment Research Network's Comorbidities Workgroup published one paper on comorbid conditions in people who smoke, and is preparing two follow-up papers. Two Networks have initiated planning for outreach to related fields such as lung disease and cardiovascular health.

Networks also provided increased opportunities for networking, personal interaction and recognition via the new listservs, newsletters and bulletins, member spotlights, webinars, social media outreach, and in-person and online meetings.

Network content built in 2016 included:

- 8 webinars; a library of 21 recorded webinars is now available to SRNT members
- 1 published manuscript
- 3 submitted manuscripts
- 3 preconference workshops delivered at SRNT 2016
- 14 member spotlights
- 3 symposia delivered at SRNT 2016.

In addition to developing webinars, Networks worked in other ways to meet the career development needs of their members. During SRNT 2016, the Trainee Network held its mixer event to match Trainees with openings at 24 institutions. The Trainee Network also updated the *Trainees' Guide to the Annual Meeting*. Two brief mentorship programs (the Health Disparities Network's "It's Just Coffee" program and the Trainee Network's Mentored Poster program) were successfully piloted at SRNT 2016.

The reports below, submitted by Network leadership, contain details on these achievements.



ADOLESCENT NETWORK

Network Co-Chairs: Suzanne Colby, PhD and Robin Mermelstein, PhD

No. of Members: 361

The Adolescent Network was created in August 2015; we are now in our second year. At our last progress report we listed the following goals for 2016:

1. Refine our administrative structure: reduce the size of our advisory committee (AC) to facilitate coordination/logistics while expanding the membership actively working on subcommittees
2. Develop priorities for network communications, training, and scientific initiatives
3. Explore opportunities to work with other networks on events/activities
4. Work to achieve greater international representation on our committees

Administrative Structure

We revamped our AC membership to retain and recruit individuals who could commit to active participation in network activities. Several members of the inaugural AC, having helped launch the network, rotated off due to competing demands: Co-Chair Kim Horn, Michele Bloch, Geri Dino, Leslie Robinson, Cassandra Stanton, Jennifer Unger, and Jonathan Winikoff.

Retained members include: Suzanne Colby, Maria Cooper, Grace Kong, Suchitra Krishnan-Sarin, Alex Loukas, Laura MacPherson, and Robin Mermelstein (new Co-Chair and Board Liaison).

We recruited 4 new members: Amanda Quisenberry, Yvonne Hunt, Elizabeth Seaman, and Julia Chen (Network Operations Coordinator) who facilitates the work of the AC and subcommittees.

We pared back the number of active subcommittees to focus on four main areas:

1. *Communications*: Maria Cooper (Liaison to the SRNT Electronic Communications Committee) and Amanda Quisenberry
2. *Education/Training*: Laura MacPherson and Suchitra Krishnan-Sarin
3. *Annual Meeting/Program*: Alex Loukas, Yvonne Hunt, Suzanne Colby, and Elizabeth Seaman (contact/point person)
4. *Membership*: Grace Kong

The AC meets monthly via teleconference throughout the year; subcommittees meet separately and report progress at each AC meeting.

Communications:

Drs. Cooper and Quisenberry have managed communications for the AC, including messages to our members' new listserv (125 subscribers currently), posting on Facebook and Twitter, and maintaining our network page on the SRNT website. They have also developed our first newsletter, with plans for quarterly newsletters during the upcoming year.

Education/Training:

Drs. MacPherson and Krishnan-Sarin have led our efforts to plan educational programs for our members. Our first webinar will focus on youth-focused policy initiatives, a topic that our 2016 member survey indicated was of interest and importance to our members. The webinar will feature presentations by staff at the Campaign for Tobacco-Free Kids, and is scheduled for April 2017.

Annual Meeting/Program:

We will run our first pre-conference workshop at the 2017 meeting in Florence. The topic is Tobacco and Marijuana Co-Use in Adolescents and Young Adults. We will use our member meeting to get member input on priorities for the upcoming year, and to recruit volunteers to the AC subcommittees.

Membership:

Our member survey was completed by 51 people. Responses have helped to identify topics that are guiding some of our educational plans, and point to some ideas for collaborative writing projects. This subcommittee will focus on recruiting and maintaining an engaged network and will occasionally survey members to ensure that we are addressing their interests.



BASIC SCIENCE NETWORK (BSN)

Network Co-Chairs: Mariella De Biasi, PhD and Christie Fowler, PhD

No. of Members: 245

Administrative Structure

This past year, we maintained the number of Advisory Committee members to assist with our goal of promoting basic science within SRNT. The current members for each subcommittee include:

1. *Communications*: Suzi Gage, Laura Ruppert, Annie Kleyklamp
2. *Collaborations*: Vaughan Rees, Jason Oliver, Paul Harrell
3. *Education/Scholarship*: Alex Duncan, Caroline Cobb, Melissa Blank, Imad Damaj
4. *Program*: Mark LeSage, Jerry Stitzel, Heath Schmidt, Cassandra Gipson-Reichardt

In an addition to the Advisory Committee, Thomas Gould assisted with our efforts as SRNT Board Liaison. Further, Jill Turner served as the BSN Operations Coordinator.

Webinars

In conjunction with the Genetics Network, we organized a webinar entitled “Genetic and Pre-clinical Findings on OPRM1 in Drug Abuse,” which was held in February 2016. This event was successful with 33 attendees.

SRNT 2017 Symposia Submissions

The Network developed and submitted four symposia for the SRNT 2017 annual meeting, and all were approved.

Collaborative BSN Review Manuscript

A collaborative review was submitted for publication in *Nicotine & Tobacco Research*. The piece was conceived to provide an overview of the many ways in which basic science has contributed evidence-based information to tobacco policy makers, while discussing new strategies that can be used to fill current information gaps. We are awaiting editorial comments from NTR.

Website

Content has continued to be updated by the network.

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 2016 interviewees included Dr. Cristiano Chiamulera, University of Verona, and Dr. Hans Rollema, Pfizer and Independent Biomedical Consultant.



GENETICS NETWORK

Network Chairs: Marissa Ehringer, PhD, and Anu Loukola, PhD

No. of Members: 139

The Genetics Network co-sponsored a webinar on “Genetic and Pre-clinical Findings on OPRM1 in Drug Abuse” with the Basic Science Network. The webinar was held in February 2016 with 32 attendees.

At the 2016 SRNT Annual Meeting in Chicago, the Genetics Network organized a symposium (podium presentation) “Incorporating Genomic Data into Treatment Research: Consensus Approaches, Genome-wide Analyses of the Nicotine Metabolite Ratio, and Prospects for Translation. “The symposium was designed to describe translation of genomic findings in tobacco research into both retrospective and prospective treatment research, the requirements for supporting genomically-informed treatment research in the future, and to present some of the latest genome-wide nicotine metabolism 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 the two papers for submission to *Nicotine & Tobacco Research* in November 2016, and they are currently under review.

At the 2016 SRNT Europe Meeting in Prague, Czech Republic, the Genetics Network organized a workshop “A-B-Cs of Genetics and Epigenetics.” The workshop provided basic information on human genetics and epigenetics, using smoking behavior phenotypes as examples. Importantly, this workshop increased the visibility of epigenetic research, a rapidly evolving research field that is unfamiliar to a large portion of tobacco researchers.



GLOBAL HEALTH NETWORK

Network Chairs: Carla Berg, PhD & Scott McIntosh, PhD

No. of Members: 342

The Global Health Network's (GHN's) activities in 2016 primarily focused on building resources for research capacity, enhancing SRNT's outreach to LMICs, and communications within the GHN membership (summarized below). To provide input into short- and long-term goals and activities, we have quarterly conference calls with both our Network members and our Advisory Committee, which includes representatives from major regions around the world. We established a new co-chair to take Jim Thrasher's place, Scott McIntosh, and to serve alongside Carla Berg, who began serving as co-chair in 2015. In 2016, we refreshed our Advisory Board Membership, maintaining Harry Lando, Joanna Cohen, and Rima Nakkash and adding Mark Parascandola, Erika Pinsker, Ramzi Salloum, Kamran Siddiqi, Irina Stepanov, and Jim Thrasher (who cycled off as GHN co-chair in 2015). We were pleased to add Maggie Kulik as our Operations Coordinator and a valued member of the Advisory Committee. We established three highly engaged subcommittees with strong leadership: 1) Outreach (Chairs: Rima Nakkash, Ramzi Salloum); 2) Education (Chairs: Kamran Siddiqi, Irina Stepanov); and 3) Communications (Chair: Erika Pinsker).

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

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

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

Outreach Subcommittee:

- The Outreach Subcommittee 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.
- Presentation and flyers at Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health global tobacco control certification program (Summer 2016).
- The Outreach Subcommittee continued planning 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.
- Presented a 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"; continuing to develop a manuscript to be published in NTR covering what was discussed (Post-conference Paper Work Group)
- Co-branded symposium (with Health Disparities Network) for the 2017 SRNT Annual Meeting entitled: "Global Tobacco Disparities: Where are we? Where are we going?"
- Planning pre-conference workshop focusing on measurement of use of alternative tobacco products, promotion of the SRNT Knowledge Center, SRNT-branded poster award, and surveying of participants (Assessment Work Group) for the 5th Latin American Conference on Tobacco or Health; Montevideo, Uruguay; June 13-16, 2017
- Planning pre-conference workshop focusing on measurement of use of alternative tobacco products, potential promotion of the SRNT Global Certificate Program and Knowledge Center, SRNT-branded poster award, and surveying of participants (Assessment Work Group) for the 17th World Conference on Tobacco or Health; Cape Town, South Africa; March 7-9, 2018
- Also in discussions regarding promotion at:
 - 48th Union World Conference on Lung Health; Guadalajara, Mexico; October 11-14, 2017
 - 3rd International Conference on Waterpipe Smoking; Beirut, Lebanon; December (TBD), 2017

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

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

Education Subcommittee:

- During quarterly GHN meetings, the Education Subcommittee presented global tobacco control research activities among and beyond SRNT GHN members.
- Presentation regarding the Union World Conference on Lung Health
- "Betel Quid and Areca Nut: State of Knowledge and Parallels with Tobacco-Related Issues" Webinar (January 12, 2017, 40 attendees)
- "Virtual Lab Tour: Tobacco Biomarker Assay" Webinar (co-branded with Basic Science Network; July 20, 2016, 37 attendees)
- Worked to develop the Knowledge Center, a library of online resources of educational and training resources relevant to global tobacco control, which will be launched in mid-2017.
- In collaboration with the Outreach Subcommittee, the Education Subcommittee conducted a survey in Summer, 2016 to examine needs for mentorship, research activity and needs of tobacco researchers in LMICs to inform GHN programming and activities.

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.

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

- We continue to participate in the planning and development of the SRNT Global Certification Program.

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

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

Communications Subcommittee:

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



HEALTH DISPARITIES NETWORK

Network Co-Chairs: Steven Fu, MD, MSCE and Norval Hickman, PhD, MPH

No. of Members: 501

Administrative Structure

Members of the 2016-2017 Network Advisory Committee include Erik Augustson, Jennifer Cantrell, Kelvin Choi, Joanne D'Silva, Raúl Mejía, Shadi Nahvi, Aashir Nasim, Patricia Nez Henderson, Christi Patten, Kymberle Sterling, Jennifer Vidrine, and Monica Webb Hooper.

Subcommittees are as follows:

1. *Program:* Jen Cantrell, Erik Augustson
2. *Scholarship:* Kelvin Choi, Jennifer Vidrine, Raúl Mejía
3. *Evaluation:* Aashir Nasim, Shadi Nahvi, Christi Patten
4. *Communications:* Monica Webb Hooper, Joanne D'Silva, Kym Sterling
5. *Funding:* Patricia Nez Henderson.

During 2016, Raúl Mejía, Christi Patten and Kym Sterling joined the Health Disparities Network Advisory Committee. In 2017, past co-Chairs Joanne D'Silva and Pat Nez Henderson will rotate off the committee. We are grateful for their leadership and many years of dedicated service. Jodi Prochaska was added as Board Liaison.

Program Subcommittee Activities 2016-2017

Program co-chairs Jennifer Cantrell and Erik Augustson worked closely with Disparities Network members to develop a pre-conference and symposia for the 2016 SRNT Conference in Chicago. This work resulted in one disparities pre-conference, titled “Building an Evidence Base for Reducing Smoking Disparities Between Indigenous and Non-Indigenous Peoples”, two disparities symposia and several disparities abstracts that were not accepted as part of additional symposia submissions but which were accepted as individual presentations. Program Committee co-chairs also worked with Network Chairs to identify a speaker for the Disparities breakfast. The speaker was a researcher from NIH who spoke about research funding for tobacco disparities research and early career investigators. Program Committee co-chairs also helped develop materials for the SRNT Workshop with Disparities Network members to engage participants, obtain feedback and brainstorm ideas for the upcoming year.

During the year, Program Committee co-chairs analyzed data provided by SRNT on the number of disparities-related abstracts submitted and the number accepted, and discussed strategies for increasing submissions. In the summer, after holding a round of Network calls and helping to connect researchers to others in their topic area, two pre-conferences were submitted which covered commercial tobacco use and indigenous populations and using art to translate knowledge in tobacco control. Both submissions were accepted. At least four symposia were also submitted and at least four were accepted. These covered such topics as global tobacco disparities, indigenous tobacco use, menthol and smoking and comorbidities.

One of these accepted symposia involved a collaboration with the Global Network, which was spearheaded by the Disparities Network. The two networks worked together to develop and sponsor a joint symposium entitled “Global Tobacco Control Disparities: Where Are We? Where Are We Going?”, which brings together researchers from high and low/middle income countries to discuss tobacco disparities issues in light of global tobacco control and tobacco policies. We also helped two scholars from LMIC countries who are on the panel to submit for scholarship funding – both of whom received funding and will be able to attend SRNT 2017 to present. Symposium participants are discussing a possible publication that may result from this panel.

Program Committee co-chairs also organized a webinar titled “An Integrated Qualitative and Quantitative Approach to Understanding Smoke-free Policy Issues in Navajo Nation” – which was attended by 33 participants (and was also broadcast in conference rooms in several organizations – suggesting even higher viewership). The majority of attendees who completed the post-webinar survey gave the webinar a 4 or 5 (5=excellent, 1=poor).

Finally, Program Committee co-chairs also conducted research into a potential registry for disparities data – including developing an initial survey to send out to members to assess interest in having a registry for disparities-related dataset and barriers and opportunities for actual data sharing. We'll work with other Networks when we put this survey out to members, including the Treatment Research Network, which is also interested in this issue. This topic is on hold until later in the year, as previously suggested by SRNT Leadership.

Scholarship Subcommittee Activities

Through the 2016 Health Disparities Network Travel Scholarship Program supported by Legacy, ClearWay Minnesota, California's Tobacco-Related Disparities Research Program, and the Oklahoma Tobacco Research Center, we sent 13 scholars (11 new scholars, 2 returning scholars) to attend the 2016 SRNT Annual Meeting in Chicago, IL. We appreciate that SRNT waived the membership fee for all new scholars and conference registration fees for all scholars. In addition, with the assistance from Cendrine Robinson and Mona Johnson, we launched a meet-a-mentor program called “It's Just Coffee” at the 2016 SRNT Annual Meeting. The program provided opportunities for Travel Scholars to meet with senior scientists in the field for guidance in their research and career development. Mentors were specifically matched with trainees based on research interests, and the individuals who served as mentors. Twelve of our 13 scholars and 12 mentors participated in the “It's Just Coffee” program, and the feedback that we solicited from both scholars and mentors was overwhelmingly positive.

Because the 2017 SRNT Annual Meeting is in Florence, Italy, we were unable to secure funding commitments from our scholarship supporters due to restrictions on using such funds for international travel. Therefore, we submitted an application for Health Disparities Network Travel Scholarship to Genentech, and we are currently awaiting a funding decision.

Communications Subcommittee Activities

Co-Chairs Monica Webb Hooper, Joanne D'Silva and Kym Sterling continue to focus on facilitating engagement among Health Disparities Network members. Over the past year, there have been three primary efforts to increase network communication, including development of the Network's website, increasing our social media presence, and rolling out the new listserv. To date, there are 296 registered members of the Network on the listserv. Dr. Webb Hooper also contributes to SRNT's Communications Committee, which shares ideas and information about Network Communications (e.g., listservs, newsletters, and social media efforts), and has met with the group to discuss website management, including how to create forums and discussions, and add content more generally. She has also provided significant feedback regarding limitations of the website. This year, we added photos from our “Just Coffee” event and awards ceremony at the 2016 meeting in Chicago, IL, and made available Dr. Erik Augustson's presentation on National Cancer Institute funding opportunities in health disparities.

We also engaged Network members at the 2016 annual meeting to assist us with launching a new website feature, the quarterly Health Disparities Network Researcher Spotlight. The goal of this effort is to highlight ongoing tobacco-related disparities research, particularly among travel scholarship recipients. We were also fortunate to add a psychology doctoral student, Danielle Davis to the Network, as our Network Operations Coordinator. Danielle has taken a lead role on adding content to the website, particularly the Researcher Spotlight. The first “Spotlight” launched in September 2016, featuring an interview with Dr. John Blosnich. Dr. Valerie Yerger is the current researcher in the spotlight.

At the 2016 annual meeting, we engaged Network members to assist us with increasing our social media presence. Specifically, four members who are active users of Facebook and Twitter agreed to post and tweet (and retweet) tobacco-disparities content on the SRNT main accounts, including news stories and relevant research. We hope to continue efforts to gain a presence on social media.

Monica Webb Hooper worked closely with the Communications Committee to test the functionality of the new SRNT Network listserv, and provide feedback prior to its roll-out. The Network's new listserv was launched in October 2016, and has 217 subscribers. We currently have a 6% participation rate on the listserv, and over the next year, one of our goals will be to increase listserv activity to at least 10%.



PUBLIC HEALTH POLICY NETWORK

Network Co-chairs: Sara Hitchman, MASc, PhD and Andrea Villanti, PhD, MPH

No. of Members: 437

Administrative Structure

In 2016, we retained all members on our Advisory Committee (Andrea Villanti, Sara Hitchman, Paula Keller, Rob Schwartz, Jonathan Foulds, David Hammond and Desmond Jenson) and formed two new subcommittees: a Monitoring subcommittee to monitor nicotine and tobacco-related regulatory agency calls and opportunities to comment and a Communications Subcommittee to provide SRNT members information about these opportunities. Leadership of the subcommittees is as follows:

1. Communication: Sara Hitchman
2. Monitoring: Desmond Jenson

Network Activities

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

- Determining role of the Public Health Policy Network re: policy action
- Posting opportunities for comment on policy to SRNT listservs
- Contributing feedback on a policy-related Basic Science Network manuscript
- Assisting, as needed, with an upcoming Adolescent Network Webinar
- Participating on the TreatTobacco.Net review
- Participating on Treatment Research Network Comorbidity Workgroup re: costs of smoking for cancer treatment
- Creating a monthly digest with information provided by our Communications and Monitoring Subcommittees

In 2017, we hope to hold one webinar on the translation of science to policy, create an Education Subcommittee, recruit more members for our three subcommittees (Monitoring, Communications, Education), recruit a Communications Coordinator to assist with the monthly digest, and propose a symposium for the 2018 SRNT Annual Meeting. We also plan to propose a policy research synthesis project and recruit for participants for this project from our Network.

2016 SRNT public comments:

- Letter to Blue Ribbon Panel on RFI for Developing the National Cancer Moonshot Initiative, July 2016
- FY17 Letter to House Appropriations - Ag Bill Markup, April 2016
- FY17 Letter to House Appropriations - FDA, April 2016
- FY17 Letter to House Appropriations - CDC OSH, April 2016
- FY17 Letter to Senate Appropriations - FDA, April 2016
- FY17 Letter to Senate Appropriations - CDC OSH, April 2016
- Coalition Letter on New Tobacco Products, February 2016
- Letter to the House and Senate in Support of the Tobacco Control Measure in TPP, February 2016



TRAINEE NETWORK

Co-Chairs: Erika Bloom, PhD; Meg Fluharty, and Steve Heishman, PhD

No. of Members: 334

The Trainee Network is excited to report that we remained highly active in 2016. Our Advisory Committee meets monthly via teleconference, and our established subcommittees (Networking, Education, and Communications) meet via teleconference and emails to discuss individual projects on an as-needed basis. Projects completed by each subcommittee have emphasized the Trainee Network's mission to support an emerging generation of tobacco scientists by facilitating networking and career development opportunities. We regularly solicit feedback following our events and incorporate that information into subsequent planning.

Administrative Structure

For this year, Erika Bloom and Meg Fluharty served as Chair and Co-Chair, respectively, with Steve Heishman again serving as our Senior Faculty Chair. Jesse Kosiba served as our Network Operations Coordinator. Our subcommittee members for 2016 were:

1. *Networking Subcommittee:* Jen Dahne (Chair, rotated off in Sept. 2016), Elana Hoffman
2. *Communications Subcommittee:* Olga Rass (Chair), Lauren Pacek, Melissa Mercincavage
3. *Education Subcommittee:* Paul Harrell (Chair), Laura Twyman, Allison Borges

Nao Charoencan continued as our Board Liaison, and we are grateful to her for participating in Advisory Committee Calls at 10 PM her time!

Networking

To provide networking opportunities for Trainee Network members:

1. We hosted our fourth annual trainee/senior investigator mixer event at SRNT 2016 in Chicago, which drew attendance from 24 institutional representatives and 150 members. The event was highly rated, with nearly all attendees stating they would attend again and would recommend the event to a friend.
2. We maintained activity on the listserv, and regularly communicated with trainees by soliciting input.
3. We have continued the Trainee Spotlight Series, produced semiannually. All Spotlight installments are available on the trainee network webpage. For our most recent Spotlight, we added recognition of an outstanding mentor.
4. We updated our "Trainees' Guide to the Annual Meeting" and distributed it to trainees for the 2016 SRNT conference. The guide provides trainees with tips for travel, networking, and how to get the most out of conference attendance. The guide also advertised the Trainee Network Mixer.
5. We initiated a twice yearly (fall and spring) e-mail newsletter to consolidate our communications to members and provide opportunity for members who are not on the Advisory Committee to submit content and receive recognition. Each newsletter will contain 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). We published our inaugural newsletter (emailed to all trainee members) in the Fall of 2016. Our spring 2017 newsletter will additionally incorporate our Trainees' Guide to the Annual Meeting, which we will update and tailor for SRNT 2017 in Italy.

Career Development

To address the career development needs of our Network members:

1. We continued the trainee webinar series, with a new webinar titled "Addressing Tobacco Use and Delivering Tobacco Treatment in Cancer Patients: Evidence and Implementation" that we co-sponsored with the Treatment Research Network in July 2016. The webinar had 76 attendees, featured Elyse Park and Graham Warren, and was moderated by our Advisory Committee members Paul Harrell and Allison Borges. The attendees primarily reported a background and/or interest in clinical and behavioral research, and participants were a mix of graduate students, postdoctoral fellows, early-career investigators and mid-career investigators. Of those who responded, all indicated that the webinar was informative given their career stage.
2. We initiated a Mentored Poster Program at SRNT 2016 in Chicago, 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.

Goals for 2017

We are excited to continue our networking and career development efforts at the SRNT 2017 annual meeting in Florence. We will be unable to host our annual mixer event due to the logistics of the Florence meeting, but alternatively we will offer badge stickers for attendees from institutions recruiting for open positions. The sticker indicates that the attendee is willing to be approached by trainees (e.g., during refreshment breaks) to discuss open position(s). We will also host a Senior Investigator Roundtable. For this event, which will be held during lunch on Friday 3/10/17, we have recruited five senior investigators from diverse geographic locations. Each investigator will be available in a small room (we reserved 5 adjoining rooms) to talk to trainees about topics related to mentorship and career development. Finally, we will continue our Mentored Poster program. We hope to increase the number of participants in 2017 and we plan to reach out to other networks to help identify mentors. We also intend to continue facilitating networking and education opportunities for trainees throughout the year via webinars, web and social media content, and the spotlight program.

Additional goals under consideration include:

1. Development of remote (i.e., online) mentorship opportunities
2. Continued cross-network coordination of education and mentorship efforts
3. Continued effort to increase engagement of Trainee Network membership.



TREATMENT RESEARCH NETWORK

Network Co-Chairs: Lisa Fucito, PhD and Megan Piper, PhD

No. of Members: 525

Administrative Structure

Treatment Research Network Advisory Committee Members in 2016 were Lisa Fucito (co-chair), Megan Piper (co-chair), Leonie Brose, Anne Joseph, Jennifer McClure, Marc Steinberg, Joanna Streck, and Ben Toll. The Treatment Research Network Advisory Committee continues to meet monthly to provide high-level guidance for all Treatment Research Network activities.

- Lisa Fucito will end her term as co-chair of the AC in March 2017, but remain on the AC. Leonie Brose has been named as the new co-chair, with approval from the SRNT Board.
- Jan Blalock will be joining the AC to replace Jennifer McClure who will be rotating off in March, 2017.
- Treatment Research Network Subcommittee and working group members are:
- ATTUD/SRNT Synergy Subcommittee: Peter Hendricks (chair), Sharon Czabafy, Chris Kotsen, Erin McClure, and Erica Peters
- Education Subcommittee: Jan Blalock (chair), Darla Kendzor, Michael Businelle. In 2017, Darla Kendzor and Michael Businelle will co-chair this committee.
- Communications Subcommittee: Andrea Weinberger (chair), Krysten Bold, Audrey Darville, Marc Steinberg
- Genetics/Treatment Working Group: Nancy Saccone and Li-Shiun Chen (co-chairs), Timothy Baker, James Baurley, Laura Beirut, Andrew Bergen, Sean David, Hannah Elliott, Marilyn Foreman, Jaakko Kaprio, Tom Piasecki, Caroline Relton, Rachel Tyndale, Laurie Zawertailo
- Comorbidities Working Group: Alana Rojewski (chair), Graham Warren, Steffani Bailey, Steve Baldassarri, Dolly Balunas, Steven Bernstein, Nina Cooperman, Omara Dagar, Ellen Gritz, Mohamed Ismail, Maher Karem, Frank Leone, Megan Piper, Nancy Rigotti, Bidyut Sarkar, Ben Toll, Katrina Vickerman.

In 2016, the AC decided to sunset the ATTUD/SRNT Synergy Subcommittee after the March 2017 Annual Meeting.

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 2016 included:

- Sponsored pre-conference workshops at the 2016 and 2017 annual meetings
 - 2016: The Changing Landscape of Nicotine and Tobacco Use: What Tobacco Treatment Clinicians and Researchers Need to Know (120 attendees)
 - 2017: Novel Approaches to Implementing Tobacco Treatment Within Health Systems
- Sponsored three webinars:
 - Dr. Graham Warren, “Addressing Tobacco Use and Delivering Tobacco Treatment in Cancer Patients – Evidence and Implementation” (July 2016, 76 attendees). This webinar was a collaboration between the Treatment Research and Trainee Networks.
 - Dr. John Hughes, “Algorithm for Selecting Smoking Cessation Treatments (October 2016, 108 attendees)
 - Dr. Chris Bullen, “Do E-Cigarettes Have Any Potential for Smoking Cessation?” (December 2016, 134 attendees).

Manuscripts

- The Comorbidities Working Group published the following paper: Rojewski, A. M., Baldassarri, S., Cooperman, N. A., Gritz, E. R., Leone, F. T., Piper, M. E., Toll, B. A., and Warren, G. W. (2016). Exploring issues of comorbid conditions in people who smoke. *Nicotine & Tobacco Research*, 18, 1684-1696. doi: 10.1093/ntr/ntw016. PMID: PMC4941598
- The Comorbidities Working Group is finishing a paper: Systemic Barriers to Treating Tobacco Use in Clinical Settings.
- The Genetics/Treatment Working Group submitted two papers to NTR for review, following SRNT Board approval: “The Value of Biosamples in Smoking Cessation Trials: A Review of Genetic, Metabolomic, and Epigenetic Findings” and “Leveraging genomic data in smoking cessation trials in the era of Precision Medicine: Why and how”
- The Advisory Committee encouraged Dr. Tim Baker to translate his 2016 Ove Ferno talk into a paper. It is under review at NTR.

Communications

The Communications Subcommittee focuses on building membership within the Treatment Research Network listserv and facilitating active discussions on the listserv. Key activities in 2016 included:

- Oversaw the transitions from the old listserv to the new listserv. Increased Treatment Research Network Listserv membership to 213.
- Modestly increased engagement (i.e., responses to listserv posts) with Treatment Research Network listserv posts. Subcommittee members encouraged communication by posting NTR treatment-related papers, 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, nine Treatment Research Network members have completed spotlights, 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 2017, more than 30 individuals and 15 groups/organizations were included on the Google document.

Plans for 2017

For the upcoming year, the Treatment Research Network will continue to provide educational webinars for the members, continue to sponsor papers relevant to treatment research, and explore the possibility of presenting tobacco science to other treatment-relevant clinical and scientific societies (e.g., American College of Chest Physicians, American Psychological Association, etc). We will also be working with the SRNT Board to review Treatobacco.net.



2016/2017 SRNT VOLUNTEERS

SRNT is deeply grateful to the many volunteers who devote so much of their time and energies to make SRNT the outstanding professional society it is. Our 2016/2017 volunteers include:

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- **Program Subcommittee:** Cassandra Gibson-Reichardt, Chair; Mark LeSage, Heath Schmidt, Jerry Stitzel
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