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President's Report

Patricia Nez Hendersen, MD

Yá'át'ééh (Greetings), Colleagues, members, partners, and distinguished members of the board from e Sápa (Black Hills of South Dakota)—the ancestral, traditional, and contemporary lands of the Oceti Sakowin, which means Seven Council Fires and the proper name for the Lakota, Dakota, and Nakota Sioux peoples.

It is my honor and privilege to present to you the executive report covering the year 2022, for the Society for Research on Nicotine and Tobacco (SRNT). This past year represents a significant acknowledgement for the members of SRNT who have continued with their contributions, and commitment to SRNT. As always, SRNT members were dedicated to scientific excellence and public health as we convened in our circles and networks and pursued our cause.

One of our achievements was led by the Health Equity Network, presenting to the FDA SRNT recommendations on the proposed rules to prohibit mental cigarettes and flavored cigars. As a scientific group, our endeavor is to assist government agencies by generating and presenting new information to aid in their consideration of facts and findings. SRNT has risen to the challenge with compelling scientific data to protect the public.

As a scientific society we must look at ourselves and consider how our own processes and work contributes, or otherwise, to inequities. To this end during 2022, we established the Racial Equity Committee led by Raglan Maddox of Australia. Diversity is at the core of this committee and

to this end the group consists of Priti Bandi, Kelvin Choi, Lani Teddy, Michelle Kennedy, Megan Piper, Mignon Guy, Hershel Clark and Josephine Hinds. Their collective experiences reflect an array of peoples, culture, heritage, and ancestry from the world over.

This past year it was vitally incumbent for us to register SRNT as a trademark. This arduous task was critical as our name and recognition were being compromised by others without our knowledge and consent. We now have our name and organization officially recorded. It substantiates our presence and future constancy.

The SRNT continues to expand its spheres of interest with eight networks, each of which comprise leaders in their areas of skill and expertise. Each network enhances SRNT as we drive cutting edge science and public health. The SRNT European Chapter is equally specialized in studying the effects in their locale in the reaches of Europe. The focus of SRNT Oceania continue to strive for reductions and increases in cessation, especially among Indigenous peoples. For example, Indigenous peoples called for Tupeka Kore (commercial tobacco free) country and to move away from individual blame to the 'true source of the problem: commercial tobacco and the Tobacco Industry'. Honoring this, a landmark piece of Smokefree legislation passed in Aotearoa/New Zealand Parliament to ultimately eliminate the harm commercial smoked tobacco products causes communities by transforming Aotearoa New Zealand to be smokefree.

As SRNT grows in its members, we welcome the Tobacco Regulatory Science Work Group, whose primary role involves the study of existing regulations, evaluation, and determines what can be modified or added in all general and specific population areas. We look forward to the group working with our chapters, networks, and committees to formulate recommendations for regulatory agencies. It is a challenge which requires involvement and input across the SRNT.

In my time as President, I have valued the sound and rigorous environment which underpins our work. SRNT is able to focus its work through international connectedness, committed resources, diverse scientific disciplines, public health professionals and members from across globe. Through this work we can strive for a healthier and safer environment for all. I pledged that I would "strengthen the SRNT community by elevating the voices of those we serve." As SRNT and the Indigenous Circle have been a significant part of my professional career in public health, I emphasized the importance for inclusivity in scientific research.

Throughout our history, growth and professional development has and continues to serve the core of our work. We have diversified our membership requiring us to adapt our practices so that we remain relevant to our diverse membership. We have grown simply by purposing to learn from one another. By doing this we strive to create safe spaces to share and discuss our work. I emphasize this is as it is an essential foundation for our research.



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In my personal circle of the world, where my Indigenous heritage is enriched with a long pathway of emerging and history of innovation in the face of colonization, I wanted to delve much deeper into the distinguishing between our sacred use of indigenous plants we have used throughout the centuries and a commercial industry that has appropriated and commodified this plant as a recreational product that now has a stranglehold on our populations. Like any new research, exploration, challenge, and commitment are required. This is precisely what I have proposed in the last 22 years.

Many of us have defined this challenge as (re)claiming what is ours. It is to recall, rescue, and restore what we previously knew and adhered to before the commercialized pollution from the industry. To do it right, we pledged to work with our Indigenous Traditional Healers and Knowledge Holders of sacred and esoteric means and ways. We captured a depth of old knowledges from them as we found newness in practices that were nearly dormant. As science and public health worked alongside our spiritual Knowledge Keepers, our worlds intersected. Steeped in teaching and/or (re)learning, we are now (re)claiming a traditional use and practice from the danger of being lost.

Today, I am deeply grateful for SRNT and our Indigenous scientists, researchers, students, and community members to establishing an Indigenous Circle within our organization. It is a bold initiative that has proven to be so purpose-driven. We have learned from one another. We have exchanged and imparted the value

from our parts of the world and our respective Nations to one another. This is exactly the part of discovery, many times in finding what is right in front of us. Just as colonization has suppressed people groups and cultures, the industry has (re)exploited our populations and homes, fueling death and disease.

Reclaiming what is original, from a beginning that goes back so far from what we are learning, has been our sojourn. The new discoveries in 2022 are the culmination of our work. SRNT has contributed by giving us some safety and enriching the voices of the Indigenous Circle.

It is my privilege to thank the members of the Indigenous Circle of SRNT from around the world who have given of their expertise across the sciences, yet with their own uniqueness from their experiences and significance, including cultural significance. As you continue with your commitment to SRNT, my reaffirmation of what you're already doing is to connect with as many others in your homelands to invigorate new talent for a future of new scientists. Doing so by growing your respective roles by recruiting, developing, and sharing your profession and experiences.

It is equally important for me to give profound gratitude to my colleagues who serve on the Board of Directors. (Megan Piper – Past President, Chris Bullen, Jennifer McClure – Secretary/Treasurer, Billie Bonevski – SRNT-Oceania Representative, Olivia Maynard – SRNT-Europe Representative, Lisa Fucito – North American Representative, Joanna Cohen – Member At Large). You bring a groundswell of wealth and experience to

SRNT, as you drive us to excellence. You lead by example with new advances and approaches in our professions, by your challenges and vision and to new discoveries. As the core of this group, you grant from your professional capital. The unseen are the hours, the energy, and the resources you commit in elevating our roles so that each member is empowered in doing more. Champions are made when nobody is watching.

My experience in working and collaborating with each of you is your strength and that you purpose your all as you give to SRNT. It is commendable. Yet it is so much more. You are the antithesis, the counter to the affront by a conglomerate of exploitation whose only truth is the pursuit of wealth and who are continually attempting to reshape their theories in growing their markets and misleading another generation. You bring your arsenal of data, research, quantification, and science coupled with your expertise in your respective fields. Finally, I would like to thank our Executive Director Bruce Wheeler and his team. They are credited in maintaining an executive office with exemplary dedication and unfolding solidarity in our mission.

It is my honor to have served as your President. It is a first for SRNT and Indigenous peoples. As the first Indigenous President with this prestigious opportunity on the international stage, we have increased our capacity and strived to reach goals and achievements together, achievements that you have made possible. My fellow colleagues, I join all of you as we look forward to Chris Bullen, our next SRNT President, and to the Board of Directors in where we will go in 2023.



President's Report

2021-2022 Board of Directors



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Bruce Wheeler
Executive Director
Ex Officio Board Member



Treasurer's Report

Jennifer McClure, PhD

It is my pleasure to share an update on the Society's finances. I know many of you are concerned about the fiscal vitality of the Society, so I will cut to the chase: SRNT continues to be financially sound, even though the pandemic has taken a toll on our financial reserves.

2022 PERFORMANCE RELATIVE TO BUDGET

We started the year with a target year-end deficit of approximately -\$126,000. Currently, we project that once all income and expenses are reconciled for 2022, we will end the year with a deficit of approximately -\$154,000. The key driver of this projected deficit is an unrealized overall investment loss of approximately \$100,000. This loss reflects the difference in the market value of our stock and bond investments between December 31, 2021 and December 31, 2022. While this is not an actual (or realized) loss, we are required to document this loss in our year-end financial report.

If we look at our anticipated 2022 expenses and income without factoring in the unrealized investment losses, we project a more modest deficit to budget of approximately -\$52,000. In other words, we performed better relative to our budget than planned.

Both of these perspectives are important to understanding our financial position and performance this past year.

EXPECTED YEAR END INCOME AND EXPENSES

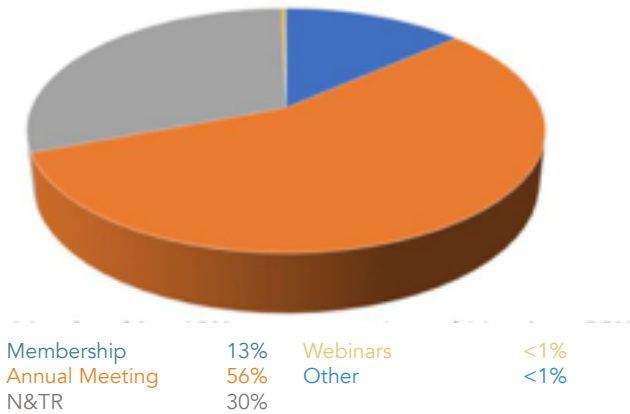
Based on year-end actuals as of December 31, 2022 plus additional anticipated income from Oxford University Press that we expect to receive later in Q1 2023, we expect our total income for 2022 will be approximately \$1.32 million

The Society's main sources of revenue in 2022 were: (a) membership dues, (b) the Annual Meeting, (c) journal (NTR) royalties, and (d) conference grants. We also brought in a small amount of income (approximately \$3,000) through paid webinars and some additional income from a variety of other sources.

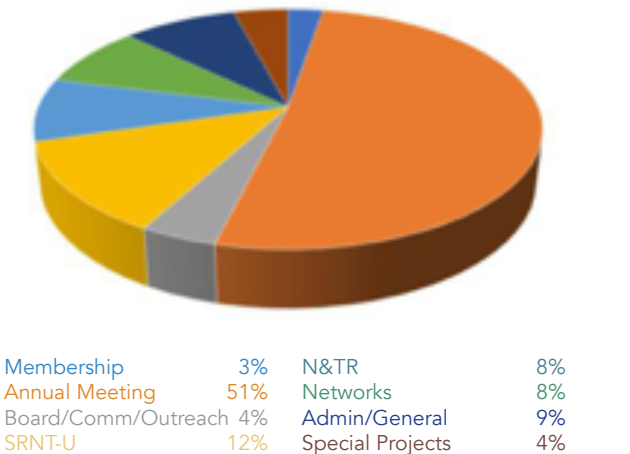
Total expenses for 2022 are expected to be approximately \$1.37 million, not including unrealized investment losses.

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. Priorities for other financial support in 2022 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 NTR, and (d) other special projects.

2022 Preliminary Income Estimate



2022 Preliminary Expense Estimate





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PLANNING FOR 2023

As of December 31, 2022, SRNT's total financial assets in cash and equities were approximately \$1,194,000.

Assuming we see similar Annual Meeting participation in 2023 as we did in 2022, projected income this coming year is expected to be approximately \$1,277,000. Total projected 2023 expenses based on the budget approved by the Board in January 2023 are approximately \$1,400,000. Consequently, we are once again projecting a modest deficit relative to the approved operating budget for 2023 (-\$123,000). Our actual year-end financial performance could differ, depending primarily on the success of the 2023 Annual Meeting and the performance of our investments.

To prevent an even larger deficit, the Board recently approved increasing 2023 membership and registration fees for most members and it plans to reduce administrative staffing/costs when we renegotiate our contract with The Rees Group this summer. These changes will help ensure we remain on stable financial footing as we head into 2024 and prepare for the Annual

Meeting in Scotland, but will not reduce support for the Annual Meeting, networks, journal or other key member services.

BOTTOM LINE

Please note, the numbers in this report are estimates until all 2022 income and expenses have been reconciled. But, based on our current assets and the anticipated success of the 2022 Annual Meeting based on current registrations, we believe SRNT is well positioned financially for 2023. However, our continued vitality in 2024 and beyond will depend our performance in the coming year and the extent to which we continue to draw down our reserves. The Board has taken reasonable actions to reduce costs and increase income this year, and they will continue to monitor our resources and take additional actions, if needed.

As in recent years, I will give you another update on our finances mid-year, once we have reconciled our income and expenses from the meeting in San Antonio.

A FINAL NOTE – THANK YOU!

I would like to thank our Finance Committee (Megan Piper, Tom Northrup, and Bruce Wheeler) and Vicki Brewer and Erica Kokonis, our accountants with TRG, for all of their hard work over the past year. I'm also grateful for the trust you placed in me by electing me to serve as Treasurer for a second term. Finally, I'd like to thank all of you for your continued support of the Society and our mission to stimulate the generation and dissemination of new knowledge concerning nicotine in all its manifestations.

I look forward to seeing you in San Antonio!



Executive Director's Report

Bruce Wheeler

At what point does a membership association reach maturity?

SRNT made it through its formative years when it celebrated its 10th anniversary in 2004. Was SRNT mature at that point? Not quite yet.

SRNT had made it through its teens when it celebrated its 20th anniversary in 2014. Mature now? Definitely on the way!

The Society will have made it through its own Roaring 20s when we celebrate SRNT's 30th anniversary next year in Edinburgh! I think, at 30, SRNT will be well and truly mature—if it's not already. Two Chapters, eight topical Networks, six operational Committees, a respected scientific journal, and online educational platform would certainly suggest we've made it!

Heading into 2024's auspicious anniversary, I thought it would be nice to take a brief walk down memory lane. Therefore, I reached out to a few Past Presidents and asked them to give me just a memory or two from their time in office—anything about the Society, the field, whatever came to mind.

Here, then, are those memories, moments in time of a beloved membership association on its road to maturity.

NEAL BENOWITZ, 1996-1997

I was one of the founding members of SRNT in 1994. There were about 100 of us. SRNT was the first organization to bring together researchers

in diverse areas of nicotine and tobacco research as well as public health practitioners.

I was fortunate enough to serve as SRNT's third president from 1996 to 1997. Big issues in the field at that time included presentation of animal models of nicotine self-administration and dependence, demonstrating the key roles of dopamine and endogenous opioids in nicotine reward. The phenomenon of chippers who were non-daily smokers but who were unable to quit smoking was described. The idea that smokers smoked for different rewards was discussed, with implications for individualized smoking cessation therapy. Some of the potential beneficial effects of nicotine such as in schizophrenia and Alzheimer's disease were being explored. The first harm reduction ideas were presented, including the idea of nicotine medication to reduce smoking and the first heat not burn devices – Premier and Eclipse. Innovative smoking cessation medication approaches such as combination NRT and bupropion were presented. Some of the early studies on the genetics of nicotine dependence, including rate of nicotine metabolism and studies on the genetic epidemiology of smoking initiation and quitting were conducted. This research was exciting and pioneering for many of our current cornerstones of understanding and treating tobacco dependence.

SRNT as a society was beginning to mature. At the annual meeting in 1997 in Nashville, we now had 300 attendees, as opposed to 100 at the initial meeting. SRNT began to address the question of

whether employees of tobacco companies could be members. The SRNT Board and membership decided that SRNT membership would require endorsement of that they would support the goals of the Society, including "...encourage research on public health efforts for the prevention and treatment of cigarette smoking and tobacco use." In 1997 SRNT began exploring the possibility of publishing a scientific journal, *Nicotine & Tobacco Research*, which was established the following year.

While I had been active in several research societies previously, SRNT is different. As a physician, pharmacologist and toxicologist, I was looking to do research on drug action in people and to translate relevant findings to patient care and public health. SRNT provided the perfect group of professionals from whom I could learn and with whom I could collaborate – experts ranging in areas from basic nicotine science to behavioral pharmacology to tobacco treatment research to public health policy. SRNT has been a catalyst for many friendships with colleagues from around the world, and continues to provide a terrific forum for education and collaboration which I cherish.

DOROTHY HASUKAMI, 1999-2000

During my tenure as SRNT President, we were in the midst of reorganizing after learning that SRNT had been embezzled by our management company. As a result, we had no venue for the annual meeting, no one to manage SRNT and limited funds for running



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a scientific organization. This was not what I had envisioned. However, we succeeded in hiring an excellent management company that became Rees Group, Inc. and found a meeting venue in Crystal City, VA. Through the generosity of several government agencies and the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, funds were raised to sponsor workgroups and scientific papers evolving around treatment outcome measures for adults and adolescents, biomarkers for smoking abstinence, and tobacco harm reduction. We were also able to secure a grant from the National Institute on Drug Abuse (thanks to Maxine Stitzler) that helped to support our annual meeting. At the same time, we were beginning to establish visibility in the international arena, collaborating initially with the World Health Organization to develop an international, educational and multi language website ("treatobacco," headed by Martin Raw) that was a prelude to SRNT University. I even met the Director of the WHO to let her know about the existence of SRNT. Additionally, the footprint of SRNT was expanding. A proposal (by Karl Fagerstrom) and approval of the European Chapter of SRNT occurred during this time. So, in the midst of crises, came some of the foundational building blocks on which SRNT has flourished. Much of this survival was due to the committed and engaged SRNT members!

KEN WARNER, 2004-2005

I had the honor of serving as President of SRNT from 2004-05. It was a bit intimidating becoming president at that time, however, for two reasons. Unusual circumstances meant that

I had to assume office a year early, without the benefit of the learning year normally afforded the President-Elect. And (drum roll, please) I had to do so with a brand-new executive director of the Society. He - a fellow named Bruce Wheeler - knew absolutely nothing about tobacco or scientific associations, or public health for that matter. His previous experience entailed many years working with credit union associations at both the state and national level, and (another drum roll, please) a national society devoted to needlepoint. I trust I'll be forgiven for having been a bit skeptical of the ability of an individual with this background to manage a scientific society. Much to my surprise and delight, Bruce hit the ground running and he hasn't stopped since. He demonstrated a remarkable ability to adapt quickly to this new setting and in short order had earned the respect and affection of everyone in SRNT who had the privilege of working with him. I certainly admire what he has done for us over the past 20 years, and I am proud to count him as a good friend. Undoubtedly my finest achievement as President was simply being there when Bruce Wheeler came on board.

SCOTT LEISCHOW, 2008-2009

I was fortunate to be among those who joined SRNT at its inception, and 15 years later, in 2008, I was honored to be elected SRNT President. Now, 15 years after that, heading into our 30th year, reviewing our priorities and activities during my time as President (2008-9) is a reminder of our progress as a scientific network. During that year, our Society engaged in a strategic planning process that provided important guidance for

future actions, and we significantly expanded our efforts to foster collaborative networks by creating and implementing the Treatment and Basic Science Committees—precursors to the Treatment and Basic Science Networks that are now open to all members. Increasing the SRNT network of collaborations was also a priority, including a joint meeting with SRNT-E, an SRNT conference in Thailand, and expanded communication and collaboration with WHO, NIH, FDA, and other organizations. Expanding the SRNT geographic and disciplinary networks was identified as a key priority in the strategic plan, and that has continued to occur. Sadly, we also lost two luminaries in our field during my time as President: Drs. Ron Davis and Murray Jarvik. They both made incredible contributions to our field, were exceptional mentors and teachers, and serve as a reminder that we must remember and value the past leaders in our field as we strive to create the best opportunities for our future leaders as we work together to improve public health.

ROBIN MERMELSTEIN, 2015-2016

I am fortunate to have had my year as SRNT President filled with many good memories, but perhaps most lasting was the deep appreciation of how much SRNT is a true team experience guided seamlessly by an extraordinary group of administrative staff and numerous volunteers across all our committees. That is one of the true super powers of SRNT. Beyond those warm memories, two others stand out. First was the creation of SRNT University, an amazing online resource with links, articles, podcasts and



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more, covering a range of research disciplines. SRNT-U is global in nature (the current “Dean” is Natalie Walker of New Zealand), with a substantial audience of researchers from lower- and middle-income countries, as well as early career investigators. The content has been carefully and thoughtfully curated over the years and is something SRNT should be truly proud of. Second, we introduced a new SRNT logo during the 2016 Annual Meeting in Chicago. We wanted a logo that would “speak” to SRNT. Did you know the wreath in the SRNT logo is a stylized interpretation of an nAChR? For those of us not working in pre-clinical research, that’s a nicotinic receptor! The new visual identity

has dramatically increased SRNT’s professional image, both within the membership as well as to outside groups and government agencies.

MEGAN PIPER, 2021-2022

I have been a member of SRNT for more than 20 years and I have been amazed at how it has evolved over the years. We have grown, responded to changes in the tobacco marketplace, developed innovative methods, embraced an anti-racist scientific agenda and we continue to do that with a small scientific community feel. Even when we have conflicts (and we have certainly had plenty!), there is a clear underlying commitment

to nicotine and tobacco science and public health that I think serves as the unshakable bedrock of the Society. I was struck by members’ commitment to the Society as we have been working to recover financially from the effects of the pandemic. People offered to let SRNT keep their conference fees, even if they weren’t able to attend because they wanted to support the Society. This is just one example of how SRNT is truly a scientific community. I feel truly honored to have had the opportunity to serve SRNT.



SRNT Education Division Report

Nathalie Walker, PhD

In early 2022, a proposal was approved by the SRNT Board to establish a new SRNT Education Division. This Division aims to have better oversight of all Network webinars, Virtual Events, and curated content within SRNT-U, thus minimizing any unnecessary overlap of content, and more efficient and effective use of SRNT resources.

The first step was to establish an Education Division Coordinating Committee (consisting of representatives from a subset of a larger Education Stakeholder Group) who provide coordination of, and high-level guidance for, all of SRNT's educational activities. The Education Stakeholder Group has rotating membership, and aims to include representatives from SRNT-U, the Networks, the Program Committee, Chapters, the Society Journal, the Indigenous

Circle, Racial equity and Disparities groups, and the Board. The committee is supported by a Director of Communications and Operations Coordinator.

Once the two committees met, an education calendar was developed for the SRNT website so members can easily view upcoming events. Some groups were also encouraged to work together to combine related topics to create a larger fee-based virtual event of interest to both members and non-members, as a way of generating additional memberships and revenue for the Society. For example, a "Polydrug Use Involving Nicotine & Tobacco" three-hour virtual event was run in July, which had content that spanned from basic science to policy research. In-line with the event, SRNT's journal, *Nicotine & Tobacco Research*, launched a themed section addressing

basic science research on the same topic. Finally, related curated content on SRNT-U was linked to the event, thus providing a truly holistic educational experience.

We are currently in the process of developing the 2023 education calendar, which will include at least three larger fee-based virtual events. Furthermore, there are plans to refresh the SRNT-U platform in 2023 to make it more visible and accessible to members. We wish to thank the large group of SRNT members, the SRNT-U Directors and Rees Group staff who have contributed their time and energy to the development of the Education Division, and look forward to working alongside you all in 2023.



Journal Editor's Report

Marcus Munafò, PhD

Nicotine & Tobacco Research continues to be a popular journal! In 2022 we received 852 new submissions (and handled 1245 submissions in total when revisions are included). This is somewhat down on the peak that we experienced during the COVID-19, but still a very large number of submissions to process.

I am enormously grateful to the team that support the journal – the Managing Editor Margaret Searle, Kate Lavalley at OUP, and the Deputy Editors and Associate Editors that handle the submission, as well as (of course!) the reviewers who provide thoughtful and detailed comments on the work that we ask them to review.

Of course, the downside of receiving so many submissions is that we have to make some difficult decisions about what to publish, given that we have a page budget and as a result can only publish around one in five of the submissions we

receive. It is simply not possible to publish even only the work that is of a good standard.

So how do we prioritize articles when deciding what to publish? Historically, we have focused on the extent to which an article moves knowledge forward, and is likely to be of broad interest (given that SRNT encompasses the full range of nicotine and tobacco science, from basic science through to policy).

Recently, however, we have realized that we need to ensure we also consider a number of other dimensions when deciding what to prioritize. Work from low- and middle-income countries, from indigenous scholars, and on historically under-represented and minoritized groups is now being given a higher priority.

We are also working to ensure that we have a diverse editorial board that represents our global

community. Demographic data will now be collected by the ScholarOne system we use for manuscript submissions, and we have revised our processes for recruiting and appointing Deputy and Associate Editors to ensure greater diversity.

This is an ongoing process – we have created a small working group within the team of Deputy Editors to look at the recommendations of the Racial Equity Task Force, and ensure we are implementing them. This includes appointing specialist editors whose remit is to focus on issues of racial equity.

The journal has come a long way over the years, but we continue to evolve together with the Society that we are part of. We welcome any comments on what else we can do to ensure that we continue to serve and represent our community – both within SRNT and beyond.



SRNT Europe

Leonie Brose, PhD, President SRNT-E

As the originally planned 2022 SRNT conference had to be moved at relatively short notice from Edinburgh, UK, to Baltimore, USA, because of concerns with pandemic related travel, we found ourselves without a 2022 annual SRNT-E conference (there is usually no separate SRNT-E conference when the main SRNT conference takes place in Europe). However, this provided an opportunity to put on three half-day online symposia in September 2022, on 1) Cessation in specific populations, 2) Harm reduction and 3) Open science for nicotine and tobacco research. Each symposium had five fantastic speakers and overall, 80 people from 28 countries registered for one or more of the events. These symposia generated a small amount of revenue and feedback from attendees was positive, so we are planning further online events.

SRNT-E membership numbers declined to just 139 members in 2022 and our symposia were a little late in the year to affect these numbers. Nevertheless, our financial situation remains stable. The board is looking into ways to increase membership.

In September during our annual meeting, we said goodbyes and huge thanks to Lynne Dawkins who stepped down after a long stint as Treasurer and Carole Clair who stepped down after her three-year presidency cycle. We welcomed Sharon Cox from University College London as new President-Elect, Floor van den Brand, Maastricht University, as new Communications Officer and Yael Bar-Zeev, Hebrew University Jerusalem, as new Treasurer. Also, Hannah Sallis is covering the role of Representative for

Europe in SRNT while Olivia Maynard is on maternity leave. This means the current SRNT-E board consists of Leonie Brose (President), Sharon Cox (President-Elect), Felix Naughton (Past President), Ute Mons (Secretary), Yael Bar-Zeev (Treasurer), Floor van den Brand (Communications Officer), Olivia Maynard/Hannah Sallis (Member Delegate for Europe) and Marcus Munafò (Honorary Secretary).

We are very much looking forward to the 2023 SRNT-E conference which will be back in person and take place in London, UK from 11th to 13th September 2023. We hope members will join us in this great city. More information is available at <https://srnt-e.org/>



SRNT Oceania

Chris Bullen and Coral Gartner

The Oceania chapter of the Society for Research on Nicotine and Tobacco (SRNT-O) was formed by a small group of SRNT members from the region and launched in 2019. We held a single face-to-face meeting in Sydney, before COVID-19 hit and changed everything.

Despite the limitations on travel and conference attendance during 2021 and 2022 we are “punching above our weight” for a small, new chapter. We contribute regionally and to the wider SRNT community.

We were influential in the policy arena. We added our voice and science-informed perspective to advocate for proposed tobacco and nicotine policies in Australia and New Zealand via submissions to national governments. It has been exciting to see new legislation introduced this year that has its basis in research undertaken by our members in the region and elsewhere. Oceania Chapter members were appointed to government advisory groups to help shape the policies.

We promoted equity in SRNT and through our work as researchers in the nicotine and tobacco field. For example, we amended our Bylaws to ensure our chapter can include as members people, particularly Indigenous researchers, who work in nicotine and tobacco research but who may have no formal qualification but draw on their non-western knowledge and expertise.

We were active in SRNT leadership. Raglan Maddox, a member of the SRNT Racism and Equity Task Force, took on the role of Chairperson of SRNT’s new Racism and Equity Committee. Natalie Walker continued to invest her time and energy as Dean of SRNT-U. Billie Bonevski served on the SRNT Board as the Member Delegate, AAOLA, from 2020-2023 and will pass the baton for this role to SRNT-O member Megan Passey from 2023. Chris Bullen was on the SRNT Board in his capacity as President-Elect of SRNT as well as President of SRNT-O.

We sought to share knowledge. With the technical support of SRNT ‘central’, we held

two webinars in 2022. The first, in April, was a live replay of presentations delivered by our members at the SRNT conference in Baltimore, which allowed Chapter members to view the presentations and participate in Q&A with the presenters. The second, in October, featured Eric Donny, who provided a masterly account of the science underpinning the reduced nicotine policy pursued by New Zealand.

We want to acknowledge the stellar contributions of outgoing board members Billie Bonevski, Megan Passey, Ratika Kumar, Melissa Jackson, and Heather Gifford. welcome new office holders to the Oceania Board: Selah Hart (Indigenous member from New Zealand, replacing Heather Gifford, who has retired), Alys Havard, Emily Brennan, and Sarah Durkin (President-Elect). Coral Gartner takes on the mantle of President SRNT-O and Chris Bullen, Past President.



Adolescent Network

Network Co-Chairs: Rachel N. Cassidy, PhD, and John Lee, PhD

No. of Members: 341

The Adolescent Network was established in 2015. At the annual meeting in 2023 Deepti Agarwal will transition off the advisory council as operations coordinator. This year, Drs. Sarah Kowitt, Kate Flint, and Georges Khalil joined the Advisory Council. Drs. Erin Sutfin, Amanda Quisenberry, and Sharon Lipperman-Kreda transitioned off the AC. Dr. John Lee transitioned this year from the Membership committee to Co-Chair with Dr. Rachel Cassidy.

Our 11 member AC has been actively engaged over the past year, meeting monthly via videoconference to plan activities and report on progress. In addition to the two Chairs, AC members include: Drs. Jennifer Cornacchione Ross, Sarah Kowitt, Kathleen Garrison, Lauren Micalizzi, Mariel Bello, Rachel Grana Mayne, Georges Khalil, and Kate Flint. We have also added an AC position, Trainee Liaison, whose role is to facilitate contact and collaboration with the Trainee Network and work to ensure trainee representation in the network. 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, Constanza Silva
2. **Education/Training:** Georges Khalil (Co-Chair), Kate Flint (Co-Chair), Suchitra Krishnan-Sarin, Laura MacPherson, Megan Roberts

3. **Annual Meeting/Program:** Kathleen Garrison & Rachel Grana Mayne (Co-Chairs); Jessica Rath, , Suzanne Colby, Yvonne Prutzman, Dale Mantey

4. **Membership:** Jennifer Cornacchione Ross (Co-Chair) and Sarah Kowitt (Co-Chair)

5. **Trainee Liaison:** Mariel Bello

Network Trainee Engagement: This year, we made great progress towards our goal of increasing trainee engagement with the network. First, we created a new AC position of Trainee Liaison based on feedback from our previous Member Meeting. This role, which is intended to be filled by a current trainee who is active in the Network and ideally with the Trainee Network as well, is currently filled by Postdoctoral Fellow Mariel Bello, will entail maintaining contact with the Trainee Network by attending their monthly meetings and facilitating communication across networks, as well as ensuring Network presence at trainee-focused events at the annual meeting such as the trainee mixer. This new position has already led to the development of new collaborations, such as planning for a joint journal club event with the trainee network this Spring 2023. We also have set a goal of having a trainee on each subcommittee; thus, we are currently recruiting trainees to join our Education and Membership subcommittees.

Network Communications: This year, we continued to promote membership and scholarly activities of the Adolescent Network (e.g., pre-conference workshops/events at SRNT, recent publications, webinars, sponsored

symposia), distributing the “virtual poster tour” PDF and author Q&A for SRNT 2022, soliciting collaborators for a network-sponsored review paper.. We expanded our online and social media presence by launching a Twitter account specific to the Adolescent Network and have seen good engagement as a result of highlighting our members and their work, especially those of trainees and early career researchers. We distribute communications to the listserv on a monthly basis and facilitate listserv interactions among our members. Additionally, we update the SRNT website with relevant communications. Finally, communications subcommittee 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. Our Network is committed to efforts to increase diversity, equity, and inclusion by promoting the scholarly activities of trainees and early career researchers from underrepresented backgrounds.

Network Webinars: The network organized 3 webinars in 2022 including a panel discussion on Measuring E-Cigarette Use in Young People which sought to advance the discussion of measuring e-cigarette use in young people given the availability and changes in different



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e-cigarette products and characteristics. A meet the Author event with Kimberly Hieftje to discuss her article, “An evaluation of a virtual reality E-cigarette prevention game for adolescents” which documented the first VR game-based intervention for vaping prevention and finally a panel discussion on Tobacco Data Collection among Youth During a Global Pandemic. Recording of all these webinars were made available on SRNT-U.

Network Pre-Conference Workshops: For the 2022 annual meeting, our network sponsored a post-conference workshop entitled “Bridging epidemiology and prevention to address adolescent and young adult tobacco use.” This virtual event was presented on March 29, 2022, with 119 attendees.

Network Sponsored Symposia Submissions: For the 2022 annual meeting, our network sponsored three symposia submissions (none accepted): “Contemporary issues in youth tobacco initiation and use,” “Behavioral Correlates, Chemistry, Pharmacology, and Toxicology of Ice-Hybrid Flavors and Non-Menthol Cooling Constituents in E-Cigarettes,” and “Connecting with communities for effective tobacco prevention.”

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 May 2, 2022 and included 31 attendees. We provided an overview of the network and activities from the previous year and had small group discussions about ways to engage members, increase membership, and increase diversity and inclusion within the network. Additionally, at the annual SRNT meeting, we also had a coffee hour event where we provided a brief overview of the network and had opportunities for networking and membership recruitment.

Network Poster Tour: In 2022, we created a successful virtual poster tour which was a PDF of five selected posters and brief Q&A with each presenting author. The poster tour was advertised in network communications as: “Worried about making it to every poster? Unable to attend in person this year? We’ve got you covered! Right after the meeting be on the lookout for hot topic “posters not to miss” in the form of a PDF document that highlights 5 hand-selected posters and a brief Q and A with their presenting authors.”

Network Membership: We also successfully recruited 3 new AC members (Drs. Sarah Kowitt, Georges Khalil, and Kate Flint) and helped facilitate the transition of the network’s leadership.

Network Spotlight Interviews: This year, the membership subcommittee conducted three member spotlight interviews in our newsletters. The February newsletter featured the 2022 SRNT Annual Meeting Program Committee who are adolescent network members (Drs. Christie Fowler, Grace Kong, and Jennifer Pearson). In May 2022, we featured Drs. Amanda Quisenberry and Constanza Silva Gallardo, and in November 2022 we featured Dr. Johannes Thrul.

Network Sponsored Publications: The annual meeting subcommittee invited network members to collaborate on an invited review paper about mobile health interventions for tobacco use among youth, currently in preparation, for submission to Current Addiction Reports in February 2023.



Basic Science Network

Network Co-Chairs: Jibran Khokhar, 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 pre-clinical science at the annual meeting

ADMINISTRATIVE STRUCTURE

In 2022, Dr. Brandon Henderson continued as Co-Chair of the BSN Network. Dr. Sven-Eric Jordt stepped down as co-chair and in late 2022, Dr. Jibran Khokhar became the new co-Chair. Skylar Cooper was serving as the BSN Operations Coordinator up to August 2022 and then stepped down. Percell Kendrick and Emma Bondy are the current operation coordinators for the BSN. 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. Dr. Jordt has stayed with the BSN as an AC member.

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

BSN-SPONSORED SYMPOSIA ACCEPTED FOR THE SRNT 2022 ANNUAL MEETING

The BSN network sponsored the submission of three sessions that were accepted for the 2022 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

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

In June 2022, a special issue in Nicotine and Tobacco Research that focuses on polysubstance abuse involving nicotine was released. Much of

the work for this was completed in 2021 by BSN members and guest editors Drs. Sven-Eric Jordt, Jill Turner, and Imad Damaj.

2022 WEBINARS

In 2022, the BSN partnered with the SRNT Education Division to present a Webinar on Polydrug Use (July 20, 2022). This webinar had three basic science presentations from Shahradd Lotfipour, Jibran Khokhar, and Christie Fowler. This was followed by presentations on health policy and health disparity by Andrea Weinberger, LaTrice Montgomery, and Shannon Gravely. This presentation coincided with the release of the special issue in Nicotine and Tobacco Research that was discussed above.

UPCOMING EVENTS FOR 2023

- 2023 Basic Scientist Spotlights
- "It's Coffee" mentoring event at the 2023 SRNT Annual Meeting
- BSN-sponsored symposia at the 2023 SRNT Annual Meeting
- Plenary lecture by Dr. Paul Kenny at the SRNT Annual Meeting
- 2023 BSN-sponsored webinar, topic TBD



Genetics & Omics Network

Network Chairs: Jasmine Khouja, PhD, and Megan Cooke, 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 2022, with Jasmine Khouja and Megan Cooke becoming the new co-chairs for the network, under the guidance of 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. Jasmine has now transitioned to the program committee, and we are pleased to announce that Chloe Burke will be joining Megan as co-chair.

2022 Highlights and Accomplishments

SRNT 2022 SYMPOSIUM

Our network hosted a symposium at the 2022 Annual Meeting entitled, "Tobacco Use Genomics in Multi-Ancestry Populations: Emphasizing Diversity to Reduce Health Disparities". This symposium highlighted 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 brought together five experts in the field who discussed their work on genomic risk in multi-ethnic populations. Chaired by Sean David and Jasmine Khouja, the presenters (Dr Claw, Dr Saunders, Dr Chen, Dr Bergen and Dr Beirut) stimulated some interesting discussion, particularly around issues and opportunities in the field.

SRNT 2022 WALKING TOUR

At the 2022 meeting, we offered both an in-person and online walking tour which highlighted some relevant research of interest to our network. The walking tour was not attended, however this may be due to the online tour being available.

RECRUITED COORDINATORS

To support the goals of the Genetics and Omics Network and increase efficiency, we recruited three members into coordinator positions. Vita Mithi, our Communications Coordinator, manages our Twitter account, publicizes events, interviews members for our Member Spotlights, and leads our Twitter Chats (see below). Shichen Zheng, our Operations Coordinator, schedules Advisory Committee and network-wide meetings, attends all meetings, and takes minutes. Dr. Min-Ae Song, our Education Coordinator, supports the organization of webinars and online events.

MEMBER SPOTLIGHTS AND TWITTER CHATS

As part of our goal to expand the broader visibility of the Genetics and Omics Network we launched a Twitter account (please follow us @GeneticsSRNT!) and have begun spotlighting the work of our members on a quarterly basis. Spotlighted members select a published article to be discussed in a live Twitter Chat with our Communications Coordinator. So far, we have spotlighted the work of Dr. Jasmine Khouja and Dr. Hilary Tindle. If you are interest in being considered for a future Member Spotlight, please reach out to our Communications Coordinator or one of our Co-Chairs.

FREE WEBINAR

Dr. Khouja organized and led a free webinar with SRNT-U titled "Using Epigenetic Tools in Tobacco and Nicotine Research" which is hosted on SRNT-U (https://www.pathlms.com/srnt-u/courses/9496/video_presentations/237338). The webinar featured a basic introduction to epigenetics for Alex Andrayas, followed by 3 short talks from experts in the field from a range of research locations with a panel Q&A at the end. Talks covered topics such as using DNA methylation to target smokers for interventions, using DNA methylation to assess long-term smoke exposure, and the tools available to researchers to conduct similar analyses. Summaries and snapshots of the talks are available on SRNT-U.



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GRANT SUBMISSION

Last year the network set a goal to foster research projects and grant generation within the network. In support of this goal, Dr. Khouja submitted a proposal to Cancer Research UK which sought to identify genetic variants associated with vaping to discover the biological determinants of individual differences in vaping and subsequently be used in causal inference analyses to explore whether vaping acts as a “gateway” to smoking. The proposal included several network members as Co-Investigators (Marcus Munafò, Elizabeth Prom-Wormley, Rebecca Richmond, Megan Cooke, Hermine Maes, Roseann Peterson, Elizabeth Do). Unfortunately, the proposal was not funded upon first submission, but the group is revising the proposal for resubmission to an alternate funding source in 2023.

NEXT STEPS

Over the next year, our network plans to:

- Continue to highlight a Network member each quarter
- Continue to work on an inter-network concept piece discussing the use of genetics in precision medicine
- Continue to boost our online presence via Twitter
- Build new intra and inter network collaborations
- Plan for a symposium or pre-conference workshop at the 2024 meeting



Global Research Network

Network Chairs: Monika Arora, PhD, and Ramzi Salloum, PhD

No. of Members: 310

As Monika Arora began serving in this capacity in 2020, she cycled off in 2023. GRN has advertised the position soliciting nominations (including self-nominations) among its network members. Several nominations were received; Dr. Raul Mejia (Universidad de Buenos Aires) was nominated by GRN, and approved by the SRNT board, to serve as the incoming co-chair alongside Dr. Ramzi Salloum for the upcoming year.

Network coordinator: Dima Bteddini

SUBCOMMITTEES

- Education (Chair: Catherine Egbe)
- Communications (Chair: Mansi Chopra)
- Outreach (Co-chairs: Ebbie Kalan and Constanza Paulina Silva Gallardo)

Starting 2023, Dr. Anna Wilkinson (University of Texas Houston) started serving as co-chair for Education Subcommittee along with Dr. Egbe.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The GRN Advisory Committee consists of 8 members: Irina Stepanov, Ryan Kennedy, Carla Berg, Scott McIntosh, Radha Sharma, Geoff Fong, Mira Aghi, and Chris Bullen.

NETWORK MEETINGS

The full-membership GRN meeting took place via Zoom on May 13, 2022. A total of 14 participants attended the meeting. The GRN co-chairs and sub-committee chairs scheduled

regular meetings and communicated frequently throughout the year to discuss specific issues related to the network operations. On-going and new initiatives, as per the GRN annual plan and subcommittees' annual plans, were discussed during these meetings. Corresponding updates are reported below.

NETWORK COMMUNICATIONS

Newsletters The Communications Subcommittee disseminated quarterly newsletters to SRNT members. As of January 2023, three newsletters have been disseminated.

Website The Communications Subcommittee is continuously updating 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.

Twitter account The Communications Subcommittee set up the GRN twitter account, and is keeping it active by posting relevant material including publications' highlights, and events' announcements.

MENTORSHIP PROGRAM

- GRN developed guidelines, including eligibility criteria, for this new initiative. Expenses of the program will be covered by a grant from the National Cancer Institute.
- The main objective of this program is to support early-career researchers in the

field of tobacco-related global research from low- and middle-income countries (LMICs) through connecting them to mid-career researchers to guide ongoing or new research in areas of mutual interest.

- For the first year of the program, GRN invited three individuals to participate in the mentoring program: Amal Khayyat, Thi Phuong Thao Tran, and Ziqiu Guo. They were selected from list of LMICs participants who are presenting at SRNT 2023. This 1-year mentorship program will include travel scholarship to attend and present at SRNT 2023.

WEBINARS AND WORKSHOPS

- 1 Webinar 1: Global Tobacco Control Research at the US National Cancer Institute: Research Opportunities and Building Capacity in LMIC's
 - September 13, 2022, 11:00 a.m. EST
 - Speakers: Mark Parascandola, PhD, M.P.H. and Marie D. Ricciardone, PhD
 - Participants: 99 registered, 65 attended
2. Webinar 2: Novel Tobacco Products in North America, Africa and Asia: Types, Impact and Policies
 - October 17, 2022, 11:00 a.m. EST - Sponsored by the Health Equity, Global Research and Policy Research Networks



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- Speakers: Lekan Ayo-Yusuf, PhD, Pamela Ling, PhD and Rumana Huque, PhD
 - Participants: 105 registered, 85 attended
3. Webinar 3: Smokeless tobacco research and its implications: Lessons from ASTRA
- January 12, 2023 at 11:00 a.m. EST
 - Speakers: Rumana Huque, PhD, Monika Arora, PhD, and Kamran Siddiqi, PhD
 - Participants: 52 registered, 28 attended
4. SRNT 2023 Pre-Conference Workshop
- GRN submitted a Pre-conference Workshop proposal for the SRNT 2023 meeting, entitled “Implementation science in global tobacco control: A primer”.
 - The proposal was approved, and is scheduled on March 1st, 2023 during the SRNT 2023 Annual meeting in San Antonio, Texas.
 - The pre-conference workshop will include technical presentations by 6 experts who will share their research experience on the role and impact of implementation science on global tobacco control, as well as break-out sessions for group discussions



Health Equity Network

Network Chairs: Andy Tan, PhD, and Shyanika Rose, PhD, MA

No. of Members: 452

The vision of the Health Equity 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.

Number of members: 452

ADVISORY COMMITTEE STRUCTURE

Co-chairs:

- Andy Tan, PhD, University of Pennsylvania,
- Shyanika Rose, PhD, MA, University of Kentucky

Operations coordinator:

- Erin Mead-Morse, PhD, University of Connecticut Health Center

PROGRAM SUBCOMMITTEE

Co-chairs:

- LaTrice Montgomery, PhD, University of Cincinnati
- Jaimee Heffner, PhD, Fred Hutchinson Cancer Center Danielle Davis, PhD, Yale University Panagis Galiatsatos, MD, MHS, John Hopkins University (stepped down midway 2022) Melissa Little, PhD,

University of Virginia (joined midway 2022)

Operations coordinator:

- Margaret Fahey, MA, Medical University of South Carolina

Volunteers:

- Julia Soulakova
- Raul Meija

SCHOLARSHIP & DEVELOPMENT SUBCOMMITTEE

Co-chairs:

- *Minal Patel, PhD, American Cancer Society (*stepping down in 2023)
- *Kelvin Choi, PhD, MPH, National Institute of Minority Health & Health Disparities (*stepping down in 2023)
- Dana Carroll, PhD, MPH, University of Minnesota, School of Public Health
- Sam Cwalina, PhD, National Cancer Institute

Operations coordinator:

- Jin Kim-Mozeleski, PhD, Case Western Reserve University

Volunteers: Danny Giovenco, Julia Soulakova, Mariel Bello

EVALUATION SUBCOMMITTEE

Co-chairs:

- Asti Jackson, PhD, Yale University
- Sydney Martinez, PhD, University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center
- Merideth Addicott, PhD, Wake Forest University

Operations coordinator:

- Rachel Denlinger-Apte, PhD, Wake Forest University

Volunteers: Vita Mithi, George Kypriotakis, Wura Jacobs

COMMUNICATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE

Co-chairs:

- Priti Bandi, PhD, American Cancer Society
- Justin Byron, PhD, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
- Sarah Cha, MSPH, The Truth Initiative

Operations Coordinators:

- Julia Chen-Sankey, PhD, Rutgers University
- Irene Peridot-Valverde, PhD, Clemson University

Social Media Operations Coordinator:

- Ingrid Zeledon, MS, University of Southern California



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Volunteers: Andrea Weinberger, Wura Jacobs

Working Groups:

- Racial Equity Work Group chair: Kelvin Choi
- SRNT Comment on FDA Menthol Cigarette Proposed Rule: Shyanika Rose
- SRNT Comment on FDA Flavored Cigar Proposed Rule: Erin Mead-Morse
- Intersectionality: Andy Tan

2022 NETWORK GOALS

1. Advisory Committee
 - a. Advocate for health equity.
2. Program subcommittee
 - a. Organize webinars on health equity research: novel tobacco products and community-based research
 - b. Facilitate SRNT symposium and pre-conference workshop submissions.
3. Scholarship & Development subcommittee
 - a. Facilitate the It's Just Coffee mentoring program
 - b. Restart and develop a more secure funding stream for our HEN travel scholarship program
4. Evaluation subcommittee
 - a. Conduct evaluation of SRNT Pre Conference workshops
 - b. Describing collaborations among HDN pre-conference workshops attendees
 - c. Evaluate the It's Just Coffee mentoring program
5. Communications subcommittee
 - a. Expand social media presence and re-evaluate our choice of platforms as needed

b. Circulate a monthly/quarterly newsletter for our members to include publications and other content

c. Develop and field member survey to direct communication efforts

ORGANIZATIONAL ADVOCACY AND SUPPORT

2022 was a regrouping year with the COVID-19 pandemic continuing to impact our colleagues' work and lives. At the beginning of the year we changed our name to the Health Equity Network to better reflect our focus and mission. We focused on restarting the HEN travel scholarship, which had not been held for 2 years. We also focused on soliciting and making nominations for members for the new Pebbles Fagan Health Equity Award, Jarvik-Russell Awards and SRNT Fellows. We also made several recommendations for participants on the standing SRNT Racial Equity Committee.

Our Network also started several special projects this year including leading docket submissions for the FDA menthol and flavored cigar dockets and started a HEN Racial Equity Workgroup to align our protocols and practices with the recommendations of the SRNT Racial Equity Taskforce. We additionally sunsetted our Intersectionality workgroup while exploring the potential for an LGBTQ+ workgroup under the HEN in 2023.

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

Program Subcommittee report

Goal #1: Webinars

Webinar #1: Novel Tobacco Products in North America, Africa & Asia: Types, Impact and Policies

Date: 10/17/2021

Presenters:

- Lekan Ayo-Yusuf, Ph.D., Head of School of Health Systems and Public Health, University of Pretoria, South Africa
- Pamela Ling, Ph.D., Professor of Medicine and Director of the Center for Tobacco Control Research and Education, University of California, San Francisco
- Rumana Huque, Ph.D., Professor, Department of Economics, University of Dhaka, Bangladesh
- Catherine Egbe, Ph.D., Specialist Scientist, Alcohol, Tobacco and Other Drug Research Unit, South African Medical Research Council
- Monika Arora, Ph.D., Health Promotion Division and Professor at Public Health Foundation of India
- Outcomes:
 - Co-sponsored by Policy & Global Networks



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- Attended by 85 individuals

Webinar #2: Perspectives from the Community to the University: A Fireside Chat

- Date: 11/16/22
- Presenters:
 - Dana Carroll, PhD, Epidemiologist and Tobacco Treatment Specialist
 - Andy Tan, PhD, Assoc. Professor, University of Pennsylvania
 - Scout, Executive Director of National LGBT Cancer Network
 - Carol Hernandez, Enrolled member with Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe
 - Antony Stately, PhD, Executive Officer and President, Native American Community Clinic
- Outcomes:
 - Co-sponsored with the Treatment Network
 - Attended by 44 individuals

Goal #2: Facilitate SRNT 2023 symposium and pre-conference workshop submissions.

The Program Subcommittee co-chairs hosted a program call in June 2022, to coordinate submissions. Several ideas were proposed and discussed and multiple groups were connected for symposiums. Additionally, a pre-conference workshop is being sponsored by the Health Equity Network “Centering Health Equity in our Science around Local Laws and U.S. Federal Regulations Regarding the Availability and Sale of Flavored Tobacco Products: Developing Recommendations for Advancing Evidence-

based Policies”. The Health Equity Network also continues to collaborate and provide support as needed for the Health Equity Program Track and supports Dr. Sabrina Smiley in her role as track chair. Additionally, the Network plans to facilitate viewing of Health Equity related presentations by provided members with presentations related to this topic.

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 2022 SRNT Annual Meeting. We successfully held a virtual and in person mentoring program at SRNT 2022. We had a total of 11 mentor-mentee matches that met during the conference.

At the time of this report, the co-chairs and operations coordinators of the subcommittee are organizing the program for the 2023 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 2023 SRNT Annual Meeting.

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

The subcommittee helped support the SRNT Policy Network to develop a parallel program. As a result of these efforts, there were two tracks offered for the program for the 2022 SRNT annual meeting: a health equity track hosted by our Network and a policy track hosted by the SRNT Policy Network. This year, we are working with the Policy Network and the Basic Science Network to provide the program through three tracks to better serve more SRNT members.

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

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, we were unable to secure funding for travel scholarships for SRNT 2022 Annual Meeting. However, we are bringing back the Health Equity Network Travel Scholarship for 2023. We have secured funding to support 15 scholars, of which two are international members of SRNT. We are thrilled to have been able to support the development of this many junior scholars, especially given that the opportunity was not available in previous years.



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EVALUATION SUBCOMMITTEE REPORT

The evaluation subcommittee had nine meetings in 2022 and added four new members (Wura Jacobs, Vita Mithi, George Kypriotakis, Tres Hinds and Rachel Denlinger-Apte). We completed three goals for the year: submitting a commentary to NTR about previous HEN SRNT workshops; conducting post-conference workshop and It's Just Coffee evaluations; and administering a survey to the broader HEN regarding authenticity of health equity research.

- Commentary: Asti Jackson led the submission of a commentary to SRNT focused on a survey sent to prior SRNT HEN workshop attendees.
- Conference evaluations: Sydney Martinez led the evaluations for the 2022 post-conference HEN workshop and It's Just Coffee mentoring program. She presented the findings to the AC in October.

Goal #1: Evaluate HEN 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 received responses from 33 individuals and presented the findings from the survey at the September HDN Advisory Committee meeting. In 2022, a commentary was drafted and submitted to NTR. We have resubmitted the commentary which is currently under review.

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. After further discussing the goal of this social network analysis idea, it was determined that given limited data, bandwidth, and expertise in this methodology, this project would not be pursued.

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

The Evaluation committee has been working in collaboration with the Scholarship & Development subcommittee to conduct a long-

term evaluation of the It's Just Coffee (IJC) Program. Discussions have focused around the overall goals and purpose of the evaluation, which has been determined to focus on factors influencing participation in the program, ways participants utilized the IJC mentor time, satisfaction with the program, and any long-term follow up with mentors or outcomes from the meeting. Outcomes might include research projects, publications, or grant applications. After much discussion of how to approach the evaluation, a survey was drafted and an IRB application was submitted. The evaluation is now approved by IRB and the surveys will be distributed in early 2023.

ADDITIONAL PROJECTS DEVELOPED IN 2022

Post-Conference Workshop Evaluation.

A pre- and post-evaluation of the Post-Conference Workshop titled "Integrating Social Determinants of Health and Structural Discrimination in Nicotine and Tobacco Research: Considerations for how to conduct, discuss, and publish this type of research" was conducted to evaluate the workshop. An infographic was created to display results of the evaluation. On average, participants rated the quality of the workshop a 4.5 out of 5 and reported learning definitions, operationalization, and approaches to measuring structural racism as well as considerations regarding internet access and consistency and the impact and benefit of research within a specific community. The



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results of this evaluation were presented at the AC meeting in October.

Survey on Perceptions of Authentic Health Equity Research.

In 2022 following the SRNT Annual Meeting, the Evaluation Subcommittee discussed the definition of authentic health equity research and what that might mean to the network. An open-ended survey was drafted and submitted to IRB, and after approval the survey was distributed to the HEN members. The survey received 15 responses and the subcommittee is in the process of analyzing data and will prepare a manuscript in 2023.

COMMUNICATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE REPORT

Overview:

After being re-launched after a 2-year hiatus with a new team (two co-chairs and two operations coordinators) in 2021, the Communications subcommittee has expanded in 2022 adding a third co-chair (Sarah Cha) and two new volunteers (Andrea Weinberger, Wura Jacobs). In 2022, we have conducted bi-monthly planning meetings. 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. Expanding an official Twitter channel for the network called @EquitySRNT
2. Expanding our member Spotlight series

3. Producing a monthly newsletter ("SRNT Equity Publications & More Newsletter")
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.
5. Developing a survey (to be fielded in early 2023) to gauge member communication and information needs

Goal #1: Expand social media presence and re-evaluate our choice of platforms as needed.

Twitter. The Communications Subcommittee launched @DisparitiesSRNT (renamed @EquitySRNT with the renaming of network to HEN, (<https://twitter.com/EquitySRNT>), the official Twitter channel for our network in May 2021. Since then, we have gained over 289 followers. Led by Julia Chen-Sankey, we post both original content and information created by other partners, which is retweeted. Original content includes Twitter-friendly versions (created using Canva and PowerPoint by our social media operations coordinator) of our members and It's Just Coffee spotlights, monthly newsletters, and other internal communication products. Additionally, Andrea Weinberger joined our social media team as a volunteer to regularly 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. Finally, our recent discussion has centered around possibly expanding our social media presence to other channels, including LinkedIn. We are gauging member interest in other social media channels with a planned member survey to be fielded in early 2023.

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

We continue to publish our monthly newsletter entitled "SRNT Equity Publications & More Newsletter." The newsletter primarily highlights new health equity journal publications, categorized by populations of interest. It also includes information on webinars, funding announcements, or events that may interest members. The newsletter is shared on the Network listserv, Twitter, and the website. The newsletter continues to receive positive feedback from members and SRNT leadership.

Goal # 3: Develop and field member survey to direct communication effort.

We will be fielding a brief Network-wide member survey to understand how HEN members use different communication channels for professional purposes and to obtain information about health equity issues. This will help ensure we are sending communications to the platform(s) that our members prefer. We drafted the survey, solicited feedback from the HEN advisory committee, and submitted the survey for institutional review board approval. We are planning data collection for January/



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February 2023 and the information we gather will inform the evolution of our communication efforts moving forward.

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 2021/2022, we expanded our Spotlight series substantially:

1. This year, we featured the following members in our Spotlights: Drs. Erin Mead-Morse, Wura Jacobs, Nikki Nolen, Evan Krueger, Jessica King Jensen, and Hannah Walsh.
2. We are continuing in 2022 a new spotlight feature started in 2021 collaborating with our Scholarship and Development Subcommittee to highlight our signature It's Just Coffee program on our Twitter channel. This year we intend to spotlight Omar El Shahawy and Shadi Nahvi. Spotlight nominees provided information on the benefits of the It's Just Coffee program to their career growth as tobacco control researchers.
3. We create ad-hoc member Spotlights of members' participation in important events. During SRNT 2022, we highlighted presenters who were part of the Health Equity Track by publicizing these sessions via our Twitter account. For SRNT 2023, we are scheduled to spotlight Dr. Kym Sterling (Health Equity plenary lecturer) and Fagan award winner Dr. Kola Okuyemi.

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.

WORKING GROUP REPORTS

Racial Equity Work Group

The goal of this work group is to make recommendations on how to implement the SRNT Racial Equity Task Force (RETF) recommendations within the Health Equity Network. The following individuals have been seated on the committee:

- Chair: Dr. Kelvin Choi, National Institute on Minority Health and Health Disparities
- Operations Coordinator: Dr. Margarita Santiago-Torres, Fred Hutchinson Cancer Center Members:
- (in alphabetical order of last names)
- Dr. Pete Driezen, University of Waterloo
- Dr. Amy Ferketich, The Ohio State University
- Dr. Jessica King, University of Utah
- Dr. Erik Rodriguez, National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute
- Dr. Marcia Tan, The University of Chicago
- Dr. Joshua Yang, California State University, Fullerton

The work group has met on a monthly basis to review the RETF recommendations, examine their relevance at the network level, and discuss how they can be implemented within the Network. The effort will continue through the 2023 calendar year.

SRNT Comment on FDA Menthol Cigarette Proposed Rule

Led by Dr. Shyanika Rose, this working group was a collaboration of members from the Health Equity, Policy Research, Adolescent, and Global Research Networks of SRNT. On behalf of the SRNT Board, the group drafted a 19 page comment about FDA's proposed product standard for menthol in cigarettes. The comment was reviewed and approved by the Board and submitted to the FDA docket on Aug 1, 2022.

SRNT Comment on FDA Flavored Cigar Proposed Rule

Led by Dr. Mead-Morse, this working group was a collaboration of members from the Health Equity, Policy Research, and Global Research Networks of SRNT. On behalf of the SRNT Board, the group drafted a 21-page comment about the FDA's proposed product standard for characterizing flavors in cigars. The comment was reviewed and approved by Board, and submitted to the FDA docket on August 1, 2022.

Outreach on Docket Submissions

At a CASEL webinar on November 10, 2022, Drs. Rose and Mead-Morse presented on their experiences with FDA docket submissions: "Tobacco Regulatory Science in Action: Examples from the Menthol Cigarette/Flavored Cigar Docket Submissions." This presentation was made available on SRNT-U. https://www.pathlms.com/srnt-u/courses/9166/sections/13937/video_presentations/250311



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Intersectionality Work Group

The Intersectionality Working Group's last meeting was on January 21, 2022. The most recent activity of the Working Group was a commentary published in NTR in April 2022. Following the departure of the Working Group Lead (Dr. Phil Smith) in March 2022, we canvassed for new Leads from among the group's members and among Health Equity Network members more broadly. As we were not able to appoint new Leads, the Network AC has decided to discontinue this Working Group for the 2023 calendar year.

Additional Integration/Collaboration across SRNT

LGBTQ+ Workgroup – Member Juhan Lee approached SRNT leadership about starting an

LGBT focused workgroup. This group would fit best under the HEN but would be open to all SRNT members. We are holding an interest meeting during Poster Session 1 at SRNT 2023 in San Antonio.

SRNT Awards Committee - Shyanika Rose provided HEN input to the Awards committee in the lead up to the approval of the new Pebbles Fagan Health Equity Award.

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 2022 a meaningful and successful year for the SRNT Health Equity 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 look forward to meeting with our members during the San Antonio meeting. We plan to release a report on the activities of the HEN Racial Equity workgroup in 2023 on how to align our activities with the recommendations of the SRNT Racial Equity Taskforce. 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: Elise Stevens, PhD, and Allison Glasser, PhD

No. of Members: 400

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: Shannon Gravely, Alex Liber, Andrew Barnes, Richard Edwards, Martin Dockrell, Andrew Seidenberg, Shaoying Ma, Olufemi Erinoso
- Education Subcommittee: Alex Liber (co-chair), Shannon Gravely (co-chair), Richard Edwards, Pete Driezen, Janine Ouimet, Karin Kasza, Barbara Schillo, Elise DeVito
- Communications Subcommittee: Andrew Seidenberg (chair), Dale Mantey, Michelle Goulette (Social Media Manager)
- SRNT-U Liaison: Christina Kyriakos
- Trainee Network liaison: Nicolle Krebs
- Operations Coordinator: Katie East/Gus White (AC), Loren Kock (Education Subcommittee)

NETWORK ACTIVITIES

With support and guidance from our Network Advisory Committee, our subcommittees, and our Operations Coordinator, 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
- Added a Tobacco Regulatory Science Working Group to Network (launching in 2023), managed by Scott Leischow and Jessica Barrington-Tremis

Communication Subcommittee Activities

- Continued to disseminate the Network's monthly policy bulletin. Management of bulletin remained under Andrew Seidenberg
- Continued to spotlight members quarterly, managed by Dale Mantey
- Maintained Policy Research Network webpages

- Added a Twitter account for the Network, managed by Michelle Goulette
- Education Subcommittee Activities
- During the Network's annual meeting in May, we collected feedback on priority educational topics for 2022.
- Held a webinar in January 2022, "Sabotaging the Cigarette: Methods and Ethical Considerations." Webinar is available on SRNT-U.
- Held a webinar a joint webinar with the Health Equity Network in October entitled "Novel Tobacco Products in North America, Africa, & Asia: Types, Impact and Policies." The webinar was recorded and will be posted on SRNT-U's website.
- Coordinate an accepted pre-conference workshop for the 2023 meeting entitled, "Translating Scientific Research into Policy: Tobacco Regulatory Science Workshop."

Trainee Activities

- Held a joint journal club with the Trainee Network in November, moderated by Nicolle Krebs
- Held "It's Just Coffee" mentoring program at annual meeting

Public Comment

- Assisted the Health Equity Network with submission of public comments on behalf of SRNT to the US Food and



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Drug Administration's docket regarding the proposed rules banning menthol in cigarettes and flavors in cigars.

PLANNED 2023 ACTIVITIES

- Create a poster tour to highlight policy research relevant posters at the 2023 SRNT annual meeting.
- Manage "It's Just Coffee" mentoring event at 2023 SRNT annual conference.
- Host a virtual Network meeting following the SRNT annual meeting.
- Recruit new Advisory Committee and Subcommittee members as needed.
- Identify and host at least one virtual education event for SRNT members.
- Propose a symposium and/or pre-conference workshop for the 2024 annual meeting.
- Complete 2023 activity planning process with Advisory Committee in February. Preliminary ideas include improving and fostering diversity and inclusivity in Committee leadership, membership and activities, communication to engage more members (e.g., Twitter, Bulletin), and pursuing mentorship opportunities for our early-career researcher members. Collaborate with other networks as plans are made.



Trainee Network

Co-chairs: Nancy Jao and Rachel Rosen

No. of Members: 325

The Trainee Network Advisory Committee (TNAC) has been actively working throughout 2022 to develop and plan programs offered to trainees throughout the year and during the in-person 2023 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 email/Slack to discuss projects as needed. Our projects reflect our mission to support an emerging generation of tobacco researchers and scientists.

We have also 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 Nancy Jao and Rachel Rosen served as Trainee Network Co-Chairs, with Suchitra Krishnan-Sarin serving as the Senior Investigator/Scientific Advisor on an ad hoc basis. TNAC members for 2022 were Alaa Alsaafin, Mariel Bello, Nick Felicione, Michelle Goulette, Rime Jebai, Isabella Plotnik, Lisa LaRowe, Emily Hackworth, Shaoying Ma, Jessica Powers, Dana Rubenstein, Margarita Santiago-Torres, and Lindsey Sparrock. For 2022, TNAC was organized into three subcommittees to lead specific areas of programing and facilitate additional leadership opportunities for TNAC members, including a Communications Subcommittee led by Emily Hackworth and

Lindsey Sparrock, Education Subcommittee led by Alaa Alsaafin and Jessica Powers, and Networking Subcommittee led by Mariel Bello and Dana Rubenstein.

TNAC ACTIVITY OVERVIEW

Communications Subcommittee:

- We have continued our email communications with trainees throughout the year via the SRNT trainee listserv. We utilized 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.
- We created and distributed a Trainee Newsletter in the spring and fall to highlight some of our trainee members, share job posting and career development opportunities, and disseminate recent publications by trainee members. We will develop and distribute a Trainee's Guide to the Annual Meeting prior to the 2022 Annual Meeting.
- We created a Twitter account for the Trainee Network to increase engagement with members of the Trainee Network. We plan to continue to use the Trainee Network Twitter account to spotlight members of TNAC, research conducted by trainees in tobacco research, and conduct polls.

Education Subcommittee:

- In collaboration with the Policy Research Network, we hosted a journal club in October 2022 to discuss an article published in *Addiction* entitled "A difference-in-difference approach to examining the impact of cannabis legalization on disparities in the use of cigarettes and cannabis in the United States, 2004-2017" (Weinberger et al., 2021). The discussion was moderated by TNAC member, Mariel Bello (Brown University), and Nicolle Krebs, M.S. (The Pennsylvania State University) from the Policy Research Network. Our next journal club will be planned in collaboration with the Adolescent Research Network.
- We hosted a webinar in December 2022 on "Navigating the Manuscript Peer-Review Process" moderated by TNAC member Dr. Nicholas Felicione (Assistant Professor, University at Buffalo). The webinar included a panel of academics who reflected on their experiences with both sides the manuscript peer-review process, including Dr. Noreen Rahmani (recent PhD graduate, University of Toronto), Dr. Julia Chen-Sankey (Assistant Professor, Rutgers University), and Dr. Marcus Munafo (Professor and Editor-in-Chief for *Nicotine & Tobacco Research*, University of Bristol). Panelists also spoke about their experiences responding to reviewer comments and providing feedback as a peer reviewer.



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Networking Subcommittee:

- We launched our Trainee Liaison Initiative to build close working relationships between the Trainee Network and other Networks, as well as to increase engagement, support, and collaborations for trainees and early career professionals at SRNT. The ultimate goal of this initiative is to hopefully establish ways in which the Trainee Network can provide support to other Networks for trainee-related activities, connect trainees and early career professionals with Networks that they may be interested in, and/or disseminate information regarding Network-sponsored trainee-related events to members of the Trainee Network. Liaisons are asked to check-in briefly with the TNAC Trainee Liaison Coordinator, Mariel Bello, to provide feedback regarding their Network's trainee needs.
- We plan to host multiple events at the 2023 SRNT Annual Conference. Alongside other Networks, we will host a coffee morning meet-up to offer opportunities

for networking and engagement with our Network members. We will continue to host our evening Trainee Mixer for trainees to gather and meet other trainees. To increase diversity in networking and social opportunities, this year we will also host drop-in social hours during lunch breaks on each conference day for Network members to meet TNAC members and attend poster sessions with other trainees.

Virtual Trainee Network Members Meeting

We also plan to host our first Trainee Network Members Meeting following the Annual Meeting (scheduled virtually for Wednesday, March 15, 2023 at 11am ET) to connect with Trainee Network members, share our activities, obtain feedback, offer opportunities for volunteering, and build collaborations and community.



Treatment Research Network

Network Co-Chairs: Krysten Bold, PhD, and Michael Businelle, PhD

No. of Members: 435

ADMINISTRATIVE STRUCTURE

Advisory Committee

Treatment Research Network Advisory Committee Members for 2022 were Krysten Bold (co-chair), Michael Businelle (co-chair), Erika Bloom, Audrey Darville, Stuart Ferguson, Darla Kendzor, Virmarie Correa-Fernández, Hayden McRobbie, Adam Alexander, Jesse Kaye (Operations Coordinator), 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.

- Michael Businelle, Darla Kendzor, Stuart Ferguson, Audrey Darville, Anna-Marie Marshall will end their terms on the Advisory Committee in March 2023
- Hayden McRobbie ended their term on the Advisory Committee in December 2022
- Michael Businelle will end their term as the Co-Chair for the Advisory Committee in March 2023
- Adrienne Johnson, Jennifer Cantrell, Alana Rojewski, Diane Beneventi (ATTUD Liaison) will start their terms on the Advisory Committee in March 2023.
- Krysten Bold and Alana Rojewski will be Co-Chairs in 2023.

Subcommittees

- Communications Subcommittee: Eli

Klemperer (Chair), Sarah Tonkin (Coordinator), Alina Shevorykin, Loren Kock, and Chris Sheffer. Gemma Taylor, Sabrina Kastaun ended their term on the Communications Subcommittee in 2022. Bingjing Mao joined the Communications Subcommittee in 2023.

- Education Subcommittee: Adrienne Johnson (co-chair), Cara Murphy (co-chair), Christine Vinci (co-chair). Adrienne Johnson will end her term on the Education Subcommittee in March 2023.

Working Groups

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.
- Smoking cessation treatment process/mechanisms in older adults who smoke. Authors: Adrienne Johnson, Betha Kleykamp, Margaret Fahey, Dana Rubenstein, Alana Rojewski, Jeein Jang, Leslie Christenson, Jaqueline Avila

Special Interest Groups

Two special interest groups were active and had Facebook pages in 2022:

1. SRNT mHealth Interest Group: Michael Businelle (chair), 131 Facebook members. Starting on October 31, 2022, two of Michael's postdocs (Rose Shao and Bingjing Mao) began posting smoking related research studies and leading discussions on the SRNT mHealth Facebook page.
2. SRNT Financial Incentives Interest Group: Darla Kendzor and Allison Kurti (chairs), 45 Facebook members. Discussion on this Facebook page is rare.

SRNT PRE-CONFERENCE WORKSHOP

The Treatment Research Network Advisory Committee sponsored the following pre-conference workshop submission, which was accepted for presentation, for the 2023 SRNT Annual Meeting.

- Title: Tobacco Treatment that Work in Priority Populations
- Chairs: Adrienne Johnson, PhD; Krysten Bold, PhD
- Presenters: Michael Businelle, PhD, Dana Mowls Carroll, PhD, MPH, Virmarie Correa-Fernandez, PhD, Danielle McCarthy, PhD, Wyatt Pickner, MPH, Claire A. Spears, PhD, Katrina Vickerman, PhD, Damon Vidrine, DrPH, & Monica Webb Hooper, PhD



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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 2022 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, relevant material from SRNT-U, treatment related pre-prints, and questions to generate discussion. In addition, we continue to offer treatment research network members the opportunity to post and respond to questions anonymously via our TRN communications portal. The TRN communications portal for anonymous questions is organized by Loren Kock and all Communications subcommittee members post to the listserv on a regular basis.
- Poster tours: We are in the process of organizing two poster tours for the upcoming 2023 SRNT conference. We have identified 12 highly scored treatment research posters across two sessions (6 posters per tour) and will soon begin posting to the SRNT listserv to encourage members to join one or both of the tours at the upcoming conference. Poster

tours are being organized by Sarah Tonkin, Loren Kock, and Eli Klemperer

- mHealth Facebook Page. Bingjing Mao, our newest communications subcommittee member, has worked with Michael Businelle to create a facebook page dedicated to mHealth tobacco treatment research. Bingjing has plans to expand this initiative to other platforms and will post summaries of the facebook page activity on the TRN listserv.
- Twitter: SRNT Treatment Network twitter handle: @TreatmentSRNT, used for sharing posts related to tobacco treatment and new research. The twitter handle is managed by Alina Shevorykin Twitter summary for the 2022 year: 199 tweets/retweets 28,236 impressions 7,374 visited our profile 104 new followers 98 mentions
- Treatment Research Network Member Spotlights were completed to introduce and spotlight different treatment researchers. In 2022, three Treatment Research Network spotlights (Kelvin Choi, Chad Morris, Joanna Streck) were completed and a fourth (Jonathan Foulds) is currently underway. Spotlights are sent out in the listserv and are posted on the Treatment Research Network webpage here: https://www.srnt.org/members/group_content_view.asp?group=156397&id=540515. TRN Member Spotlights are coordinated by Eli Klemperer.

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 2023 included the following webinars:

09/26/22 – Dr. Cara Murphy & Dr. Christopher Kahler – Smoking cessation in the context of multiple health behavior change (Dr. Christine Vinci moderated). 11/16/22 – Dr. Dana Carroll, Dr. Andy Tan, Scout, Carol Hernandez, Dr. Antony Stately – Perspectives from the Community to the University: A Fireside Chat (Co-Sponsored with the Health Equity Network). 01/26/23 – Dr. Jennifer Dahne and Dr. Ramzi Salloum – Treatment Fidelity and Remote Methods in Tobacco-Focused Trials (Dr. Cara Murphy moderated).

OTHER NETWORK ACTIVITIES

Following the SRNT 2022 conference, two virtual Treatment Research Network member meetings were held. The leadership and volunteers for the Treatment Research Network for the 2021-2022 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.



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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 2023

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. Webinar presenters will be leaders in the field that focus on tobacco treatment topics and our goal will be to make

these presentations available on SRNT-U. The Treatment Research Network is always interested in hearing from members about new webinar ideas or papers to sponsor relevant to treatment research. The network plans to host two virtual members meetings again after the 2023 annual meeting (March 2023) and invites any and all interested individuals to join and help us brainstorm opportunities for the network in the new year.



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