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ANNUAL REPORT

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President's Report

Megan Piper, PhD

As author Robert Heinlein said, “Everything is theoretically impossible until it is done.” Two years ago, we would never have imagined that SRNT would be able to conduct a 100% virtual meeting, sustain a thriving membership, and continue to advance nicotine and tobacco science through a global pandemic. And yet, this is exactly what we have done. The combination of member commitment and engagement, countless hours of volunteer efforts to promote and sustain activities through our 8 Networks (Adolescent, Basic Science, Treatment, Health Disparities, Genetics and Omics, Policy, Global Health, and Trainee) and SRNT-U, and the leadership of the SRNT Board (Suchitra Krishnan-Sarin – Past President, Patricia Nez Henderson – President Elect, Jennifer McClure – Treasurer, Billie Bonevski – SRNT-Oceania Representative, Olivia Maynard – SRNT-Europe Representative, Ben Toll – North American Representative, Cathy Backinger – Member At Large) and our exceptional Executive Director Bruce Wheeler, has seen SRNT continue to grow and evolve. I would like to express my sincere appreciation to all of you. Please read the Network and SRNT-U reports in our Annual Report to learn more about all of the amazing activities that happened as part of SRNT this year.

One of the biggest concerns for 2021 was SRNT's financial sustainability. A huge thank you to the SRNT Finance Committee (Jennifer McClure, Tom Northrup, and Megan Piper) for your thoughtful leadership throughout the year. Through their work, along with great attendance

at our 2021 virtual Annual Meeting and sustained SRNT membership, we were actually able to start re-building some of the financial reserves that we had to spend in 2020. Please read the Treasurer's Report to learn more about SRNT's current financial position.

One of the most exciting accomplishments of 2021 was the completion of the Racial Equity Task Force's (RETF) work. The members of the RETF (Kelvin Choi, Mignonne Guy, Megan Piper, Hershel Clark, Tres Hinds, Raglan Maddox, and Patricia Nez Henderson) met with dozens of key informants from across SRNT and worked for months, with their work culminating in a set of recommendations for the SRNT Board. Some of these recommendations have already been implemented, such as adding a Health Equity track to the Annual Meeting, assessing gender and race as part of conference registration to develop a better understanding of the diversity of our members and scientists who submit abstracts for the Annual Meeting, and developing Indigenous Research and Health Equity Research content on SRNT-U. This coming year the Board will be working to develop a Racial Equity Road Map to guide implementation of additional recommendations. This work will be led by the Racial Equity Committee.

One of the most challenging decisions made by the Board in 2021 was to ban employees of the tobacco industry from attending SRNT's Annual Meeting, effective in 2022. SRNT defines the tobacco industry as any company that manufactures commercial tobacco products or

is owned (in part or in whole) by a commercial tobacco manufacturer. Employees of the tobacco industry were already prohibited from being members of SRNT or participating in members-only activities (e.g., Network meetings, members-only webinars), but the Board opted to expand this ban to the Annual Meeting. SRNT has a foundational commitment to the free and open dissemination of rigorous, peer-reviewed nicotine and tobacco science, making this ban contrary to the foundation of the Society. However, after considerable deliberation, informed by member concerns, changes in tobacco industry employees' involvement in the Annual Meeting (they represented 10% of the attendees at the 2019 Annual Meeting), and a recognition of the need to maintain a commitment to SRNT's values of transparency, maintaining the public trust, enhancing public good, and social justice, the Board opted to take this step. This move was praised by some, decried by others, and critiqued for not going far enough by still more. This is appropriate for any membership organization. In the end, the Board did what they could to balance the values of the Society to address the increased presence and impact of the commercial tobacco industry at the Annual Meeting.

In addition to addressing concerns, accomplishments, and challenges, the Board did a bit of standard business as well. We signed a 3-year contract with The Rees Group, the management company that has managed SRNT since our inception. Led by our Executive Director, Bruce Wheeler, the team at The Rees



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Group have been invaluable. They are supportive partners with excellent vision and commitment to the success of the Society. We are very excited to continue working with them. The SRNT Board has also worked hard with our lawyer to ensure that SRNT's name and reputation are not co-opted. Specifically, we have trademarked our name and sent cease and desist letters to a large e-cigarette manufacturer who has implied SRNT's validation of their research. We also had 80 members complete our volunteer survey, conducted a Board-sponsored Virtual Event on the Tobacco End Game, and re-organized the Annual Meeting locations (2023 – San Antonio, Texas; 2024 – Edinburgh, Scotland; 2025 – New Orleans, Louisiana).

As I look back over the last year, I want to thank our Past President Suchitra Krishnan-Sarin for her leadership in getting us through 2020 in such a strong position and for her guidance as I assumed the role of President. I would like to thank our Board members for attending not one, but two, Board meetings each month (late in the day for Olivia and early in the morning for

Billie) as we addressed everything that needed our attention. Your wisdom and commitment to sustaining and growing the Society made all of this possible. Finally, I want to thank Bruce Wheeler for his never-ending insight, patience, and humor as he guided us through this past year.

As I look forward to 2022, I have great hope. Hope that SRNT will continue to be a welcoming scientific home for people studying nicotine and tobacco from all disciplines, countries of origin, genders, races, abilities, and perspectives. Hope that SRNT will continue to provide platforms for rigorous, respectful scientific discourse to advance scientific understanding and global public health. Hope that we will be able to resume in-person events and continue virtual events to allow even more scientists to participate. With Patricia Nez Henderson as our incoming President, I have great confidence that these hopes will be realized. Patricia's intelligent, thoughtful leadership make her the ideal President to take us through this coming year.

SRNT has been my scientific home for more than 20 years – providing opportunities to broaden my understanding of nicotine and tobacco, connect and collaborate with colleagues, and engage in meaningful leadership activities. Thank you for the opportunity to serve as SRNT's 2021-2022 President. It was truly my privilege.



President's Report

2019-2020 Board of Directors



Megan Piper
President-Elect



Suchitra Krishnan-Sarin
President



Patricia Nez Henderson
President-Elect



Jennifer McClure
Secretary-Treasurer



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MPH**
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Benjamin Toll, PhD
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Member Delegate
AAOLA



Bruce Wheeler
Executive Director
Ex Officio Board Member



Treasurer's Report

Jennifer McClure, PhD

2021 SOME GOOD NEWS

We will not fully reconcile our 2021 income and expenses until the end of Q1 2022, but as of February, I am optimistic we will close the books with a positive balance for the year of approximately \$170,000.

This is good news because, as a result of the SARS-CoV-2 pandemic and its impact on our 2020 annual meeting, we ended 2020 with a negative balance of -\$323,872. Fortunately, we had sufficient financial reserves to cover this operating loss, but our goal for 2021 was to begin to replenish our reserves. I am pleased to report that it looks like we will do this!

This was the direct result of the strong participation we saw with the 2021 Annual Meeting. So, THANK YOU for making our first-ever virtual conference both a scientific and a financial success!

I am also pleased to report that the Society passed an independent audit of our 2020 financials with a clean review. The review was conducted by Wegner CPAs and is part of our standard business practice.

LOOKING AHEAD – NOT OUT OF THE WOODS YET

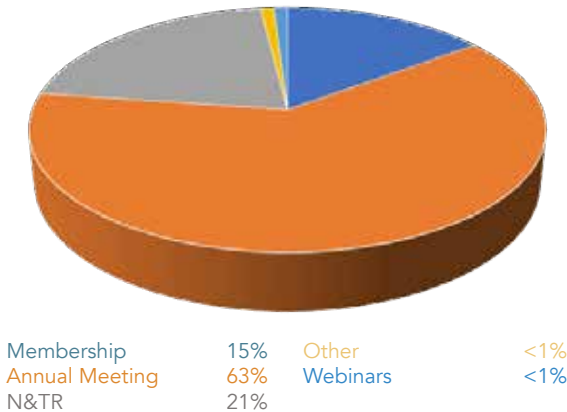
As we head into 2022, I must be honest--we know this will be another tough financial year for the Society. As I write this report in early February, it is too early to know how many people will register for or attend the Annual Meeting in Baltimore, but there is good reason

to expect participation will be lower than hoped due to continued impacts of the pandemic and the recent ban of tobacco industry employees. If in-person attendance is too low, we will also incur financial penalties from the conference hotel. This could further significantly impact the Society's financial resources in 2022.

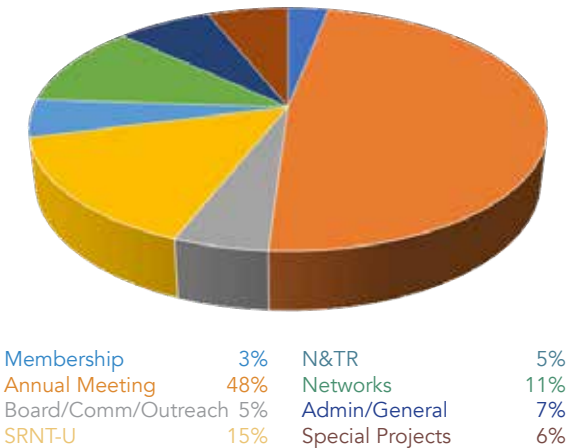
Fortunately, we expect to have sufficient reserves to weather another tough year (see additional detail below). However, continuing to spend our savings weakens our position for future years. Thus, in 2021 the Board proactively took the following steps to help ensure our future financial success:

- 1) *Changed Annual Meeting Venue.* The 2022 conference was moved from Scotland to Baltimore, in light of the ongoing pandemic and its potential impact on international conference participation.
- 2) *Planned On-Line Access to Annual Meeting Content.* The 2022 Annual Meeting is an in-person event. However, people who are unable to attend in person can present their work virtually and also access content online following the meeting. Thus, participation is not dependent on one's ability to travel.
- 3) *Adjusted Registration Income.* Registration fees for the 2022 Annual Meeting, which have been held flat or discounted in recent years, were increased by about 10%. Membership fees were not increased.
- 4) *Created New Revenue Streams.* We are exploring the potential of several new streams for the Society that would leverage our capacities and administrative

2021 Preliminary Income Estimate



2021 Preliminary Expense Estimate





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infrastructure to meet our mission in new ways. These included paid 3-hour virtual events that permitted more in-depth discussion of key scientific issues. Stay tuned for more information as we assess the viability of these options and continue those which are most promising.

- 5) *Renegotiated The Rees Group Contract.* The Board renegotiated our contract with The Rees Group (TRG) this year, which resulted in a slightly lower administrative fee, while preserving all staffing and member services. In addition, we agreed that if our financial situation necessitates, we may revisit the terms of the contract following the 2022 Annual Meeting and further reduce contracted costs and services. We hope this won't be necessary, but we felt it important to have this option.

The Board and the Finance Committee will continue to monitor our financial situation and once we have a more complete picture following the Annual Meeting, we will update members. In the meantime, below is a snapshot of our income and revenues as of the end of 2021.

2021 INCOME

As of December 31, 2021, annual income was approximately \$1,147,000. We are expecting to receive additional income of approximately \$193,000 from Oxford Press for royalties.

The Society's main sources of revenue this past year were: (a) membership dues, (b) the Annual Meeting, and (c) journal (NTR) royalties. We also brought in a small amount of income

(approximately \$10,000) through paid webinars and some additional income from a variety of other sources.

2021 EXPENSES

Total expenses as of December 31, 2021 were approximately \$1,169,000. Additional expenses may be outstanding.

SRNT's two largest expenses were: (1) The Rees Group contract, which provides staff and other material support for SRNT's day-to-day operations (note, these costs are distributed across each of the cost centers) and (2) the Annual Meeting. Additional investment priorities in 2021 were: (a) SRNT-U, (b) our eight member-focused networks (Adolescents, Basic Science, Genetics, Global, Health Disparities, Public Policy, Trainees, and Treatment), (c) editorial expenses associated with the Society journal, NTR and (d) other special projects.

2021 YEAR-END ASSETS PUT INTO PERSPECTIVE

As of December 31, 2021, SRNT's financial assets in cash and equities were approximately \$1,341,000.

Total projected 2022 expenses based on the budget approved by the Board in December are approximately \$1,350,000. This amount is subject to change, but it reflects our best understanding of the Society's projected expenses in the coming year. Assuming good Annual Meeting participation, 2022 projected income is approximately \$1,223,500. Consequently, we are projecting a modest deficit relative to the

approved operating budget for 2022 (-\$126,690). Our actual year-end financial performance could differ, depending primarily on the success of the Annual Meeting.

Fortunately, we have the necessary reserves to cover a modest operating loss in 2022. This is by design. The Society's Financial Reserve Policy requires we maintain one year of operating expenses plus an additional \$100,000 to cover unanticipated expenses and financial penalties associated with the Annual Meeting. Thus, it's important that we minimize our reliance on our reserves, to remain in compliance with our policy and ensure the Society's vitality in future years. Consequently, we will be seeking ways to maximize revenues and reduce spending in 2022, to achieve these goals.

A FINAL NOTE – THANK YOU!

I would like to thank our Finance Committee (Megan Piper, Tom Northrup, and Bruce Wheeler) and Erica Koconis, our accountant with TRG, for all of their hard work over the past year.

I'd also like to thank all of you — our SRNT members. You are the lifeblood of this incredible organization. We exist because of your passion and commitment to our mission. Thank you for your continued support of the Society.



Executive Director's Report

Bruce Wheeler

It's been a crazy couple of years for the Society thanks to Covid! What began as a struggle for survival has become a textbook example of resilience and overcoming seemingly unsurmountable challenges. This is my first-hand account of how SRNT responded to the challenges faced by Program Committee chairs, presenters, attendees and staff over the course of the 2020, 2021, and 2022 Annual Meetings. More importantly, this narrative describes how SRNT has overcome those challenges!

2020: COVID HITS HARD (AND WITH LITTLE WARNING)

It all started somewhere in mid-January, 2020, two months ahead of our Annual Meeting in New Orleans, when news reports about this new Covid virus started to pick up. We knew something was up, but we still didn't know that a full-blown pandemic was in the offing. What we did know was that we needed to order hand sanitizer for NOLA but not masks; the CDC was issuing guidelines, which we followed, and the Surgeon General was coming to NOLA to present. There was no talk of cancellation, as many thought this would play out like the flu. Planning proceeded.

Flash forward to the week before the Annual Meeting, at which point we had only 30 cancellations, give or take, out of the original 1,400 people registered. Still, it was clear things had begun to escalate, so the Board held an emergency meeting the morning of Thursday, March 5 (keep in mind this was less than a

week out, as the Annual Meeting was to begin six days later on Wednesday, March 11). By Thursday morning a few more cancellations had come in, but we were still hovering around the 1,350 range. And the Surgeon General was still coming—believe me, we checked every day, thinking his pulling out would be The Sign that the Board needed to pull the plug. But he didn't bail, and the CDC hadn't changed its tune: Wash your hands and socially distance.

The next day, the FDA let us know their staff would be cancelling travel plans (CTP Director Mitch Zeller called me at home late that night to update me, personally) and that phone call changed everything. We knew more cancellations would come but, at five days out, we still had more than 1300 people registered. So, I flew to NOLA the next day (Saturday) and we held another emergency Board meeting early Sunday morning.

Here's what the Board, under the steady and thoughtful leadership of President Suzanne Colby, was faced with: the latest report showed 1,300 registrants and SRNT had a contract with the Hilton that, had we defaulted on, would have cost us hundreds of thousands of dollars. In addition, SRNT had contracts with A/V other conference vendors. Remember, the government hadn't shut things down yet, which meant that voluntary cancellation would have (legally) represented a default on those contracts. The financial loss would have been somewhere north of half a million dollars (US) once all the

vendors were paid and conference registrations refunded. It's safe to say that SRNT might not have survived a financial loss of that magnitude. We're just too small.

That Sunday morning call was the hardest Board meeting I've ever been a part of. I'm not kidding when I say tears were shed. By more than one person. However, between:

- 1.) the potential for financial catastrophe;
- 2.) the fact that so many people were still planning to come—including people from outside the US who might have already been airborne;
- 3.) the fact that the Surgeon General STILL hadn't cancelled (and never did, by the way—instead, he appeared on the Sunday morning talk shows that very day downplaying the severity of the situation); and
- 4.) the CDC still hadn't come out with any definitive guidelines about meetings like ours, the Board had no choice. The meeting would continue as planned.

Best laid plans, right?

The bottom fell out Monday as the cancellations started to pour in. More like the cancellations came flooding in. I think we ended up with somewhere in the neighborhood of 300 people in attendance out of the original 1,400 registered. Maybe fewer.

In the three days leading up to the meeting, our A/V company (props to CMI, who has been



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doing our A/V for the past 15 years!) opened a portal that allowed presenters unable to travel to download pre-recorded videos and posters. Our truly amazing Program Committee Co-Chairs, led by Andrea Villanti, worked long hours into the night(s) with SRNT's head meeting planner, Brooke Miller, trying to figure out who was coming, who was not, what had been pre-recorded and what hadn't been — and then reorganized the conference on the fly, day by day, session by session.

It was incredible. THEY were incredible. As were the die-hard attendees, who socially distanced, washed their hands, and chipped in to help wherever they could. Without a single complaint about a meeting that was literally falling apart around us.

Entire sessions were canceled when there were no live presenters and no pre-recorded presentations.

Breakouts were torn apart and put back together, like assembling new, mystery Lego projects with pieces from existing but unrelated Lego projects.

The Surgeon General showed up—but didn't take any questions from the audience.

Looking back after the dust cleared, most of the world shut down on March 14 — the final day of the 2020 SRNT Annual Meeting. If the meeting had been scheduled a week earlier, 1,400 people would have shown up. If it had been scheduled a week later, it would have been canceled —

without all the financial losses as the choice to cancel would have been taken out of the Board's hands.

But the actual week of the conference? It was the perfect storm.

Following the conference, an unexpectedly large number of registrants allowed SRNT to keep their registration fees, even though they had been unable to attend. A few even made unsolicited donations. What an amazing group of members SRNT has!

I'm in awe of how the volunteers, attendees, my staff, and our A/V company worked together to pull a proverbial rabbit out of the 2020 Annual Meeting hat.

2021: GOING VIRTUAL

2021 presented yet another challenge—how in the world could SRNT, having never hosted anything online other than a Network webinar, host what for all intents and purposes would be the same conference as always, with the same number of accepted abstracts and speakers, but entirely virtual?

The Board was adamant that we would not cut content, we would not reduce the amount of cutting-edge research being presented. SRNT's mission is to stimulate the generation and dissemination of new knowledge concerning nicotine in all its manifestations, so while other associations were cutting back to one or two educational tracks, SRNT moved forward with

five real-time virtual tracks (including theme lectures and multiple breakouts per track) plus even more breakout content available On Demand, and a huge virtual poster platform.

SRNT owes a debt of gratitude to staff meeting planner, Brooke Miller, who learned everything she could possibly learn about virtual conferences and then, with the help (again) of our amazing A/V team, did the next to impossible: SRNT presented an incredibly successful, incredibly well received entirely virtual Annual Meeting with the same amount of scientific content as an in-person event with 10 current breakouts across six designated podium sessions and well over 500 posters.

Of course, there is more than enough praise to go around. Brooke did all of the heavy lifting, but the Program Co-chairs (this time led by Erin McClure) knocked themselves out, as did the hundreds of presenters who figured out how to upload their presentations for On Demand or to participate in live, virtual symposia and panels. It was truly amazing to be a part of! Second Covid Annual Meeting, second success!

2022: NEW CHALLENGES

And here we are. The Baltimore conference will be the third in a row unique, make-it-work Annual Meeting, complete with new challenges and new solutions.

SRNT couldn't get out of its hotel contract in Baltimore (we tried). We couldn't afford another virtual conference (too expensive). Therefore,



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we had no choice but to move forward with an in-person meeting while accommodating those unable or unwilling to travel because of Covid. So, some sort of hybrid, but what sort?

Again, the Board was insistent that we present as much cutting-edge research as possible, so the Program Committee Co-chairs (now led by Jamie Brown) and staff moved forward with a plan to reduce the number of breakouts to allow for more social distancing; allow those unable to travel to pre-record their oral presentations; carry over the idea of On Demand content, so that the reduced number of breakouts didn't affect the amount of scientific content presented; and utilize another online poster platform.

Of course, the technology needed to accommodate virtual presentations is not free, a fact that informed registration fees and the Board's (very difficult) decision not to offer a discount for people unable to travel. However, all of the scientific content will be captured and made available shortly after the Annual Meeting's conclusion.

For the third year in a row, the SRNT Board, Program chairs, presenters and staff have worked together to Make It Work, balancing the challenges faced by presenters and attendees with the very real financial constraints faced by the Society. It's an incredibly difficult balancing act, but your Board of Directors and Program chairs have proven, yet again, up to the challenge!

I apologize for the length of this report, but I think it's important for the Untold Stories of 2020, 2021, and 2022 to be told. Too often, Society members are asked to trust that the Board, Program Chairs, and meetings staff are making the right call at key decision points without understanding the array of problems, interests, and needs that are being balanced behind the scenes. I hope I have sufficiently pulled the curtain back; it's quite a view.

This peek behind the curtain is my love letter to SRNT Presidents Suzanne Colby, Suchitra Krishnan-Sarin, and Megan Piper; to the Boards of the past three years; to the Program co-chairs, committee members and reviewers; to the

thousands of presenters; to all of the attendees; and to the staff, all of whom came together to get us through three one-of-a-kind Annual Meetings, each with unique challenges and creative solutions.

I couldn't be prouder of SRNT and its sheer determination to survive! After everything we've been through, after all the challenges and changes, after three consecutive years of new normals, SRNT is still standing, still hard at work *stimulating the generation and dissemination of nicotine in all its manifestations, from cellular to societal!*



SRNT University Dean's Report

Nathalie Walker, PhD

SRNT University (SRNT-U) is an online hub where SRNT members can find organized, curated training, scientific articles, and tools and resources relevant to nicotine and tobacco research.

In 2021, we made updates to all SRNT-U Library sections; an extensive revision of our Smoking Cessation Research Certificate Program's Tobacco Background was completed by SRNT-U Director of Certificate Programs Lisa Sanderson Cox and a team of volunteers.

NEW SRNT-U LIBRARY SECTIONS

In 2021, we added two new library sections meant to support disparities research and the anti-racism efforts of SRNT and its members: the Health Disparities Research section and the Indigenous Research section.

The Health Disparities Research section, curated by Pratibha Nayak, SRNT-U Director of Health Disparities Research, contains information and training on tobacco-related disparities and disparities research, with a focus on racial, gender, sexual, and socioeconomic health equity across the globe. We acknowledge the input, review and support of the SRNT Health Disparities Network for this section.

The Indigenous Research section, curated by Sydney Martinez (Cherokee Nation Citizen), SRNT-U Director of Indigenous Research, contains information on the epidemiology of commercial tobacco use among indigenous

populations, as well as related public health strategies and tobacco cessation research. It also highlights ethical and wise practices for conducting research in indigenous communities around the world. We acknowledge the input, review and support of the SRNT Indigenous Circle for this section.

SRNT University is also grateful to SRNT members and other SRNT Networks who have provided suggestions and feedback on the content of these new sections.

NEW AND UPDATED THEMED COLLECTIONS

SRNT-U Themed Collections are meant to introduce important topics in an easily accessible manner using a frequently asked question format. For ease of reading, and to provide context for the key papers linked to, these collections are presented as downloadable pdf documents.

In 2021 and early 2022, the entire SRNT-U leadership team contributed to the following new or updated collections:

- Updated E-cigarette Themed Collection (led by Natalie Walker, SRNT-U Dean)
- New Menthol Flavors Themed Collection (in progress, led by Natalie Walker)
- Updated Heated Tobacco Products Collection (in progress, led by Hua Yong, SRNT-U Policy Research Director).

WEBINAR AND VIRTUAL EVENT RECORDINGS

SRNT University continues to host webinar and virtual event recordings. Virtual event recordings now available to members at no charge include:

- E-Cigarettes and Health Equity
- Tobacco, Nicotine and Covid-19
- The Impact of Covid-19 on Adolescent and Young Adult Tobacco Use and Behaviors.

VOLUNTEERS

We are grateful for our SRNT University Directors, all of whom continue to curate content and provide expert advice on cutting edge topics:

- Alicia Allen, Clinical Research Director
- Cristian Meghea, Public Health Research Director
- Hua Yong, Policy Research Director
- Ivana Croghan, Research Methodologies Director
- Lisa Sanderson Cox, Certificate Program Director
- Pratibha Nayak, Health Disparities Research Director
- Stephanie Land, Tools & Resources Director
- Sydney Martinez, Indigenous Research Director



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We were pleased to welcome Pratibha Nayak and Sydney Martinez to the SRNT-U leadership team in 2021 and sorry that Outi Salminen, who served as SRNT-U's Director of Basic Science for three years, stepped down. We wish her the best of luck in her new position as Chief Pharmaceutical Officer at Finland's Ministry of Social Affairs and Health.

We're also grateful for all the SRNT member volunteers who have contributed their time and expertise to SRNT University in the past year:

- Aishwarya Vidyasagaran
- Anupreet Sidhu
- Babalola Faseru
- Jessica King
- Leeann Siegel
- Luz Maria Sanchez-Romero
- Raul Mejia
- Rime Jebai.

SRNT University is intended to provide information and resources to meet the needs of members, and we welcome your thoughts and suggestions. Please feel free to reach out to me (n.walker@auckland.ac.nz).



Journal Editor's Report

Marcus Munafò, PhD

It was another busy year for the journal, with over 1,400 submissions, of which slightly over 1,000 were new submissions. This volume of new submissions has held steady for several years, and is testament to the popularity of the journal. This is, of course, extremely gratifying, but it brings challenges, particularly if we are to provide timely, high-quality reviews. Our Deputy Editors, Associate Editors, and reviewers have risen to this challenge, and I continue to be grateful for their dedication and service. I also want to thank Margaret Searle, our Managing Editor, for efficiently managing the process (and reminding me when I have forgotten something, which is often!), as well as Rachel Safer, our OUP representative who is always ready to provide advice and guidance.

Of course, the ongoing COVID pandemic continues to disrupt all our lives, personally and professionally, and in this context the efforts of our community are all the more impressive. Not only have we continued to see large numbers of high quality manuscripts submitted to our journal; we have also seen the community focus their attention on the intersection of the COVID pandemic and nicotine and tobacco research. As the pandemic has evolved, we have seen ever higher quality submissions addressing questions of the effects of nicotine and tobacco use on the risk of COVID infection and severe outcomes, as well as the broader impact of the pandemic on nicotine and tobacco use. We are preparing a themed issue that will bring together much of this work.

However, there is still room to improve. Sometimes, it can be extremely difficult to find reviewers (not surprising, given the combined impact of high workloads and the COVID pandemic), leading to review times far longer than we strive for, and frustrated authors (and editorial board members!). We are continually looking for ways to improve our processes in order to offer a robust, fair and efficient review process. More importantly, we recognize that our editorial board is largely drawn from the Global North, and we are now actively seeking to recruit Associate Editors that represent our global and diverse community. Finally, we always welcome suggestions from our community as to how we can improve, what we can do differently, and areas we might innovate. Get in touch!



SRNT Europe

Felix Naughton, PhD, President SRNT-E

Many aspects of post-pandemic academic work stabilised in 2021 as we accepted another year of predominantly home working and limited travel. But alongside the restrictions have come new opportunities. And as many aspects of life start to return to some sort of normality, there are some doors that the pandemic have opened that have been enriching our science – doors we will want to keep open. This includes the distance-shrinking effect of virtual meetings and communication. Looking ahead, SRNT-E plans to capitalise on this in order to increase interactions and engagements between members and to appeal to potential new members working in the nicotine and tobacco field.

Having been unable to deliver an in-person conference in 2020, the Lausanne organising committee, led by Carole Clair, put together a stimulating online SRNT-E conference between 15-17th September 2021. The 3-day conference programme included keynote lectures from Ann McNeil (public health), Joachim Marti (policy/economics), Nancy Rigotti (clinical) and Rachel Tyndale (preclinical). It also included 10 oral and four poster sessions plus four symposia and a special symposium organised by the WHO. 201 people participated across 22 countries, and the quality of the presentations and discussions were

high. The team also organised a virtual opening ceremony, end of day quizzes and nicotine and tobacco-tailored comedy videos to keep us engaged and entertained.

In September 2021 we said our goodbyes and extensive thanks to Lion Shahab who stepped down from the board after completing his three-year presidency cycle and a warm welcome to Leonie Brose, Reader in Addiction Education and Nicotine Research at Kings College London, UK, who joined the board as President-Elect. And we are about to say goodbye to Gemma Taylor who is stepping down from her role as Communications Office due to leaving academia. We wish her the best of luck in her new endeavours.

In 2021, the SRNT-E Chapter had about 180 members, which is only a slight decline compared with the previous year, but nevertheless continues a longer-term downward trend. Even though membership numbers have always fluctuated to some extent, the Board is currently exploring ways to stabilize and potentially increase membership numbers. Benefits of being an SRNT-E member includes discounts on registration fees for SRNT-E's annual conference and for our newly planned

SRNT-E virtual events (more on this below). Membership benefits also include automatic membership of the Federation of European Neuroscience Societies (FENS), which includes discounted registration fees for conferences and events plus free online access to FENS resources, such as the European Journal of Neuroscience.

The financial side of SRNT-E remains stable, with little change across our accounts. We receive modest income from subscriptions and the annual conference with the latter usually generating a small profit. For the 2021 online conference, to ensure enrolment fees were low and to remain free from industry funding, we did not aim for this event to be meaningfully profit making (although it did provide a small profit). Financial support acquired by the Lausanne team from the Swiss government also helped to ensure the event could be delivered at a low cost to delegates.

As the originally planned 2022 Edinburgh, UK, conference had to be moved at relatively short notice to Baltimore, USA, because of concerns with pandemic related travel, SRNT-E are without a 2022 annual conference. However, this has provided an opportunity to put on several online events and start to grow the scientific



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activities occurring outside of and in addition to the annual SRNT-E conference. We are currently planning a series of online events which will cover hot topics in our field as well as training opportunities in new and emerging approaches. It's a little too early to announce any further details but we will be in touch soon and hope members across the whole society will consider joining us for these events!

Members of the board (as of January 2022):



Felix Naughton
President



Leonie Brose
President-elect



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Past President



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The Society for Research on Nicotine and Tobacco-Oceania (SRNT-O) launched in 2019 in Sydney is a new and small Chapter but already is making a meaningful contribution to the broader SRNT community and extending our impact in the Oceania region.

As a Chapter, we are united in our passion to grow the indigenous research workforce and in respectfully engaging indigenous communities as partners, not merely participants, in our research. In 2021, SRNT-O Board member Dr Michelle Bovill's work on the acknowledgement of and adherence to ethical principles and conduct in respect to Indigenous peoples and communities across Oceania was shared with SRNT. And another Board member, Dr Raglan Maddox, was a member of the Racism and Equity Task Force and has been central to SRNT's position on racism.

We held two webinars. Our first featured Prof Collin Tukuitonga from the University of Auckland, a leader in Pacific Health for many years. Collin spoke on Pacific tobacco research and the need for groups like SRNT to help grow capacity and influence policy in the region. The second webinar, held in November, gave an opportunity for our early-mid career researchers to present on their work. We thank SRNT for the technical support provided on both webinars.

In 2021, our chapter formed a clear regional position on tobacco industry engagement with SRNT and advocated to the journal and SRNT Board about this view. We were pleased to see the outcome reflected in SRNT policy on this matter.

I wish to acknowledge the contribution and commitment of our board members, who reflect

something of the diversity of the region. As of February 2022, SRNT-O Board members are Chris Bullen (Immediate Past President); Coral Gartner (President Elect); Billie Bonevski (Past President); Megan Passey, Secretary (replacing Coral Gartner); Ratika Kumar and Melissa Jackson Communications Officers, Raglan Maddox, Membership Officer; Michelle Bovill, Indigenous Australian member; Heather Gifford, Indigenous New Zealand member; and Dan Tautolo, Pacific Member.

We thank SRNT for the support of our young Oceania Chapter. We aim to continue to grow, in size, representation from our region, influence and visibility to the wider SRNT community in 2022.



Adolescent Network

Network Co-Chairs: Amanda Quisenberry, PhD and Rachel N. Cassidy, PhD

No. of Members: 333

The Adolescent Network was established in 2015. At the annual meeting in 2022 our leadership team will transition, with Dr. Amanda Quisenberry rotating off after five years of service and three years as co-Chair. The Advisory Committee (AC) is in the process of nominating a new co-Chair to serve a 3-year term with Dr. Rachel Cassidy remaining in the co-Chair role.

Our 11 member AC has been actively engaged over the past year, meeting monthly via video conference to plan activities and report on progress. In addition to the two Chairs, AC members include: Drs. Jennifer Cornacchione Ross, John Lee, Sharon Lipperman-Kreda, Kathleen Garrison, Erin Sutfin, Lauren Micalizzi, Rachel Grana Mayne, and Mariel Bello. The final AC member is our Network Operations Coordinator, Dr. Deepti Agarwal, who facilitates the work of the AC and its subcommittees. Subcommittees meet separately and report progress at each AC meeting. Our four subcommittees currently include:

- 1) **Communications:** Mariel Bello (Co-Chair), Lauren Micalizzi (Co-Chair), MeLisa Creamer
- 2) **Education/Training:** Sharon Lipperman-Kreda (Chair); Suchitra Krishnan-Sarin, Laura MacPherson, Georges Khalil (incoming Co-Chair), Kate Flint (incoming Co-Chair), Megan Roberts

- 3) **Annual Meeting/Program:** Kathleen Garrison (Chair); Janet Hoek, Jessica Rath, Rachel Grana Mayne, Dale Mantey
- 4) **Membership:** Jennifer Cornacchione Ross (Co-Chair) and John Lee (Co-Chair)

Network Communications: This year, we continued to promote membership and scholarly activities (e.g., pre-conference workshops/events at SRNT, recent publications, webinars, sponsored symposia) of the Network and build our online and social media presence by posting updates and announcements on Twitter, Facebook, and the membership listserv on a monthly basis, as well as update information regularly about the Network on the SRNT website. Additionally, we are committed to efforts to increase diversity, equity, and inclusion within the Network by promoting the scholarly activities of trainees and early career researchers from underrepresented backgrounds. We also continue to facilitate listserv interactions among our members.

Network Newsletters: The network develops and distributes newsletters on a quarterly basis. Included in the newsletters are recent adolescent and young adult focused papers, interviews with members, and highlights of network activities. Our next newsletter will be disseminated shortly before the annual meeting and will highlight conference activities focused on adolescents and youth and sponsored by our network.

Network Webinars: The network organized 3 webinars in 2021 including: (1) “Measuring E-Cigarette Use in Young People” in February 2021, (2) “Tobacco Data Collection among Youths During a Global Pandemic” in July, 2021, and (3) “Understanding Commercial Tobacco Use Patterns and Determinants in Sexual and Gender Minority Youth” in December, 2021. Recording of all these webinars were made available on SRNT-U.

Network Pre-Conference Workshops: We organized our fifth pre-conference workshop for the 2021 annual meeting, entitled “The Impact of COVID-19 on Adolescent and Young Adult Tobacco Use Behaviors: Implications for Surveillance, Intervention, and Regulation”. Due to COVID-19, the workshop was held as an SRNT Virtual Event on May 13th, 2021. For the 2022 annual meeting, our network is sponsoring a post-conference workshop entitled “Bridging epidemiology and prevention to address adolescent and young adult tobacco use.”

Network 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. This year, the member meeting was held virtually on July 26, 2021 and included 24 attendees. We provided an overview of the network and activities from the previous year and had small group discussions about



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ways to engage members, increase membership, and increase diversity and inclusion within the network.

Network Poster Tour: We planned to hold our second annual poster tour at the 2021 meeting. Due to the limitations of the virtual conference in 2021, we were not able to hold a poster tour. We plan to hold a poster tour this year at the 2022 annual meeting, via virtual format, in person, or a combination of both depending on what the SRNT meeting planners advise is feasible.

Network Membership: We also successfully recruited five new AC members (Drs. Mariel Bello, Lauren Micalizzi, Georges Khalil, Kate Flint, and Rachel Grana Mayne) and helped facilitate the transition of the network's leadership.

Network Spotlight Interviews: This year, the membership subcommittee conducted two member spotlight interviews in our newsletters featuring Drs. Megan Roberts and Alayna Tackett.



Basic Science Network

Network Co-Chairs: Sven-Eric Jordt, PhD and Brandon Henderson, PhD

No. of Members: 218

BASIC SCIENCE NETWORK (BSN) FUNCTION

1. Meet professional development needs of members
2. Advise Board and members on topical issues, research and training goals
3. Collaborate with and disseminate information to external organizations
4. Undertake projects that contribute to the evidence-based investigation of nicotine and tobacco
5. Promote basic and preclinical science at the annual meeting

ADMINISTRATIVE STRUCTURE

In 2021, Drs. Sven-Eric Jordt and Brandon Henderson continue to as Co-Chairs of the BSN Network. Skylar Cooper has been serving as the BSN Operations Coordinator. The members of our Advisory Committee are: Adriaan Bruijnzeel, PhD; Imad Damaj, PhD; Valeria Lallai, PhD; Rick Bevins, PhD; Shannon Kozlovich, PhD; Melissa Herman, PhD; Merideth Addicott, PhD; and Sairam Jabba, DVM, PhD.

Our social media outreach is managed by: Shannon Kozlovich, PhD (Facebook); Sairam Jabba, DVM, PhD (Twitter).

BSN-SPONSORED SYMPOSIA AND PODIUM PRESENTATIONS AT THE SRNT 2020 ANNUAL MEETING

The BSN network sponsored three symposia for the 2020 Annual Meeting:

1. Neurobiological underpinnings of nicotine dependence
 - a. Symposium Number/ID: SYM6
2. Novel therapeutic targets for cessation (POD29)
3. The young mind: drug exposure during development (POD3)

BSN-SPONSORED SYMPOSIA ACCEPTED FOR THE SRNT 2022 ANNUAL MEETING

The BSN network sponsored the submission of three sessions that were accepted for the 2021 annual meeting:

1. Keeping it real about synthetic nicotine: products, patents, perceptions and policies
 - a. Symposium Number/ID: SYM8
2. Neurobiological effects of nicotine in the ventral tegmental area (VTA)
 - a. Symposium Number/ID: SYM16
3. On the basis of sex: nicotine's differential actions in the male and female brain
 - a. Symposium Number/ID: SYM7
4. New product or same old playbook? Emerging multidisciplinary research on oral nicotine products
 - a. Symposium 12 (SYM 12)

SRNT-UNIVERSITY COLLABORATIONS

Members of the BSN have acted as ad hoc editors and reviewers for preclinical and basic science content provided through SRNT-University.

WEBSITE AND SOCIAL MEDIA

Content is continually updated by the BSN. We are currently working on how we should update the website to better communicate with BSN members and reflect the interests and activities of the network. In keeping pace with the growth among younger BSN members, much of our efforts have shifted to social media (primarily Facebook and Twitter).

NICOTINE TOBACCO RESEARCH - SPECIAL ISSUE FOR 2022

Throughout 2021 BSN members Drs. Sven-Eric Jordt, Jill Turner, and Imad Damaj have acted as guest editors for a special issue in Nicotine and Tobacco Research that focuses on polysubstance abuse involving nicotine. The submission deadlines for papers was May 2021 and the full issue is expected to be published in March 2022.

UPCOMING EVENTS FOR 2020 - 2021

- 2022 Basic Scientist Spotlight
- 2022 SRNT Journal Club Meeting in Collaboration with the Trainee Network



Genetics & Omics Network

Network Chairs: Jasmine Khouja, PhD, Meghan Chenoweth, PhD and Rebecca Richmond, PhD

No. of Members: 128

The SRNT Genetics and Omics Network aims to capture the increasing activity in 'omics research for nicotine and tobacco (including but not limited to genomics, transcriptomics, epigenomics, metabolomics and proteomics), with particular focus on the clinical and translational relevance of 'omic discoveries. The leadership of Genetics and Omics Network transitioned in 2021, with Meghan Chenoweth and Rebecca Richmond becoming the new co-chairs for the network, under the guidance and mentorship of Li-Shiun Chen (previous co-chair) and the Genetics and Omics Network advisory committee. As new members of the SRNT Network, the transition offers an exciting opportunity for the early career investigators to adopt leadership roles and bring new collaborations and ideas into the network.

SRNT 2022 SYMPOSIUM

Our network will be hosting a symposium at the 2022 Annual Meeting entitled, "Tobacco Use Genomics in Multi-Ancestry Populations: Emphasizing Diversity to Reduce Health Disparities". This symposium will highlight the importance of genomics research for tobacco-related traits in individuals from diverse ancestral backgrounds which can be used to inform personalized prevention and treatment efforts.

The symposium will bring together five experts in the field who will be discussing their work on genomic risk in multi-ethnic populations:

- A) Dr. Claw will describe novel genetic and epigenetic influences on nicotine metabolism in American Indian and Alaska Native (AIAN) people, who have the highest rates of tobacco use in the United States, as well as elevated rates of tobacco-related morbidity and mortality.
- B) Dr. Saunders will describe the predictive accuracy of polygenic scores of alcohol and tobacco-related traits in up to 3.4 million individuals from four ancestral groups and will discuss the potential bias of using European-based scores for prediction in non-European populations.
- C) Dr. Chen will discuss the utility of polygenic scores and biomarkers in predicting the benefit of smoking cessation in reducing lung cancer risk, and in predicting smoking cessation treatment outcomes in smokers of both European and non-European ancestry.
- D) Dr. Bergen will discuss associations between demographic factors, nicotine biomarkers, and smoking, recent progress in developing and validating genomic models of nicotine biomarkers in cigarette smokers, and analytical designs to characterize biological

and environmental contributions to smoking outcomes in multiethnic populations.

- E) Dr. Bierut will show that smokers understand key messages about their genomic risk for smoking-related diseases, are receptive to evidence-based recommendations for smoking cessation, and reduce the amount they smoke when informed about genomic risk.

Following the symposium, we plan to submit a concept paper to Nicotine & Tobacco Research summarizing the key topics arising from the talks and subsequent Q&A session.

NEXT STEPS

Over the next year, our network plans to:

- Publish a concept paper on "Tobacco Use Genomics in Multi-Ancestry Populations"
- Organize and host a Webinar on "Epigenetic Signatures for Smoking"
- Liaise with the SRNT-U leadership to facilitate idea-sharing and understand training needs
- Liaise with the SRNT trainee network to introduce newer members to the Genomics and Omics network, with planned outreach activities including a journal club co-hosted by the Genomics and Omics & Trainee networks
- Enhance collaborations with other networks
- Foster research projects and grant generation within our network



Global Research Network

Network Chairs: Irina Stepanov, PhD, and Monika Arora, PhD

No. of Members: 310

The primary focus of the Global Research Network (GRN) is on developing global resources for nicotine and tobacco research capacity, contributing to the outreach efforts of SRNT targeting LMICs, and facilitating communications and new initiatives within the GRN membership.

LEADERSHIP STRUCTURE

Co-Chairs

Current co-chairs are Irina Stepanov, who began serving in this capacity in 2019 and will be rotating off in 2022 and Monika Arora, who stepped in as co-chair in 2020.

Advisory Committee

The GRN Advisory Committee includes representatives from major regions around the world. In 2019, our Advisory Board consisted of 8 members, including Ryan Kennedy, Frank Chaloupka, Carla Berg, Scott McIntosh (who joined the AC after stepping down as the GRN co-chair), Radha Shukla (joined in 2020), Geoff Fong (joined in 2020), Mira Aghi (joined in 2020), and Chris Bullen (joined in 2020).

Subcommittees

Activities of the GRN are facilitated through though three subcommittees:

- Education (Chair: Ryan Kennedy-stepped down 2021; vacant position)
- Assessment (Chair: Scott McIntosh)
- Communications (Chair: Radha Shukla)

Network Coordinator

Aleksandra Alcheva stepped in as the Network Coordinator in 2020 and will be stepping down in 2022.

NETWORK MEETINGS

Over the past year, we had two meetings of the Advisory Committee (May 2021 and January 2022) to discuss the activities, future goals, and potential virtual events of the network. The GRN co-chairs communicated regularly throughout the year to discuss specific issues related to the network operations.

The full-membership GRN meeting will take place via Zoom in late spring 2022. We will review our annual progress report and discuss on-going and new initiatives and ideas to increase the vibrancy and visibility of our network.

NETWORK COMMUNICATIONS

Newsletters

The Communications Subcommittee continued to disseminate newsletters to SRNT members. The newsletter includes information about the GRN spotlight, webinars and other activities of the GRN, announcements, opportunities to engage with the network and recent NTR publications related to global health. The newsletter also added a publication highlight section to feature a relevant global article or study in the field of nicotine and tobacco.

GRN Spotlight

Last year, we featured one GRN spotlight member (Aastha Chugh, MSc). The spotlight now also highlights the views of the nominee related to SRNT, GRN and their contribution towards nicotine and tobacco research. Furthermore, the subcommittee has simplified the nomination process by requesting applications via email and further, contacting the nominees for their input.

Global Publication Highlight

This is an addition to the newsletter. We highlighted publication from Prof. Arora and colleagues from HRIDAY, WHO-Country Office and University of California San Francisco (UCSF) on the effects of tobacco-free film and TV rules in India. Trend analysis of changes in tobacco depictions after implementation of these rules showed decline of tobacco incidents from 76% (2012) to 35% (2017) in youth-rated (U and UA) films. Previously, we featured Prof. Geoffrey Fong's commentary on the importance of smoking reduction in China and its relevance to COVID-19 and Prof. Kamran Siddiqi's study on estimates of smokeless tobacco disease burden.

The subcommittee reaches out to network members for their contribution towards this element of the newsletter.



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Website

The Communications Subcommittee made significant updates to the GRN webpage to present information about change in leadership, subcommittees and advisory committee members and provide relevant links and information for upcoming webinars and conferences.

WEBINARS AND WORKSHOPS

SRNT 2022 GRN Workshop: Global Nicotine and Tobacco research in the era of COVID-19

GRN proposed a workshop to be included in the SRNT 2022 Annual Meeting program. Due to the hybrid format of the meeting, the workshop will take place after the meeting, on April 7, 2022. The workshop will be co-chaired by Drs. Geoffrey Fong (University of Waterloo) and Chris Bullen (University of Auckland), with additional panelists being Drs. Irina Stepanov (University of Minnesota), Monika Arora (Public Health Foundation of India), and Ryan Kennedy (Johns Hopkins University). Using examples from on-going global efforts, the workshop will present and discuss various aspects of nicotine and tobacco research lifecycle, from building capacity for laboratory and clinical/intervention research, to surveillance and data dissemination.

ACTIVITIES DURING SRNT 2022 ANNUAL MEETING

Coffee Meeting

GRN will hold informal networking coffee meeting during the annual SRNT conference. The meeting will be on Wednesday, March 16th and will offer opportunity for GRN members to meet in person.

Virtual “Booth”

For participants that are unable to attend the meeting in person GRN will have virtual “booth”, members will be able to connect via zoom (Wednesday and Thursday, March 16th and 17th 12:30-1pm EST). Meeting attendees are invited to join and learn about the network activities and ways to get involved.

Guided Poster Tour

During the annual meeting GRN will organize guided poster tour to highlight presentations from GRN members.

PUBLICATIONS

There have been a total of 107 publications by GRN members across the Nicotine and Tobacco research issues between March 2021 and January

2022. Several representative publications are listed below, to illustrate the breadth of research topics and geographical areas:

- Mehrotra R and Gupta A., Alarming High Levels of Nicotine and Carcinogenic Nitrosamines in Smokeless Tobacco Products Sold Worldwide. *Nicotine and Tobacco research* (2021) 23 (3): 621-622.
- Matsubayashi et al., Tobacco Price Increase and Successful Smoking Cessation for Two or More Years in Japan. *Nicotine and Tobacco research* (2021) 23 (4): 716-723.
- Brillinger et al., Bar Atmospherics and Smoking: A Qualitative Analysis of New Zealand Young Adult Smokers. *Nicotine and Tobacco research* (2021) 23 (4): 724-731.
- Siddiqi et al., The Impact of COVID-19 on Smoking Patterns in Pakistan: Findings from a Longitudinal Survey of Smokers. *Nicotine and Tobacco research* (2021) 23 (4): 765-769.
- Rahman et al., Socioecological Mapping of Barriers and Enablers to Smoking Cessation in Indigenous Australian Women During Pregnancy and Postpartum: A Systematic Review. *Nicotine and Tobacco research* (2021) 23 (6): 888-899.



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- Moodie et al., The Impact of Including Cessation Resource Information on Health Warnings on Standardized Tobacco Packaging on Awareness and Use: A Longitudinal Online Survey in the United Kingdom. *Nicotine and Tobacco research* (2021) 23 (6): 1068-1073.
- Hsueh et al., Effectiveness of Varenicline Versus Combination Nicotine Replacement Therapy for Smoking Cessation: One-Year Outcomes in a Smoking Cessation Clinic in Taiwan. *Nicotine and Tobacco research* (2021) 23 (7): 1094-1102.
- Mdege et al., Tobacco Smoking and Associated Factors Among People Living with HIV in Uganda. *Nicotine and Tobacco research* (2021) 23 (7): 1208-1216.
- Kang et al., Trends in the Socioeconomic Inequalities Related to Second-Hand Smoke Exposure as Verified by Urine Cotinine Levels Among Nonsmoking Adults: Korea National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey 2008–2018. *Nicotine and Tobacco Research* (2021) 23 (9): 1518–1526.
- Moodie et al., The Response of Smokers to Health Warnings on Packs in the United Kingdom and Norway Following the Introduction of Standardized Packaging. *Nicotine and Tobacco Research* (2021) 23 (9): 1551–1558.
- Li et al., Patterns of Non-Cigarette Tobacco and Nicotine Use Among Current Cigarette Smokers and Recent Quitters: Findings From the 2020 ITC Four Country Smoking and Vaping Survey. *Nicotine and Tobacco Research* (2021) 23 (9): 1611–1616.

OUTREACH

The GRN plans to continue developing partnerships with other global tobacco control stakeholder organizations to increase the visibility of SRNT as an asset for LMIC researchers and practitioners. We are also planning to actively promote SRNT-U by including informational materials in the conference presentations.



Health Disparities Network

Network Chairs: Shyanika Rose, PhD, MA and Christi Patten, PhD

No. of Members: 554

The vision of the Health Disparities Network is to stimulate the generation and dissemination of scientific knowledge concerning tobacco-related disparities across the translational spectrum – from molecular to societal. The mission of the Network is to serve as the infrastructure to bring the state of the health disparities science to the SRNT community, and to build capacity among investigators and trainees to understand and eliminate these disparities.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE STRUCTURE

Co-chairs

Shyanika Rose PhD, MA, University of Kentucky
Christi Patten, PhD, Mayo Clinic

Operations Coordinator

Danielle Davis, PhD, Yale School of Medicine

Program Subcommittee Co-chairs

Jennifer Cantrell, DrPH, MPA, New York University
Latrice Montgomery, PhD, University of Cincinnati
Jaimee Heffner, PhD, Fred Hutchinson Cancer Center
Panagis Galiatsatos, MD, MHS, John Hopkins University

Program Subcommittee Members

Philip Smith, PhD, MS, Miami University (lead of Intersectionality Workgroup)

Operations Coordinators

Sarah Cha, MSPH, Truth Initiative

Scholarship & Development Subcommittee

Co-chairs

Jennifer Unger, PhD, University of Southern California
Minal Patel, PhD, Truth Initiative Schroeder Institute
Kelvin Choi, PhD, MPH, National Institute of Minority Health & Health Disparities
Dana Carroll, PhD, MPH, University of Minnesota, School of Public Health

Operations Coordinators

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Evaluation Subcommittee Co-chairs

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Yessenia Castro, PhD, University of Texas, Austin
Asti Jackson, PhD, Yale University
Sydney Martinez, PhD, University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center (OUHSC)

Operations coordinator:

Merideth Addicott, PhD, University of Arkansas

Communications Subcommittee Co-chairs:

Priti Bandi, PhD, American Cancer Society
Justin Byron, PhD, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

Operations Coordinators

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Social Media Operations Coordinator

Ingrid Zeledon, MS, University of Southern California

2021 NETWORK GOALS

1. Advisory Committee
 - a. Advocate for health equity.
2. Program subcommittee
 - a. Organize two webinars on health equity research: implementation science and measurement.
 - b. Facilitate SRNT symposium and pre-conference workshop submissions.
3. Scholarship & Development subcommittee
 - a. Facilitate the It's Just Coffee mentoring program.
 - b. Develop a more secure funding stream for our travel scholarship.
4. Evaluation subcommittee
 - a. Evaluate the impact of pre-conference workshops.
 - b. Describe collaborations among HDN pre-conference workshops attendees.
 - c. Evaluate the It's Just Coffee program
5. Communications subcommittee
 - a. Develop a more robust social media presence.
 - b. Develop and implement a monthly/quarterly newsletter to our members to include publications and other content.



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ORGANIZATIONAL ADVOCACY AND SUPPORT

2021 was a challenging year with the COVID-19 pandemic continuing to impact our colleagues' work and lives. Racial injustices including increases in anti-Asian, Asian American, and Pacific Islander (AAPI) hatred and violence revealed the persistent social injustice in the society. As a Network, we engaged in several activities to support our members and advocate for health equity.

SRNT Anti-Racism Statement

In response to social injustice issues, the Network collaborated with the SRNT Board to create an SRNT statement on anti-AAPI attacks titled "SRNT unites in solidarity with the Asian, Asian American, and Pacific Islander community against anti-AAPI hatred and violence." The statement highlighted the solidarity of SRNT with AAPI communities and SRNT members affected by racism. It also included resources for SRNT members.

Our Network collaborates with the SRNT Racial Equity Taskforce to support and provide input into actions that SRNT can take to address social injustices and promote health equity.

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

Program Subcommittee Report

Goal #1: Webinars

Webinar #1: The Cancer Center Cessation Initiative (C3I): An Implementation Science

Approach to Improving Health Equity via Multilevel Tobacco Treatment Interventions

- Date: August 25, 2021
- Presenters:
 - Sarah Hohl, MPH, PhD
 - Niharika Khanna, MBBS, MD, DGO
 - Kimberly A. Shoenbill, MD, PhD
 - Ramzi Salloum, PhD
- Host & Moderator: LaTrice Montgomery, PhD
- Outcomes:
 - The webinar featured multilevel interventions conducted under the Cancer Center Cessation Initiative (C3I), a Cancer Moonshot initiative launched by the National Cancer Institute to help cancer centers build and implement sustainable tobacco cessation treatment programs to routinely address tobacco cessation with cancer patients.
 - The webinar was attended by 103 individuals.
 - The webinar is now available to members on SRNT-U at https://www.pathlms.com/srnt-u/courses/9496/video_presentations/208925.

Webinar #2: Canceled, due to time constraints and delays caused by COVID 19, we were unable to conduct a second webinar before the Annual meeting.

Goal #2: Facilitate SRNT 2020 symposium and pre-conference workshop submissions.

The Program Subcommittee co-chairs hosted a program call on June 28, 2021, to coordinate submissions. Several ideas were proposed and discussed. Four symposia submissions were submitted: "Examining the equity of retail-focused tobacco control strategies" (Dr. Danny Giovenco), "Understanding factors associated with cannabis and tobacco co-use: implications for achieving health equity" (Dr. LaTrice Montgomery); "Pro- and anti-tobacco marketing and priority populations" (Dr. Jennifer Cantrell) and "Equity implications of flavored tobacco restriction policies" (Dr. Shyanika Rose); and one pre-conference submission "Integrating social determinants and structural discrimination in nicotine and tobacco research: Considerations for how to conduct, discuss, and publish this type of research" (Dr. Priti Bandi). Submissions accepted as symposia at the SRNT 2022 Annual Meeting were "Examining the equity of retail-focused tobacco control strategies," "Understanding factors associated with cannabis and tobacco co-use: Implications for achieving health equity," and "Equity implications of flavored tobacco restriction policies." The final symposium was not accepted but individual abstracts were accepted during rapid submission ("Real-time exposure to anti-tobacco messaging among a diverse population of young adults." The pre-conference session was also accepted and expected to be a "post-conference workshop" for the 2022 Annual Meeting on March 31, 2022.



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This year the inaugural Health Equity Program Track was established for the 2022 annual SRNT conference. The Network collaborates and provides support for Dr. Sabrina Smiley in her role as track chair. Dr. Smiley participated in our Network program call to discuss ideas for submissions to the annual meeting as described above.

Poster tour: As requested by SRNT, the program subcommittee is planning a scavenger hunt-style HDN 'poster tour' as a COVID-19 safe alternative at the 2022 annual meeting.

SCHOLARSHIP & DEVELOPMENT SUBCOMMITTEE REPORT

Goal #1: Facilitate the It's Just Coffee mentoring program.

This professional development program facilitates meetings between mentors and mentees during the SRNT annual meetings. The committee recruited mentors and paired them with early-career researchers within the Network to meet in person during the 2020 SRNT Annual Meeting. However, these mentoring meetings were interrupted by the pandemic. We successfully held a virtual mentoring program at SRNT 2021, with 45 mentors showing interest. We had a total of 22 mentor-mentee matches that met during the conference virtually.

At the time of this report, the co-chairs and operations coordinators of the subcommittee

are organizing the program for the 2022 SRNT virtual annual meeting. The subcommittee is currently gathering offers of mentorship from senior SRNT members and plans to match as many as possible with mentees. Each matched pair will schedule an in-person or virtual meeting on their own, and mentors will have a maximum of two mentees during the 2021 SRNT Annual Meeting.

The subcommittee is working with the Evaluation subcommittee on an evaluation plan to assess the perceived impact of the program over time among mentees and mentors.

The subcommittee met with the SRNT Policy Network as they were interested to implement a similar program. As a result of these efforts, there will be two tracks offered for the program for the 2022 SRNT annual meeting: a health disparities track hosted by our Network and a policy track hosted by the SRNT Policy Network.

Goal #2: Develop a more secure funding stream for our travel scholarship.

This program provides funding for early-career investigators working in health disparities research or from an underrepresented population to travel to the SRNT annual meetings. Unfortunately, due to the pandemic and the virtual meeting format, we were unable to secure funding for travel scholarships for SRNT 2021 Annual Meeting. We hope to bring the Health Disparities Travel Scholarship back in future years. The committee is looking for more

ways to fund the scholarship for the 2024 SRNT annual conference (Because 2023 is planned as an international meeting we will be unable to provide travel support due to restrictions by our potential funders).

EVALUATION SUBCOMMITTEE REPORT

Goal #1: Evaluate HDN pre-conference workshops.

The subcommittee conducted a Pre-Conference Workshop Attendee Survey between March-May 2021. This survey aimed to evaluate the perceived impact of attendance at one or more pre-conference workshops (between 2015-2019) sponsored by HDN on fostering health-disparities-related collaborations and research among workshop attendees. Questions included which specific workshop(s) they attended and whether they made new collaborative partnerships, co-authored manuscripts, participated in grant applications jointly with others in part, or resulted from, their attendance of the workshops. We also collected demographic information of respondents (type of institution, professional role, career state, gender identity, sexual orientation, race, and ethnicity). We distributed the survey to 135 individuals who attended one or more network-sponsored pre-conference workshops using the registration contact information provided within the last five years and recontacted individuals who had moved to different institutions if available. We received responses from 33 individuals and



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presented the findings from the survey at the September HDN Advisory Committee meeting. The information collected will be used to guide the Network's planning of future workshops and are being prepared as a commentary for submission to NTR.

Goal #2: Describing collaborations among HDN pre-conference workshops attendees.

The subcommittee is pursuing a new initiative to conduct a co-authorship social network analysis to describe the collaborations (e.g., publications and research grants) among the attendees, as a way to demonstrate the potential impact of the workshops in fostering new research partnerships. We solicited volunteers through the HDN volunteers survey and received three respondents who indicated their interests in implementing this effort. We are reaching out to these volunteers to determine the scope of work and timeline for conducting this analysis in the coming year.

Goal #3: Evaluate the It's Just Coffee program.

The Evaluation committee discussed over the past year with the Scholarship & Development subcommittee potential research questions focusing on evaluating the longer-term impacts of the program and formulating a survey to collect participants' (mentors and mentees) perceived impact of the program on new collaborations such as continued mentorship beyond IJC, grants, papers, and new collaborations or projects. The objectives of the evaluation will

focus on mentors' and mentees' interest in a longer-term commitment or collaborative relationship, and what were the impacts of the IJC program they expected and experienced following their participation. Qualitative experiences from two mentor/mentee pairs were featured in the HDN newsletter in 2021 (see below) and their responses will inform the quantitative evaluation.

COMMUNICATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE REPORT

Overview

In 2021, the Communications subcommittee was re-launched after a 2-year hiatus with a new team (2 co-chairs and 2 operation coordinators). Since then, we have conducted planning meetings and grown our team to include a new Social Media operations coordinator. The team regularly disseminates products that facilitate information sharing and collaboration among the Network members. To this effect we have expanded our communication efforts considerably including:

- 1) Launching an official Twitter channel for the network called @DisparitiesSRNT
- 2) Expanding our member Spotlight series
- 3) Launching a monthly newsletter called "Health Disparities Publications & More"
- 4) Integrating communications by promoting our internal products (member Spotlights, It's Just Coffee Spotlights, the newsletter) on our Twitter channel and promoting our Twitter channel on all internal communications.

Goal #1: Develop a more robust social media presence.

Twitter. The Communications Subcommittee launched @DisparitiesSRNT (<https://twitter.com/disparitiessrnt>), the official Twitter channel for our network in May 2021. Since then, we have gained over 108 followers. We post both original content and information created by other partners, which is retweeted. Original content includes Twitter-friendly versions (created using Canva by our social media operations coordinator) of our members and It's Just Coffee spotlights, monthly newsletters, and other internal communication products. Additionally, we have engaged network volunteers to provide original content related to health disparities that would interest and engage membership. Finally, we also use our channel to announce upcoming webinars, meetings, deadlines, and other relevant information. These initiatives are efforts to increase member engagement and information dissemination.

Goal # 2: Develop and implement a monthly/quarterly newsletter for our members to include publications and other content.

In July 2021, we began our monthly newsletter entitled "Health Disparities Publications & More." The newsletter primarily highlights new health disparities journal publications, categorized by populations of interest. It also includes information on webinars, funding announcements, or events that may interest



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members. The newsletter is shared on the Network listserv, Twitter, and the website. We continue to publish the newsletter monthly, and it has received positive feedback from members and SRNT leadership.

Other Activities

Spotlight series. Spotlights are profiles and Q&As of a Network member highlighting their work advancing the field of tobacco-related health disparities. The Spotlights are shared through the email listserv, Twitter, and the network webpage. In 2021, we expanded our Spotlight series substantially:

- 1) We increased the number of member spotlights from 1 to 2 per quarter. This year, we featured the following several members in our Spotlights: Drs. Asti Jackson, Jaqueline Avila, Sam Cwalina, Mary Andrews, Lilianna Phan, and Ollie Ganz. Beginning in August we began highlighting spotlights on our Twitter channel.
- 2) We started a new spotlight feature collaborating with our Scholarship and Development Subcommittee to highlight our signature It's Just Coffee program on our Twitter channel. We disseminated Spotlights on two participant mentor-mentee pairs who previously participated in the It's Just Coffee program, Drs. Shyanika Rose and Julia Chen-Sankey, and Drs. Robbie Schnoll and Randi Williams. Spotlight nominees provided information on the benefits of the It's Just Coffee program to their career growth as tobacco control researchers.

- 3) We created ad-hoc member Spotlights of members' participation in important events. In October 2021, we created a Spotlight highlighting the work of Dr. Patricia Nez Henderson, SRNT members, and the Navajo Nation in the passage of the historic Navajo Nation smoke-free law, the "Níłch' Éí Bee Íná – Air is Life Act of 2021".

Integrating communications. This year we worked to integrate and link our communications products, including the member Spotlights, It's Just Coffee Spotlights, and the newsletter. For example, we now promote the newsletters on Twitter, and include the Twitter handle in our communications. In this way, our products are more unified and more publicized to the Network members we serve.

The Communications Subcommittee also works with SRNT leadership, the Advisory Committee, and other subcommittees in maintaining the public-facing and members-only sections of the SRNT website.

ADDITIONAL INTEGRATION/ COLLABORATION ACROSS SRNT

SRNT-U: The HDN AC met with SRNT-U representatives to discuss ways to enhance the health disparities/health equity content of SRNT-U and keep information up-to-date. We were able to highlight the information on SRNT-U in our monthly newsletter as well as send our newsletter with relevant curated content to SRNT-U as a way to engage in a bi-directional exchange of information.

Trainee Network: HDN co-chairs along with co-chairs of other networks participated in an event for the trainee network in order to introduce the network to new members and provide opportunities for trainees to volunteer with the network.

Policy Network: As noted, the Training and Development subcommittee partnered with the Policy network to expand the It's Just Coffee program to two tracks.

SRNT Volunteers: HDN co-chairs held two meetings for individuals who volunteered for the HDN as part of the Volunteer Survey. Interested individuals have been referred to the various subcommittees and are being integrated into network activities.

ONWARDS...

We are very thankful for all the advisory committee members, operations coordinators, other volunteers, speakers, and network members who volunteered their time and effort to make 2021 a meaningful and successful year for the SRNT Health Disparities Network. We will match these efforts as we move onward, facilitating innovative science and disseminating findings to reduce and eliminate tobacco use disparities globally. We plan to seek your input in early 2022 on a possible name change for our Network emphasizing health equity. We also wish that all of you stay well and safe, and we will overcome this pandemic and strive for health equity, together.



Policy Research Network

Network Co-chairs: Allison Glasser, MPH and Elise Stevens, PhD

No. of Members: 429

ADMINISTRATIVE STRUCTURE

The Policy Research Network's mission is to:

- Provide networking, educational, and professional development opportunities for SRNT members working in the area of policy research.
- Provide guidance to the SRNT Board and committees as necessary to better inform programs and/or discussions that address policy research.
- Undertake projects that contribute to the evidence base on policy research.

LEADERSHIP

- Co-Chairs: Elise Stevens, Allison Glasser
- Advisory Committee: Andrew Barnes, Richard Edwards, Martin Dockrell, Shannon Gravely, Olivia Maynard, Alex Liber, Andrew Seidenberg
- Education Subcommittee: Alex Liber (co-chair), Shannon Gravely (co-chair), Richard Edwards, Kristina Hunter-Mullis, David Colston, Pete Driezen, Janine Ouimet, Karin Kasza, Barbara Schillo
- Communications Subcommittee: Andrew Seidenberg (chair), Emily Donovan, Minal Patel, Stephanie Yoon, Dale Mantey
- SRNT-U Liaison: Shannon Gravely
- Operations Coordinator: Katie East (AC), Loren Kock (Education Subcommittee)

NETWORK ACTIVITIES

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

Network Management

- Bi-monthly meetings with our Network Advisory Committee to discuss emerging issues or opportunities, provide input into subcommittee activities, monitor progress, and discuss ideas for the upcoming year.
- One full network virtual meeting in May where we reported on our activities for the previous year, requested and received input from network members on their ideas for network activities.
- Recruited for multiple volunteer positions on our leadership team.

Communication Subcommittee Activities

- Evaluated the Network's monthly policy bulletin for engagement, and, based on results, decided to continue disseminating the bulletin. Expanded the bulletin to include studies from a greater number of peer-reviewed journals. Management of bulletin transitioned to Andrew Seidenberg.
- Added a quarterly member spotlight managed by Dale Mantey.
- Maintained Policy Research Network webpages.

Education Subcommittee Activities

- During the Network's annual meeting in May, we collected feedback on priority educational topics for 2021.
- Held a webinar in June entitled "Commercial Tobacco Endgame Strategies: Perspectives on How to Successfully End the Tobacco Epidemic." The webinar was recorded and will be posted on SRNT-U's website.

Virtual Events

- Converted our 2020 pre-conference workshop proposal into a virtual event held in October. This event was entitled, "Spatial Analysis of Tobacco Retailers: Implications for Regulation and Reducing Disparities." The event was recorded and will be posted on SRNT-U's website.
- Coordinated a symposium that was presented at the 2021 SRNT annual meeting entitled "Paving the Road with the Best Intentions Still Lead Us Here: (Negative) Unintended Consequences of Tobacco Regulatory Policies Across Products and Populations."

PLANNED 2022 ACTIVITIES

- Create a poster tour to highlight policy research relevant posters at the 2022 SRNT annual meeting.
- Host a virtual Network meeting following the SRNT annual meeting.



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- Host one-on-one networking opportunities for Network members.
- Continue the monthly bulletin and member spotlight.
- Recruit new Advisory Committee and Subcommittee members as needed.
- Identify and host at least one virtual education event for SRNT members.
- The education committee is organizing a webinar for January/Feb2022: “Sabotaging the cigarette: Methods and Ethical Considerations”
- Propose a symposium and/or pre-conference workshop for the 2023 annual meeting.
- Complete 2022 activity planning process with Advisory Committee in February. Preliminary ideas include improving and fostering diversity and inclusivity in Committee leadership, membership and activities, and pursuing mentorship opportunities for our early-career researcher members. As plans are developed, identify ways to engage with other networks in planned activities.



Trainee Network

Co-chairs: Maria Parker, PhD and Rachel Rosen

No. of Members: 325

The Trainee Network Advisory Committee (TNAC) has been actively working throughout 2021 to develop and plan programs offered to trainees throughout the year and during the in-person 2022 SRNT Conference. Our programs focus on increasing opportunities for professional development, collaboration, as well as acquisition and dissemination of scientific knowledge. To facilitate these tasks, TNAC meets monthly via Zoom and connects via e-mail/Slack to discuss projects as needed. Our projects reflect our mission to support an emerging generation of tobacco scientists. We have focused on cross-network collaboration and increasing access to leaders in the field who provide mentoring on research, authorship, and grantsmanship.

ADMINISTRATIVE STRUCTURE

This year Dr. Maria Parker and Rachel Rosen served as Co-Chairs. Dr. Suchitra Krishnan-Sarin served as our Senior Investigator/Scientific Advisor on an ad hoc basis. Alaa Alsaafin served as our Network Operations Coordinator. Our committee members for 2021 were Dana Rubenstein, Emily Loud, Jessica Powers, JuHan (John) Lee, Mathew Olonoff, Nancy Jao, Ban Majeed, and Omar El-Shahawy.

ACTIVITIES TO-DATE

- **Communications:** We have continued our e-mail communications with trainees throughout the year via the SRNT trainee listserv. We utilize this platform to distribute career development opportunities as well as promote SRNT trainee achievements that may include original articles or essays on topics relevant to career development, trainee awards, accomplishments, and research findings through our bi-annual newsletter. This is also a platform to remind our members about SRNT-U content. We will produce and distribute our annual Trainee's Guide to the Annual Meeting for our 2022 conference.
- **Journal Club:** We have hosted a Journal Club with the Treatment Network that was moderated by Dr. Stuart Ferguson (University of Tasmania) and Jessica Powers (Syracuse University). During this meeting, the article was summarized by the moderators, followed by active discussion among the attendees. The Journal Club project is a collaborative effort across all SRNT networks and is intended to promote critical and evaluative skills and foster collaboration between attendees. We plan to host our next Journal Club with the Adolescent Network.
- **Trainee Liaison:** We met with the other SRNT networks to discuss how to increase trainee involvement and knowledge of their activities. A trainee liaison was proposed so that each network has a trainee on their advisory committee. This person will keep the Trainee Network apprised of all relevant events or undertakings occurring during the year.
- **Grantsmanship Webinar:** We will be hosting a webinar in April 2022 that includes a panel discussion from individuals at different stages in their academic journey: graduate student, postdoctoral fellow, early-career investigator, and senior researcher. During this event, the panelists will share their success stories, offer tips on how to write successful applications, and answer attendee questions about the grant writing process. We will accompany this webinar with a one-pager document on grant resources from several countries.



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2022 ANNUAL CONFERENCE EVENTS

- **Network Meet and Greet:** Right before our annual conference, we plan to coordinate an event for SRNT trainees with all of the networks. The aim is to introduce each of the networks so that at the conference, trainees can attend the network meetings.
- **Mentored Poster Program:** Our reoccurring Mentored Poster Program matches trainees with senior investigators to facilitate mentorship and networking at the annual meeting. A group of selected trainees presenting a first-authored poster is matched with a senior investigator, who provides feedback on the research study and presentation during the poster session. We continue to offer guidelines for trainees and mentors participating in this program to facilitate the interaction. We will identify mentees and mentors through the conference registration portal. This event occurs throughout the conference.
- **Mixer:** We are excited to host another successful mixer at the conference to allow trainees, investigators, and like-minded researchers to network and potentially collaborate!



Treatment Research Network

Network Co-Chairs: Michael Businelle, PhD and Andrea Weinberger, PhD

No. of Members: 435

ADMINISTRATIVE STRUCTURE

Advisory Committee

Treatment Research Network Advisory Committee Members for 2021 were Andrea Weinberger (co-chair), Michael Businelle (co-chair), Steven Bernstein, Erika Bloom, Krysten Bold, Audrey Darville, Stuart Ferguson, Darla Kendzor, and Anna-Marie Marshall (Operations Coordinator). The Treatment Research Network Advisory Committee continued to meet monthly to provide high-level guidance for all Treatment Research Network activities.

- Andrea Weinberger and Steven Bernstein will end their terms on the Advisory Committee in March 2022
- Andrea Weinberger will end her term as the Co-Chair for the Advisory Committee in March 2022
- Krysten Bold will start her term as the new Co-Chair for the Advisory Committee in March 2022

Upcoming Committee Chair Members

- Adam Alexander, PhD – Assistant Professor, TSET Health Promotion Research Center, University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center, Oklahoma, USA; Adam-Alexander@ouhsc.edu
- Virmarie Correa-Fernandez, PhD – Associate Professor, Department of Psychological, Health, and Learning Sciences, University of Houston, Houston, USA, vcorreaf@Central.UH.EDU

- Felix Naughton, PhD – Associate Professor, Department of Health Psychology, University of East Anglia, Norwich, UK, F.Naughton@uea.ac.uk
- Hayden McRobbie, MB, ChB, PhD – Professor, National Drug and Alcohol Research Centre, UNSW Sydney, New Zealand, h.mcrobbie@unsw.edu.au

Subcommittees

- Communications Subcommittee: Eli Klemperer (chair), Christine Sheffer, Gemma Taylor, Sabrina Kastaun, Loren Kock, Alina Shevorykin, and Sarah Tonkin (Operations Coordinator). Erika Bloom will end her term on the Communications Subcommittee in January 2022
- Education Subcommittee: Virmarie Correa-Fernández (co-chair), Adrienne Johnson (co-chair), and Cara Murphy (co-chair). Virmarie Correa-Fernández will end her term on the Education Subcommittee in March 2022. Christine Vinci will start her term on the Education Subcommittee in March 2022.

WORKING GROUPS

Treatment Research Network working groups published the following papers this year:

- Palmer AM, Rojewski AM, Chen LS, Fucito LM, Galiatsatos P, Kathuria H, Land SR, Morgan GD, Ramsey AT, Richter KP, Wen X, Toll BA. Tobacco Treatment Program

Models in US Hospitals and Outpatient Centers on Behalf of the SRNT Treatment Network. *Chest*. 2021;159(4):1652-1663. doi: 10.1016/j.chest.2020.11.025.

- Palmer AM, Toll BA, Carpenter MJ, Donny EC, Hatsukami DK, Rojewski AM, Smith TT, Sofuoglu M, Thrul J, Benowitz NL. Reappraising Choice in Addiction: Novel Conceptualizations and Treatments for Tobacco Use Disorder. *Nicotine Tob Res*. 2021. doi: 10.1093/ntr/ntab148. Epub ahead of print.
- Salloum RG, Rojewski AM, Piper ME, Blalock JA, Borrelli B, Boyce LM, Minnix JA, Dogar O, Tomko RL, Jorenby DE, Kotsen C, Ostroff JS; Treatment Fidelity Workgroup of the SRNT Treatment Network. Reporting Treatment Fidelity in Behavioral Tobacco Treatment Clinical Trials: Scoping Review and Measurement Recommendations. *Nicotine Tob Res*. 2021 doi: 10.1093/ntr/ntab140. Epub ahead of print.
- Weinberger AH, Steinberg ML, Mills SD, Dermody SS, Heffner JL, Kong AY, Pang RD, Rosen RL. Assessing sex, gender identity, sexual orientation, race, ethnicity, socioeconomic status, and mental health concerns in tobacco use disorder treatment research: Measurement challenges and recommendations from a Society for Research on Nicotine and Tobacco (SRNT) pre-conference workshop. *Nicotine Tob Res*. 2021. doi: 10.1093/ntr/ntab201. Online ahead of print.



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Treatment Research Network working groups are currently working on the following projects:

- Strategies for analyzing longitudinal data in clinical trials of tobacco dependence treatment. Authors: Statistical Analyses of Abstinence Outcomes Working Group: George Kypriotakis, Steven Bernstein, Krysten Bold, James Dziura, Donald Hedeker, Robin J. Mermelstein, and Andrea H. Weinberger.
- Biochemical Verification paper. Authors: Brandon Sanford, Krysten Bold, Michael Businelle, Stephanie Land, Nancy Rigotti, Andrea Weinberger, and Benjamin Toll.

SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS

Two special interest groups were active and had Facebook pages in 2021:

1. SRNT mHealth Interest Group: Michael Businelle and Bryan Heckman (chairs), 112 Facebook members
2. SRNT Financial Incentives Interest Group: Darla Kendzor and Allison Kurti (chairs), 45 Facebook members

SRNT PRE-CONFERENCE WORKSHOP

The Treatment Research Network Advisory Committee sponsored the following pre-conference workshop submission, which was accepted for presentation, for the 2022 SRNT Annual Meeting. Due to the virtual nature of

the pre-conference workshops, and the fact that the workshops are being presented following the conference, this preconference workshop will be submitted for the 2023 meeting with the goal of being able to present it in-person as part of the conference.

Title: Dissemination and Commercialization of Digital Smoking Cessation Products and Services

Chair: Erika Litvin Bloom, PhD

Presenters: Erika Litvin Bloom, PhD; Michael Businelle, PhD; Darla Kendzor, PhD; Chris Bullen, PhD; Sherry McKee, PhD; Will Aklin, PhD; Marcy Fitz-Randolph, DO, MPH

COMMUNICATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE ACTIVITIES

The Communications Subcommittee focuses on building membership within the Treatment Research Network and using the Network Listserv and social media to share tobacco treatment-related content to members. Key 2021 activities included:

- Listserv communication: Continued to focus on sustaining engagement with the listserv. Subcommittee members encouraged communication by posting NTR treatment related papers, other treatment-related papers published by network members, relevant material from SRNT-U, and questions to generate discussion.
- Connecting symposium presenters:

We put out a call for individuals who wanted to present at SRNT and symposia organizers who were in need of presenters. We then posted the list of interested presenters and symposia organizers to increase symposia submissions to SRNT.

- Feedback on pre-prints: We have put out a call for pre-prints and will begin sending pre-prints to the listserv to encourage treatment research network members to provide feedback.
- Anonymous questions: We launched a portal for individuals to anonymously submit questions that will then be posted to the listserv to encourage participation and engage individuals who are deterred by publicly posting questions.

- Social Media communication: SRNT Treatment Network twitter handle: @TreatmentSRNT, used for sharing posts related to tobacco treatment and new research. Maintaining a google doc with twitter handles and over 110 treatment network members have added their twitter handle.
- Twitter summary for 2021 (managed by Alina Shevorykin):
 - 133 tweets/retweets
 - 43,769 impressions from our tweets
 - 7,278 visited our profile
 - 111 new followers
 - 141 mentions



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- We continued Treatment Research Network Member Spotlights, to introduce and spotlight different treatment researchers. In 2021, two Treatment Research Network spotlights were completed and a third is currently underway. Spotlights are sent out in the listserv and will be posted on the Treatment Research Network webpage.

EDUCATION SUBCOMMITTEE ACTIVITIES

The Education Subcommittee worked to provide educational activities of interest to the Treatment Research Network and broader SRNT membership. Key educational activities in 2021 included the following webinars:

04/14/21 – Dr. Jessica Barrington-Trimis and Dr. Grace Kong - Treating E-Cigarette Use in Young Adults (Dr. Jessica Cook moderated).

10/14/21 – Dr. Patricia Cioe and Dr. Lauren Pacek - Kicking the Habit: Innovative Interventions for Smoking Cessation in People with HIV who Smoke (Dr. Cara Murphy moderated).

11/18/21 – Dr. Marlon Mundt and Dr. Megan Piper - How and Why to Include Health Economics in Tobacco Treatment Research (Dr. Adrienne Johnson moderated).

OTHER NETWORK ACTIVITIES

Following the SRNT 2021 conference, two virtual Treatment Research Network member meetings

were held with approximately 25-30 members attending each meeting. The leadership and volunteers for the Treatment Research Network for the 2020-2021 year were recognized and a number of new paper and webinar ideas were suggested.

Members of the advisory committee provided support and content to SRNT-U. The Education Subcommittee worked with SRNT-U to put together lists of important articles related to webinar topics which were posted on SRNT-U and distributed through the Treatment Research Network listserv prior to each webinar.

The Treatment Research Network co-chairs met with the co-chairs of the Trainee Network to discuss ways to increase collaboration between the two networks and encourage trainees to be involved in Treatment Research Network activities.

The Treatment Research Network co-chairs met with the SRNT Racial Equity Task Force. We discussed ways to talk about equality and ensuring we consider racial equality in membership of the advisory committee. More discussions with the SRNT Racial Equity Task Force will occur over time.

Based on an SRNT survey on volunteerism, we received the names of several Treatment Research Network members who were interested in becoming more involved in the network.

These individuals were contacted with volunteer opportunities.

PLANS FOR 2022

For the upcoming year, the Treatment Research Network will continue to provide educational webinars, offer pre-conference workshops at the annual conference, and run the two special interest groups. Specifically, the Treatment Research Network will sponsor multiple webinars focused on the state of science and up-to-date research on treatments that work with understudied populations of individuals who smoke/use tobacco (e.g., LGBTQ+, pregnant women, low income/education, racial/ethnic minorities). Webinar presenters will be leaders in the field that focus on these topics and our goal will be to make these presentations available on SRNT-U. The Treatment Research Network will sponsor new papers relevant to treatment research and support current working groups which will work towards publishing manuscripts in 2022 and engaging like-minded members. The Treatment Research Network will put efforts into recruiting a diverse range of Network members to volunteer for subcommittees and leadership roles.



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