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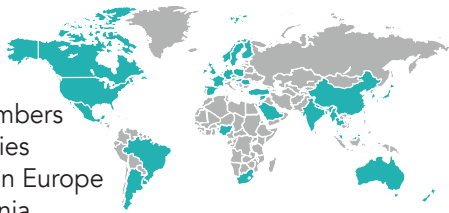


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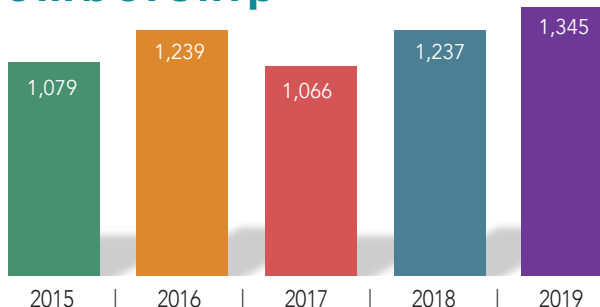
GLOBAL REACH

- 1,345 Members
- 49 Countries
- Chapters in Europe and Oceania



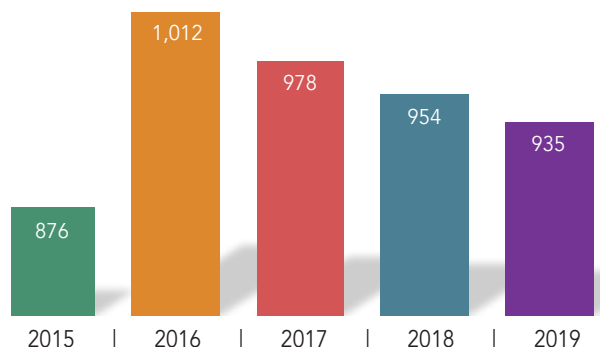
Cross-disciplinary, with members specializing in Basic Science Research, Clinical Research, Public Health/Epidemiology Research, and Policy Research.

Membership



JOURNAL Submissions

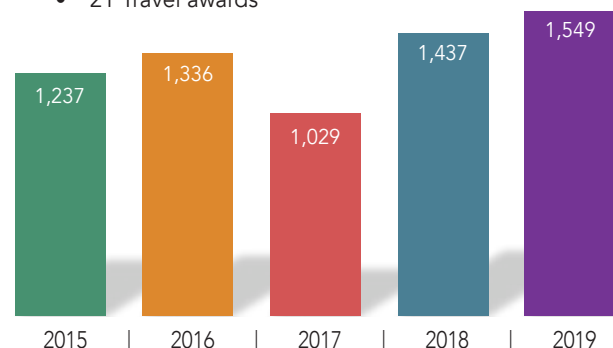
SRNT's scientific journal *Nicotine & Tobacco Research* (N&TR) continues to see a robust number of submissions, making it a Journal of choice for members.



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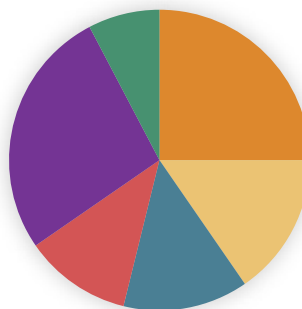
RECORD NUMBERS AT SRNT 2019 IN SAN FRANCISCO

- 1,549 Registrants
- 914 Abstracts submitted
- 7 Concurrent breakout in 6 Sessions
- 851 Posters
- 21 Travel awards



NETWORK ACTIVITIES

Eight topic-driven networks promote interaction among members, and address/influence significant issues within tobacco and nicotine research.



Newsletters
Webinars
Pre-conference Workshops
Accepted Symposia
Member Spotlights
Accepted Papers

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SRNT University

CURATED TRAINING AND INFORMATION FOR NICOTINE & TOBACCO RESEARCHERS

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- 1,100 Library links, 7 new courses
- 372 certificates earned
- 200 member volunteers
- 60,000 pageviews

LIBRARY SECTIONS

- Research Skills & Methodologies
- Tools & Resources
- Pre-clinical Research
- Clinical Research
- Public Health Research
- Policy Research
- Themed Collections (E-Cigarettes and Areca Nut)

NEW CLASSROOM CONTENT

- Tobacco & Cannabis Co-Use
- Experimental Tobacco Marketplace
- Measuring Quit Outcomes
- Mentorship Minute
- mHealth
- Precision Medicine
- Women & Smoking

NEW PODCAST

- Tobacco Use After a Cancer Diagnosis

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President's Report

Suzanne Colby, PhD

At the beginning of my term as President, I thought I knew all I needed to know about SRNT. However, serving as President this past year has given me a much deeper appreciation for all that SRNT does, and the massive amount of effort that goes on behind the scenes year-round. It has been genuinely inspiring to witness the commitment and efforts of so many of our members, with the unwavering, professional support (and good humor) of our REES Group staff members, who make it all possible. Below is a summary of SRNT highlights for the past year.

As you know, a significant focus over the past 15 months has been the SRNT 2025 initiative, which is helping us to position SRNT for the future, respond to some dramatic changes in the field, support our members and their priorities, and extend our impact internationally in ways that are consistent with our mission as a society. Phase I of this process was recently completed. From beginning to end, it was a process informed by our members. A full report on Phase I, including a comprehensive set of supporting documents, is available to members online at https://www.srnt.org/page/srnt_2025_strategic_review and I encourage you to peruse this collection. We will host a Town Hall meeting at this year's Annual Meeting in New Orleans to present highlights and next steps as we transition into the Implementation Phase of this process. I hope to see you there.

I am happy to update you on a number of other initiatives we undertook last year. One major achievement was the official launch of

SRNT-University at the Annual Meeting in February 2019 (as SRNT celebrated its 25th year!). SRNT-U benefits from the scientific leadership of its Dean, Natalie Walker, and its tireless Managing Director, Mona Johnson. They are assisted in their efforts by Preclinical Director Outi Salminen, Clinical Director Alicia Allen, Public Health Director Cristian Meghea, Policy Research Director Hua Yong, Research Methodologies Director Ivana Croghan, Tools & Resources Director Stephanie Land, Certificate Program Director Lisa Sanderson Cox and Innovation Manager Melanie Broeckmann, and supported by the thousands of volunteer hours that it takes to curate high-quality, timely, and balanced scientific content and resources. From SRNT-U's inception, its priorities have included exceptional leadership, management, and scientific expertise spanning a full range of research disciplines, and international in scope. If you have not yet seen first-hand all that this remarkable site has to offer, please visit www.srnt.org/srnt-u. SRNT-U leadership is always eager to receive your feedback and suggestions.

In addition, our Society's journal *Nicotine & Tobacco Research* has had another highly successful year. We are so fortunate to benefit from the ongoing leadership of Marcus Munafo, Editor-in-Chief, and the support of our colleagues at Oxford University Press. One highlight for the journal this year was the December Supplement Issue on Standards to Reduce Nicotine in Combusted Tobacco in the United States (<https://academic.oup.com/ntr/>

[issue/21/Supplement_1](#)), sponsored by CASEL (the Center for Coordination of Analytics, Science, Enhancement, and Logistics in Tobacco Regulatory Science). This supplement comprises 23 articles showcasing the state of the science in nicotine reduction research.

As part of an ongoing effort to maintain communication and connections between SRNT and adjacent organizations with interests in nicotine and tobacco, I traveled along with SRNT Executive Director Bruce Wheeler and incoming SRNT President Suchitra Krishnan-Sarin to Washington, DC, and New York City to discuss SRNT initiatives with leadership of the Tobacco Regulatory Science Program at the National Institutes of Health, the National Cancer Institute, the National Institute on Drug Abuse, the Food and Drug Administration Center for Tobacco Products, the Center for Drug Evaluation and Research, the Campaign for Tobacco Free Kids, Truth Initiative, and our journal publishers Oxford University Press. These annual meetings are invaluable for identifying shared interests and opportunities for us to coordinate efforts in priority areas. I am grateful for the warm reception we received, and came away from these visits even more mindful of the importance of these crucial relationships to the mission of SRNT.

SRNT's eight topical research networks offer so many opportunities to connect and collaborate with other members who share one's research interests. Our networks also serve to advance



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nicotine and tobacco science across disciplines through activities such as writing papers together, planning pre-conference workshops (seven this year!), submitting symposia, hosting webinars and journal clubs, and promoting networking at the annual meeting and throughout the year. If you are not yet an active member of one or more of the Networks, I urge you to check them out this year at the Annual Meeting. The work of our Networks is supported by a new Networks Manager, Rebecca Hinz, who coordinates Network activities and initiatives. Because transdisciplinarity is a priority for SRNT, one project planned for this year will be to bolster participation among Basic Science Network members and other basic scientists whose involvement in SRNT has declined over time. Through our Basic Science Survey, we aim to learn more about these researchers' perspectives and priorities within SRNT.

Another goal for the upcoming year involves clarifying the role of SRNT Chapters and how SRNT can better support them. Currently we have two regional chapters, SRNT-Europe, and the newer SRNT-Oceania. As an SRNT member, you can join either (or both) of these chapters regardless of where you live. In 2019, SRNT-E put on a successful annual meeting in Oslo, Norway, and will host its next annual meeting in Lausanne, Switzerland in 2020. SRNT-O members held their inaugural meeting in 2019 in Sydney, Australia, which by all accounts was a great success.

Speaking of annual meetings, we owe a huge thanks to our SRNT 2020 Annual Meeting Program Chair and Co-chairs, Andrea Villante, Gideon St. Helen, Erin McClure and Jamie Brown for the exciting program they have put together. As you can imagine, this is an immense undertaking, and has been growing more daunting every year as conference submissions and competition for limited program space increase. Indeed, this year the Program Committee leadership team increased from three to four members in response to the expanding work involved in putting together such a rigorous and stimulating program. The Annual Meeting is the highlight of SRNT's year and it would simply not be possible without the countless hours of hard work volunteered by the Program Committee members. I would also like to highlight the many outstanding contributions of Brooke Miller, who provides support and coordination for conference planning, and has been a wonderful partner in this endeavor.

I'm also pleased to announce that, following a comprehensive competitive bidding process, the Board has selected the venue for our international meeting in 2022: Edinburgh! Details will be forthcoming, but I hear there are plans for SRNT to have its own tartan - lots to look forward to!

Reflecting on this past year, I am so thankful for the remarkable and skillful role that our Executive Director, Bruce Wheeler, plays in SRNT. He is incredibly dedicated to SRNT, its mission, its members, and its future. He has extensive experience managing societies like ours, and we benefit from his wisdom on a daily basis. Presidents come and go, but Bruce is a constant, and thank goodness. As one Board member sagely put it this year, "Long live Bruce!". Indeed.

In closing, I want to thank all of our Board Members, Network and Committee leaders and members, and other volunteers for their service to SRNT. Our members' extraordinary level of commitment to SRNT makes me very optimistic about our future. I also want to thank our immediate Past President, Marina Picciotto, who continued to serve SRNT throughout this year, and who is an astute voice of reason in all situations. Finally, please join me in welcoming our incoming President, Suchitra Krishnan-Sarin. I have so enjoyed working with Suchitra over the past year, and look forward to supporting her efforts in my final year on the Board of Directors. Under Suchitra's leadership, it is sure to be another great year ahead for SRNT!



President's Report

2019-2020 Board of Directors



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President



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Past President



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President-Elect



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Bruce Wheeler
Executive Director
Ex Officio Board Member



Treasurer's Report

Megan Piper, PhD

First the bad news: SRNT ended 2019 in the red. Now the good news: SRNT has been trying—for years—to spend down some of its surplus, yet we keep making money! In 2019, we were finally able to achieve a deficit, albeit not anywhere as large as we had budgeted (the Board approved a significant 2019 budget deficit of \$236,000). Indeed, thanks to a robust US stock market, we ended the year in a much better financial position than we had anticipated a year earlier.

Beyond our usual operating expenses, the major expenses in 2019 included ongoing support of SRNT University, which was formally launched after several years of development, and SRNT 2025, our comprehensive, internal review which required the use of an outside expert consultant to facilitate Phase I, as well as a research firm to conduct our comprehensive membership survey.

As for 2019 revenues, it is easy to look at the financials and pinpoint the reasons for SRNT's ongoing financial success. SRNT's journal, Nicotine & Tobacco Research, continues to outperform expectations and SRNT's annual conference continues to be a reliable revenue stream. Finally, the stock market outperformed all of our expectations, with roughly \$165,000 added to our investment portfolio at year-end.

Therefore, despite the 2019 deficit of \$37,934 SRNT's financial position continues to be strong and allows the Society to engage in activities and initiatives to promote tobacco science and support its members.

Notes: The 2019 year-end financials are preliminary, based on anticipated 2019 journal royalties from Oxford University Press, minus the cost of 2019 member journal subscriptions. Therefore, year-end net is based on estimates that include outstanding budgeted income and expenses.

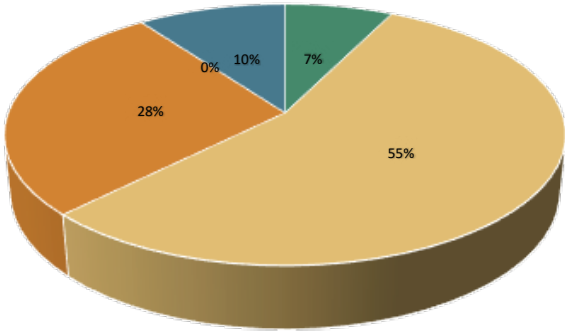
Revenue

SRNT's main sources of revenue are: (a) membership dues, (b) conference registration, and (c) journal royalties. Investment income may represent income or loss, depending on the year. Financial support from the pharmaceutical industry represents less than five percent of SRNT's 2019 revenues.

Expenses

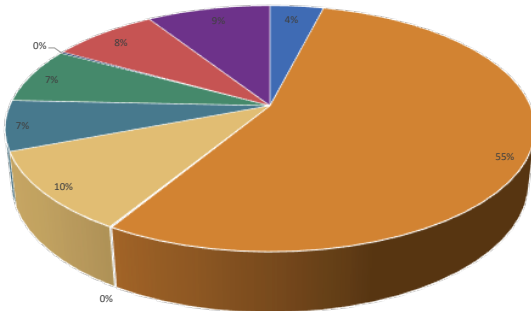
SRNT's two largest expenses are: (1) management and staff/office support, provided through a contract with The Rees Group, and (2) the Annual Meeting. We had additional expenditures in 2019 as we continued to support SRNT-U and SRNT invested financial resources in the SRNT 2025 strategic review. Finally, SRNT continued to invest in our eight networks that support the research of all of our members (Adolescents, Basic Science, Genetics, Global, Health Disparities, Public Policy, Trainees, and Treatment).

2019 Preliminary Income



Membership	7%	Admin/General	0%
Annual Meeting	55%	Investments	10%
N&TR	28%		

2019 Preliminary Expenses



Membership	4%	Networks	7%
Annual Meeting	55%	Treat Tobacco	0%
Board/Comm/Outreach	0%	Admin/General	8%
SRNT-U	10%	Special Project	9%
N&TR	7%		



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Investments

SRNT's investment portfolio began the year at \$889,748 and ended the year at \$1,055,445 for a gain of \$165,697.

Assets

SRNT had \$1,773,828 in assets at year-end. We currently have \$622,873.86 in the Reserve Fund. Based on the 2014 Financial Reserve Policy, the amount held in reserve is slightly higher than the amount required by the Financial Reserve Policy (i.e., that we have sufficient funds to maintain the Society for a year, based on the mean expenditure over the last 3 years). Therefore, we are meeting the Financial Reserve policy with the current reserve balance.

2020 Budget

Because of our incredibly strong financial position, SRNT has (again) budgeted a deficit for the year. Specifically, the Board has approved a deficit of \$38,000.

In 2020, in addition to operating expenses, SRNT will finish Phase I of SRNT 2025, which requires financial support, so some funds will be expended in support of this strategic initiative. In addition, SRNT will continue to support expansion of SRNT University and its eight topical Networks.

Please note that the SRNT Finance Committee and staff budget very conservatively. If history is any guide, the projected deficit will likely be smaller. We keep trying to spend down our surplus, but we have not been very successful in that goal. Because of this historical trend, plus SRNT's healthy bank account, the Finance Committee will likely be recommending to the Board that new initiatives and/or added investment in current SRNT programming be considered. Your Board of Directors is committed to putting surplus funds toward the programing and activities that will best advance tobacco science around the globe, in support of the priorities identified through Phase I of SRNT 2025.



Executive Director's Report

Bruce Wheeler

Change happens and SRNT 2025, our major undertaking of late 2018 through 2019 (continuing into this year) was all about change – specifically the change taking place within our field of research and within the SRNT membership.

For those more recent members of SRNT, it may come as a surprise to learn that the divisive issue of tobacco industry participation in SRNT hasn't been discussed with the membership since 2005. Nor has the Board changed any major policies related to tobacco industry participation in the Society since it modified membership eligibility in 2010.

And yet, in the years since those discussions, much has changed.

I don't need to tell you, active participants in the field of nicotine/tobacco research, about the meteoric rise of the vaping industry, which, like the tobacco industry is an issue all y'all understandably have strong feelings about. The recent prominence of that industry doesn't just represent change, it's a tectonic shift in our collective environment. Any responsible Board of Directors would have had the responsibility to pay attention and, as necessary, to respond.

The SRNT Board has done just that – but not on their own, in a vacuum, but by inviting the full membership into the conversation about how to move forward in the face of so much change.

That the Board took this approach is quite impressive. I have to say, hard issues are easy to ignore. But the Board didn't shy away; instead, they embarked on a thoughtful, deliberative and inclusive strategic review.

SRNT 2025 began in late 2018, took a tremendous amount of time, thought and effort in 2019, and will take even more time, thought and effort in 2020. Despite the slow and deliberative nature of SRNT 2025, I could not be more pleased with the process, which has resulted in a considered, respectful approach to issues that have continued to shadow SRNT (and, indeed, have since its inception), as well as more recent issues that have surfaced.

Will everyone be happy with all outcomes of SRNT 2025? Not likely since, as of the end of 2019, SRNT had more than 1,300 members! When you ask such a large group of members with so many differing opinions about subjects that have no easy answers, it's a safe bet not everyone will get what they want. At which point, the only thing we can do is do our utmost to ensure that all perspectives are brought to the table; that all opinions are welcome; that all comments are considered.

And that has happened.

I had a front row seat to the now-completed Phase I of SRNT 2025 and I will state, unequivocally, that every effort – every effort – was made by

the SRNT Board to be inclusive at every stage, from the initial gathering of info on issues, to the seating of three Work Advisory Groups, to the survey of the full membership and the subsequent member comment period on the initial results.

The tangible output of Phase I is a series of Guiding Principles, the core beliefs of the Society at this particular point in its history. The Guiding Principles represent the best of SRNT – who and what we are, our organizational priorities, and our relationship with the field, with our stakeholders, with our sister communities, and with the general public.

Thank you for understanding that change happens.

Thank you for your participation in this important and timely review process.

Most of all, thank you for your ongoing support of this wonderful and truly special organization!



SRNT University Dean's Report

Nathalie Walker, PhD

As SRNT-U's first Dean, I'm excited to lead the efforts to build this new online hub where SRNT members can find organized, curated training, scientific articles, and tools and resources relevant to nicotine and tobacco research. I'm grateful to the more than 200 member volunteers who have contributed so far. Since our launch at the annual meeting in February 2019, SRNT-U had over 60,000 pageviews from around the world.

At the beginning of 2019, our leadership team developed a prioritized list of skills and knowledge needed to support SRNT's mission to stimulate the generation and dissemination of new knowledge concerning nicotine in all its manifestations. Working from this list, we've added the following new, original content to the SRNT-U virtual classroom:

- MobileHealth Tobacco Interventions Among Low-Income Smokers (Methodologies Mini-Course)
- Advances in mHealth for Smoking Cessation (Seminar)
- Tobacco Use After a Cancer Diagnosis (Podcast)
- Tobacco & Cannabis Co-Use (Seminar)
- Women and Smoking (Seminar)
- Experimental Tobacco Marketplace (Seminar)
- Precision Medicine for Nicotine Dependence (Seminar)
- Measuring Quit Outcomes (Methodologies Mini-Course)

The SRNT-U library now contains more than 1100 links to information and training, curated by our leadership team. This year, we've enhanced the library as follows:

- Our Tools & Resources section now includes 110 links to datasets, measures, resource portals and other essentials for nicotine and tobacco research professionals
- Our new Themed Collections (E-Cigarettes and Areca Nut) provide starting points for learners as they conduct their own literature searches on these important and rapidly evolving topics
- Our Research Methodologies & Skills section contains 250 curated links to information and training on research methods, from basic to advanced.

We worked with the Trainee Network to develop the SRNT Mentorship Minute and SRNT Journal Club videos that, along with the Smoking Cessation Research Certificate Program, address the specific needs of early-career members.

Our hard-working leadership team continues to guide our efforts to provide cutting-edge information and training with a global and interdisciplinary perspective. As we plan for 2020, we welcome your thoughts and suggestions for SRNT-U, so please feel free to reach out to me (n.walker@auckland.ac.nz).



Journal Editor's Report

Marcus Munafò, PhD

This year saw me begin my second five-year term as Editor-in-Chief. When I took over from David Balfour the journal was already the preferred outlet for the work produced by many members of our Society, and beyond. Following someone of David's stature was intimidating, to say the least, but I hope that in the last five years we have consolidated and even strengthened the position of the Journal. I say "we" because the journal is very much a team effort – not only does it require the input of dozens of Deputy Editors and Associate Editors, but also countless reviewers and, of course, authors. It is very much our journal.

Over my first term I have tried to introduce a number of small changes to the journal, to raise the profile of the work we publish (for example, through thematic issues and regular editorials) and formalize the relationship between the journal and the Society. For example, editors (including myself!) now serve specified terms, with the option of renewal (in my case limited

to one – this will be my final five-year term). This allows those who feel they need a break from editorial duties – which can be extremely time-consuming! – to retire gracefully, and ensures we refresh the membership of the board periodically.

The editorial board is overseen by the Publications Committee, currently chaired by Adam Leventhal, which provides the conduit between the journal and the Society. This provides an independent body (for example to decide on whether or not to renew the tenure of the Editor-in-Chief – and fortunately they chose to do so!). They support the journal, for example by deciding on the Best Paper award, which we now announce every year at the Annual Meeting to showcase what we consider the best of the work we have published in the preceding year.

One of the themes of my tenure so far is that I have attempted to further strengthen the links between the journal and the Society. We recognize our reviewers in a number of ways (such as by listing all reviewers in an issue of the journal, but also awarding certificates to those who have provided an exceptional number of reviews), and offer the plenary speakers at the Annual Meeting the opportunity to submit a paper to the journal based on their presentation. Again, it is our journal, and any success is our success, collectively as a group of scientists unified by a common purpose, and as a Society. Thank you!



SRNT Europe

Lion Shahab

In 1998, Karl Fagerström obtained funding from the pharmaceutical industry to host a small meeting on nicotine dependence, smoking cessation and nicotine replacement therapy. The resultant interest led to discussions about the possibility of starting a European chapter of The Society for Research on Nicotine and Tobacco. In 2011, the European chapter was formally registered with the Charity Commission in the UK and SRNT-E in its current form was born. Since its inception, the main purpose of SRNT-E has been the organisation of an annual meeting. In September 2019, the SRNT-E conference took place in Oslo, Norway (<https://bit.ly/39S219L>). This meeting with the theme 'Tobacco in Clinical Practice and Populations' was attended by over 300 delegates from across the world and was a great success thanks to the hard work of the local organising committee, chaired by Dr Karl Lund.

In 2020, we will celebrate our 20th anniversary of hosting conferences. The 20th SRNT-E conference, under the banner 'Innovative Solutions to an Old Problem', will be held in Lausanne, Switzerland (17-19 September 2020). Lausanne is the home of the modern Olympics and the conference dinner will take place at the Olympic Museum, so don't miss out! Fittingly, the following meeting in 2021, which will ring in the third decade of SRNT-E conferences, will be held at the home of the original Olympics: Athens.

SRNT-E is a relatively small community, with just over 120 members working across the fields of pre-clinical and clinical science, public health and epidemiology as well as policy. In recent years, there has been a shift away in focus from the basic sciences, with fewer people from this field attending or presenting at our meetings. In order to bring basic and pre-clinical sciences back into the fold, I am pleased to announce that this year we will host a special SRNT-E mini-conference, sponsored by the Federation of European Neuroscience Societies (FENS), to coincide with their annual Forum of Neuroscience conference in Glasgow (<https://forum2020.fens.org/>). This mini-conference will tackle the topical issue of 'Nicotine and the Developing Brain' and take place at the beginning of the FENS meeting, July 11th 2020. It should be an insightful and informative event. Limited tickets are now available, which will also provide access to all other FENS events on that day (<https://bit.ly/2RIQIQS>).

As a small society, the management of SRNT-E requires careful financial planning, which includes holding funds in reserve to ensure the financial health and long-term stability of the chapter. The SRNT-E board has continued to consolidate the financial position of SRNT-E, following the five-year plan set out by our past president, Prof Daniel Kotz. Since the main aim of SRNT-E is to organise an annual scientific

conference, reserves have been set at the average cost to host these to allow us to cope with the potential loss of an annual conference due to unforeseen circumstances. Our last meeting in Oslo made a small profit, and we have taken further steps to reduce cost inefficiencies. The main innovation has been to bring more of the conference organisation in-house, including the set-up of a dedicated abstract submission system. Over the years, new websites were set up for each conference by professional conference organisers. From this year onwards, we will be using one website for future conferences, which will also include details about our Chapter and a members' section. This new SRNT-E website is now live: <https://srnt-e.org/>.

Having one dedicated website also supports our other aim to streamline processes and build a depository for all SRNT-E content, including past conferences. We have continued to update and develop new Standardised Operating Procedures (SOPs) to ensure continuity of actions across the years and to build an institutional memory in the context of changing board membership. On the latter point, it gives me great pleasure to announce that Prof Carole Clair from the University of Lausanne was elected as President for 2020/21 at the SRNT-E conference in Oslo last year. Unfortunately, our secretary Dr Leon Kosmider decided to step down at the beginning of this year, before the end of his term, due to



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work commitments. However, we are lucky to have Dr Ute Mons from the German Cancer Research Center take over as SRNT-E secretary for the remainder of the term. All the best to Leon and welcome to Ute!

Lastly, as a scientific organisation we have to be forward looking. There have been tremendous changes in the nicotine and tobacco research landscape over the last decade, and SRNT-needs to adapt to these. As a result, we plan to involve more of our membership in setting the SRNT-E agenda and shaping our mission. To this end, our new website will provide a platform to survey our membership on current topics and planned actions, including society statements, so watch this space! Being forward looking also means fostering future leaders in tobacco research across all areas and disciplines. For this reason, SRNT-E, under the leadership of Prof Kotz and supported by myself, submitted

an application to the European Cooperation in Science & Technology (COST) with the title 'Towards a tobacco-free Europe (TOBFREE)' in 2019 that involved more than 43 applicants from 24 European countries. The main aim of this COST action is to build a pan-European network of researchers from all disciplines in the field of nicotine and tobacco control to coordinate research activities and facilitate capacity-building activities that contribute to a tobacco-free Europe, with special attention given to Early Career Investigators and scientists from less research-intensive countries in Europe. If successful, this would allow us to run workshops and satellite symposia at SRNT-E conferences, enable junior researchers to attend training events and laboratory exchanges, and thus fulfil one of the key roles of SRNT-E: to support the next generation of scientists working in the field of nicotine and tobacco research.

Members of the SRNT-E Board (as of January 2020):



Lion Sahab
President



Daniel Kotz
Past President



Carole Clair
President-elect



Ute Mons
Secretary



Lynne Dawkins
Treasurer



Mirte Kuipers
Communications
Officer



Caitlin Notley
SRNT
Representative
for Europe



**Marcus
Munafò**
Honorary
Secretary



SRNT Oceania

Chris Bullen, President, SRNT-O

The Society for Research on Nicotine and Tobacco - Oceania (SRNT-O) – the second formal chapter of SRNT, following in the footsteps of SRNT-Europe - was launched in Sydney, Australia, in October 2019.

Oceania encompasses the many nations in Micronesia, Melanesia and Polynesia, Australia and New Zealand. It's a large region, mostly ocean, and its peoples are very diverse, culturally, politically and geographically. This region faces many challenges but also presents many opportunities for advancing nicotine and tobacco research.

One major challenge in the Oceania region is the 'tyranny of distance'. People are spread right across the Pacific. However, technology can help overcome this barrier to participation. With a key aim of SRNT-O being to engage with and build capacity among researchers and others in the tobacco control community in the region, SRNT-O plans to experiment with e-conferences. Our inaugural meeting was held in Sydney on 24-

25th October. Highlights included our keynote speaker, Prof Ruth Malone, on phasing out the sale of cigarettes, and a stimulating and challenging plenary session by Dr Raglan Maddox on nicotine and tobacco research in the Indigenous context.

Although 'young' we have been active in social media and contributed to commentary on locally relevant matters. We have created a Twitter account (@o_srnt), with 220 followers. In March, we provided input to the Australian Department of Health's review of Australian Commonwealth tobacco control legislation.

SRNT has been generous with its support for our fledgling Chapter. We in turn are contributing to the wider mission of SRNT via our Oceania member Prof Billie Bonevski (who also represents Africa, Asia and Latin America) and the engagement of SRNT-O members in a range of SRNT special interest groups and SRNT University (Prof Natalie Walker).

We are excited to have an enthusiastic board that represents the diversity of the region. Members of the SRNT-O Board (as of February 2020):

- Chris Bullen, President
- Billie Bonevski, Immediate Past President
- Coral Gartner, Secretary
- Ratika Kumar, Communications Officer
- Melissa Jackson, Communications Officer
- Raglan Maddox, Membership Officer
- Natalie Walker, Education Officer
- Michelle Bovill, Indigenous Australian member
- Heather Gifford, Indigenous NZ member
- Dan Tautolo, Pacific Member

With such talented people on the team, SRNT-O is off to a great start!



Adolescent Network

Network Co-Chairs: Alexandra Loukas, PhD and Amanda Quisenberry, PhD

No. of Members: 357

The Adolescent Network was established in 2015. At the annual meeting in 2020 our leadership team will be retained, with Drs. Amanda Quisenberry and Alexandra Loukas functioning as Network Co-Chairs.

Our 11 member AC has been actively engaged over the past year, meeting monthly via teleconference to plan activities and report on progress. In addition to the two Chairs, AC members include: Drs. Rachel Cassidy, Julia Cen Chen, Suzanne Colby, Yvonne Hunt, Grace Kong, Sharon Lipperman-Kreda, Robin Mermelstein, and Erin Sutfin. The final AC member is our Network Operations Coordinator, 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:** Rachel Cassidy (Chair); Erin Miller Lo, Aly Rudy, MeLisa Creamer, Abdullah Alanazi
- 2) **Education/Training:** Sharon Lipperman-Kreda (Chair); Suchitra Krishnan-Sarin, Laura MacPherson, Georges Khalil, Kate Flint
- 3) **Annual Meeting/Program:** Yvonne Hunt and Erin Sutfin (Chairs); Suzanne Colby, Janet Hoek, Kathleen Garrison, Jessica Rath, Rachel Grana Mayne, Hollie Tripp
- 4) **Membership:** Grace Kong and Julia Cen Chen (Chairs); John Lee

NETWORK COMMUNICATIONS

Subscribers receive updates and messages from our network on Facebook, Twitter, and the member listserv, and information about the network is regularly updated on the network page of the SRNT website. This year, the communications committee continued to post recent publications of relevance

to our members on the listserv monthly. Committee members continue to facilitate listserv interactions among our members.

NETWORK NEWSLETTERS

The network develops and distributes newsletters on a quarterly basis. Included in the newsletters are recent adolescent and young adult focused papers, conference announcements, and funding opportunities. Our next newsletter will be disseminated shortly before the annual meeting and will highlight conference activities focused on adolescents and youth.

NETWORK WEBINARS

The Network sponsored two webinars this year. The first “Social Media Research to Understand Adolescent Tobacco/Nicotine Use” was recorded in May and attended by 79 participants. The second “Ethical and Legal Issues in Conducting Adolescent Research” was recorded in November and attended by 37 participants. Both are available to view at SRNT University.

NETWORK PRE-CONFERENCE WORKSHOPS

We organized our third pre-conference workshop at the 2019 annual meeting, entitled “Recruiting and Retaining Adolescents in Tobacco Control Research: Challenges and Opportunities”. The workshop was successful with 33 attendees. We will hold our next pre-conference workshop at the 2020 meeting, entitled “Advancing the Science of Youth Cessation: Treatment Strategies and Research Needs”.

NETWORK-SPONSORED SYMPOSIA

The Network will sponsor their first symposium session at the 2020 annual meeting titled “Understanding Tobacco Use Patterns and Determinants in Sexual And Gender Minority Youth”.

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.

NETWORK POSTER TOUR

At the 2019 annual meeting, the Network piloted a poster tour program. The program will continue at the 2020 meeting and guidelines have been shared with other networks who may want to implement a similar program.

NETWORK MEMBERSHIP

Finalized guidelines for terms of service and transitions in leadership and membership last year were adopted by other Networks. We also successfully recruited 4 new members; one serves on the Education subcommittee, one on the Membership subcommittee, and two serve on the Annual Meeting subcommittee, which includes an operations coordinator for the annual meeting subcommittee. Four AC members (Maria Cooper, Laura MacPherson, Suchitra Krishnan-Sarin, and Elizabeth Seaman) rotated off after the 2019 annual meeting.

NETWORK SPOTLIGHT INTERVIEWS

This year the membership subcommittee took over responsibility of the spotlight interviews, which include the research of current members. This year, we featured Spotlight Interviews with senior researchers, Dr. Erin Sutfin, Dr. Jennifer Unger and early career researchers, Margaret Mayer and Deepti Agarwal. The final newsletter of the year will contain an interview with the 2020 conference program chair, Andrea Villanti.



Basic Science Network

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

No. of Members: 218

BASIC SCIENCE NETWORK (BSN) FUNCTION

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

ADMINISTRATIVE STRUCTURE

In 2019, previous BSN Co-Chairs, Drs. Jill Turner and Brett Froeliger, stepped down following the 2019 annual meeting. Shortly after, Drs. Sven-Eric Jordt and Brandon Henderson began serving as Co-Chairs of the BSN Network. Theresa Patten continued to serve as the Operations Coordinator 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; and Sairam Jabba, DVM, PhD.

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

WEBINARS

- Trainee and BSN Network Collaboration: In 2019 the BSN collaborated with SRNT's trainee network to put together the first journal club meeting. This meeting covered the basic science research report titled "Impact of Menthol on Oral Nicotine Consumption in Female and Male Sprague Dawley Rats" by Bagdas et al., 2019. This journal club was moderated by Dr. Asti

Jackson (Yale) and Allison Borges (Rutgers) on September 25th of 2019 and was well attended by members of both the Trainee and Basic Science networks.

SRNT 2019 ANNUAL MEETING SYMPOSIA SUBMISSIONS

The BSN network submitted multiple symposia for the 2020 Annual Meeting and 3 were accepted:

1. Beyond the 'Lock and Key' Conceptualization of Nicotinic Signaling: Novel Modulators of Nicotinic Receptors. Presenters, Henry Lester (Caltech), Paul Whiteaker (Barrow Neurological Institute), Christie Fowler (UC Irvine), Julie Miwa (Lehigh University).
2. The Brave New Flavored World of Tobacco Products: an Update on the Chemistry, Pharmacology, and Genetics of Flavor Additives and Preference Behavior. Presenters, Esther Omaiye (UC Riverside), Erna Krusemann (NIPH, Netherlands), Brandon Henderson (Marshall University), Matthew Palmatier (East Tennessee State University). Upgraded from a pre-conference workshop proposal.
3. Advancing our Understanding of Understanding of Nicotine Self-Administration (Paper Session)

WEBSITE

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). Chiefly, we intend to update the website to maintain records of critical papers for the field and upcoming training/webinar events.

Nicotine Tobacco Research Special Issue for 2021: The BSN Network submitted a proposal (now accepted) for a special issue in Nicotine and Tobacco Research. The topic will be "Polydrug Use" and will consist of a collection of original articles from the BSN Network members that research the co-use of nicotine with other drugs of abuse. Currently, this is set to be an issue published in 2021.

CHANGE IN COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Change in Advisory Committee:

No Changes

New BSN Coordinator:

Our current BSN coordinator, Theresa Patten, will be rotating out at the culmination of the 2020 annual meeting. The incoming BSN coordinator is TBD.

UPCOMING EVENTS FOR 2020 - 2021

- Juul Webinar, Date TBA
- Bi-monthly Network Newsletters
- 2020 Basic Scientist Spotlight
- 2020 SRNT Journal Club Meeting in Collaboration with the Trainee



Genetics & Omics Network

Network Chairs: Laurie Zawertailo, PhD and Li-Shiun Chen, MD, MPH, ScD

No. of Members: 111

The goal of the SRNT Genetics and Omics Network is to capture the broader spectrum of clinical and translational omics research represented in our field. Our network has had a dynamic year that has generated several transdisciplinary and collaborative products in 2019. The Genetics and Omics Network is continuing to grow its membership and recruiting additional new leaders and young investigators, while promoting cross-collaborations with other networks. The leadership of the Genetics and Omics Network has transitioned in 2019 with Laurie Zawertailo and Li-Shiun Chen as Co-Chairs and Yadira Pérez Páramo as Operations Coordinator.

After the Genetics and Omics and Basic Science Networks co-sponsored a webinar entitled ‘Translation of the GWAS and Sequencing Consortium of Alcohol and Nicotine use (GSCAN) results to basic discovery science and precision medicine’ led by Sean David and Li-Shiun Chen in 2018, the network has published a concept paper to summarize the key findings and discussion from the webinar. This paper published in 2019 was led by Andrew Bergen from the network advisory committee. This paper summarized recent work by Scott Vrieze, PhD, who reported results from the GSCAN consortium meta-analyses of GWAS and opportunities in future genetic research.

Bergen AW, Do E, Chen LS, David SP. Tobacco Genomics: Complexity and Translational Challenges. *Nicotine and Tobacco Research*, 2019 May 21, 21(6): 705-706. PMID: 31111930

SRNT 2019 PRE-CONFERENCE WORKSHOP

Our network also hosted a pre-conference workshop at the 2019 Annual Meeting entitled ‘**Implementing precision medicine in smoking cessation: patients, providers, policy, and more.**’ The network is currently working on a concept paper to summarize discussion from this workshop. This workshop aimed to synthesize complementary research topics to inform evidence-based tobacco treatment guidelines and to set a vision for clinical implementation science within real-world healthcare systems. The workshop included: A) What is the evidence? We described how an evidence base is examined before clinical translation and provided an update on the evidence of pharmacogenetic tobacco treatment research, biomarker development, and meta-analysis (Drs. Huddart and David). B) Are patients and providers ready? We presented an evidence synthesis regarding provider and patient readiness, and acceptability for marker-guided precision care in different settings (Drs. Tindle, Kaprio, and Bierut). C) How do we get there? We previewed research in the potential use of genetic data, polygenic scores, and consumer genomics in clinical care and public health (Drs. Chen and Ashenurst). D) Finally, the workshop concluded with an expert panel made up of multiple stakeholders from NIH, large healthcare systems, and small business innovation research to discuss the challenges to advancing translation into clinical practice of “precision medicine” approaches for tobacco treatment. Led by panelist (Drs. Compton, McClure, Bergen, and Callahan-Lyon), the panel addressed: 1) how to conduct impactful research, 2) what works in the real healthcare system, 3) translational research, and 4) proactive regulation in the era of precision medicine.

SRNT 2020 PRE-CONFERENCE WORKSHOP

The SRNT Genetics and Omics Network will host a pre-conference workshop at the 2020 Annual Meeting entitled “**Polygenic Risk Scores for tobacco dependence and treatment: Promises and Pitfalls.**” This workshop aims to synthesize the current state of knowledge regarding the use of polygenic risk scores in prediction and treatment of tobacco dependence and will discuss potential future research topics to inform evidence-based tobacco treatment guidelines for eventual implementation into clinical practice. This workshop will outline both the pros and cons of PRS based on current research evidence. The workshop will include presentations and discussion on the following:

- A) Etiology and PRS. We will describe and summarize current state of knowledge regarding PRS for predicting smoking behaviours (with talks by Drs. Robyn Wootton, Scott Vrieze, and Ramina Sotoudeh) and nicotine metabolism (with talks by Drs Andrew Bergen and James Baurley).
- B) PRS x environment interactions and how PRS can be used to reveal causal pathways to tobacco dependence and potential relationships to co-morbid conditions (with talks by Drs Laura Bierut and Lauren Schmitz).
- C) PRS as a prognostic indicator and to guide treatment. We will present evidence synthesis regarding polygenic risk prediction for smoking cessation (with presentations by Drs Li-Shiun Chen and Laurie Zawertailo).
- D) Finally, this workshop will conclude with an expert panel made up of both researchers and clinicians to discuss the challenges of advancing



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translation PRS into clinical practice for tobacco treatment. Led by panelists Drs. Blanco, Tindle and David, the panel will address: 1) how to conduct impactful research, 2) what works in the real healthcare system, 3) translational research, and 4) proactive regulation in the era of precision medicine.

MOVING FORWARD

Moving forward, our network is positioned to be more collaborative with the other networks, including the SRNT Treatment Network. Specifically we will:

- Continue to collaborate with other networks, recruit young investigators, and mentor future network leaders.
- Publish a concept paper entitled 'Roadmap to precision smoking cessation: patients, providers, guidelines, and more' that also highlights our recent workshop discussion points and horizon scanning for the field.
- Leverage the collaborative research relationships within our network to foster research projects, team science, and grant generation.
- Liaise with the SRNT-U leadership to promote dissemination of educational products for the Society.



Global Research Network

Network Chairs: Scott McIntosh, PhD and Irina Stepanov, PhD

No. of Members: 244

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

LEADERSHIP STRUCTURE

Co-Chairs: Current co-chairs are Scott McIntosh, who began serving in this capacity in 2016, and Irina Stepanov, who stepped in as co-chair in 2019.

Advisory Committee: The GRN Advisory Committee includes representatives from major regions around the world. In 2019, our Advisory Board consisted of 8 members, including Mark Parascandola, Erika Pinsker, Ramzi Salloum, Kamran Siddiqi, Ryan Kennedy, Frank Chaloupka, Carla Berg (who joined the AC after stepping down as the GRN co-chair), and Monika Arora (new member since 2019).

Subcommittees: Activities of the GRN are facilitated through four subcommittees with strong leadership:

- Outreach (Chair: Ramzi Salloum)
- Education (Chair: Irina Stepanov, Ryan Kennedy)
- Assessment (Chair: Scott McIntosh)
- Communications (Chair: Erika Pinsker)

Network coordinators: We had two new Network Coordinators helping with GRN operations in 2019: Thulasee (Tulsi) Jose and Irene Pericot-Valverde.

NETWORK MEETINGS

Over the past year, we had two network-wide web conference meetings, each followed by conference calls with our Advisory Committee to discuss our

activities and future goals. The GRN co-chairs communicated regularly throughout the year to discuss specific issues related to the network operations. In addition, recurring meeting of the GRN subcommittees took place on a regular basis.

The full-membership GRN meeting will take place on March 11, 2020 at 1:00 pm. We will introduce the new GRN co-Chair, review our annual progress report, and discuss on-going and new initiatives and ideas to increase the vibrancy and visibility of our network.

EDUCATION AND OUTREACH

The Education Subcommittee engaged in a series of strategic discussions to redefine its mission and goals. As the result, the subcommittee is focusing on providing educational opportunities and resources to enable young and established investigators to build international collaborations that involve LMIC countries, establish mentor-mentee connections, and obtain funding for global nicotine and tobacco research. The main activities that are being currently undertaken by the subcommittee include:

- Developing a platform for mentor-mentee interactions in global nicotine and tobacco research. As part of this effort, a mentor-mentee interaction guidelines and a database of potential mentors is being developed.
- Developing a webinar series. The first webinar in the series is being scheduled for early 2020. It will be focused on Challenges in regulation of ENDS and will be moderated by Dr. Ryan Kennedy, the subcommittee co-chair.
- Promoting the SRNT-U. Members of the Education Subcommittee participated in the development of the Knowledge Center that became part of the SRNT-U. Promoting this resource is one of priorities of the GRN and the Education Subcommittee in particular.

ASSESSMENT COMMITTEE

The GRN Assessment Subcommittee continues to engage in ongoing data collection to assess tobacco control research activity globally. One of key activities is the development of a standard online survey assessment tool that can be used for ongoing data collection and promoted through conferences. The Assessment Subcommittee has been analyzing previously collected data at conferences, particularly the 2018 World Conference on Tobacco or Health, for which a manuscript will be submitted for peer reviewed publication in March, 2020.

NETWORK COMMUNICATIONS

Newsletters: The Communications Subcommittee continued to disseminate newsletters to GRN members. The newsletters inform about webinars and other activities of the GRN, including opportunities for participation; report on global tobacco-related upcoming conferences and deadlines; NTR publications in the realm of global tobacco control; and present active LMIC researchers through the GRN Spotlight.

Website: The Communications Subcommittee updated the GRN webpage to present information about co-chairs and advisory committee members and provide links to newsletters, webinars, upcoming conferences, training and educational resources, and information regarding joining the GRN.

Spotlight nomination process: The GRN revised its application process for the GRN Spotlight to expand the pool of applicants by making it easier to apply. Aleksandra Alcheva is lined up to be featured in the next spotlight.



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SYMPOSIA AND WEBINARS

- The GRN organized a pre-conference workshop to be included in the SRNT 2020 Annual Meeting. The workshop is titled “Research methodologies in the context of global tobacco research: Challenges and the importance of harmonization” and is targeted towards new and established investigators involved in a broad range of international tobacco research, from laboratory science to behavioral, surveillance, and intervention studies. The workshop is scheduled for Wednesday, March 11, 2020, from 8:30 am to 11:30 am.
- The GRN co-organized a Journal Club meeting on January 9, 2020. The Journal Club is a collaborative effort led by the Trainee Network with the participation of all SRNT networks. The discussed paper was “Global approaches to regulating electronic cigarettes” co-authored by Dr. Ryan Kennedy (GRN Education Subcommittee co-Chair), and Dr. Ayodeji Awopegba (GRN member) served as moderator.
- As mentioned above, we will start our new GRN Webinar series with a webinar focused on Challenges in regulation of ENDS, which will be organized by the GRN Education Subcommittee. Webinar speakers will be Alex C. Liber, MSPH (Senior Scientist, Economic and Health Policy Research, American Cancer Society) and Connie Hoe, MSW, PhD (Assistant Scientist, Department of International Health, Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health). Dr. Ryan Kennedy will moderate the webinar and the discussion.

OUTREACH

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

- American Society of Preventive Oncology 44th Annual Conference; Tucson, Arizona USA; March 22-24, 2020: <https://aspo.org/annual-meeting/>
- 13th Asia Pacific Conference on Tobacco or Health; Bangkok, Thailand; September 2-4, 2020: <https://www.publichealthupdate.com/13th-asia-pacific-conference-on-tobacco-or-health-2020-apact-2020/>
- SRNT Europe 20th Annual Conference; Lausanne, Switzerland; September 17-19, 2020: <https://www.srnt.org/page/Conferences>
- 2020 National Conference on Tobacco of Health; Chandigarh, India; September 25-27, 2020: <https://www.nctoh2020.org/about-us/>
- 2020 UICC World Cancer Congress; Muscat, Oman; October 20-22, 2020: <https://www.uicc.org/what-we-do/convening/world-cancer-congress>



Health Disparities Network

Network Chairs: Kelvin Choi, PhD, MPH and Monica Webb Hooper, PhD

No. of Members: 341

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

ADVISORY COMMITTEE STRUCTURE

Co-chairs:

- Kelvin Choi, PhD, MPH, National Institute on Minority Health and Health Disparities
- Monica Webb Hooper, PhD, Case Comprehensive Cancer Center, Case Western Reserve University

Operations Coordinators:

- Danielle Davis, MS, University of Vermont
- Priti Bandi, PhD, American Cancer Society

PROGRAM SUBCOMMITTEE

Co-chairs:

- Steven Fu, MD, MSCE, U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs
- Juliet Lee, PhD, Pacific Institute for Research and Evaluation
- Shyanika Rose, PhD, MA, University of Kentucky College of Medicine
- Jennifer Cantrell, DrPH, MPA, New York University

Members:

- Philip Smith, PhD, MS, Miami University
- Erin Rogers, DrPH, MPH, New York University Grossman School of Medicine

Operations Coordinators:

- Sarah Cha, MSPH, The Truth Initiative

SCHOLARSHIP & DEVELOPMENT SUBCOMMITTEE

Co-chairs:

- Raul Mejia, PhD, Argentina Ministry of Health
- Jennifer Unger, PhD, University of Southern California
- Minal Petal, PhD, The Truth Initiative Schroeder Institute

Operations Coordinators:

- Samantha Cwalina, BS, University of Southern California
- Dana Carroll, PhD, University of Minnesota

EVALUATION SUBCOMMITTEE

Co-chairs:

- Norval Hickman, PhD, MPH, California Tobacco-Related Disease Research Program
- Christi Patten, PhD, Mayo Clinic
- Kymberle Sterling, DrPH, MPH, University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston

Operations coordinator:

- Danielle Davis, MS, University of Vermont

2019 NETWORK GOALS

Program Subcommittee

- Organize two webinars between May 2019 and January 2020
- Facilitate a commentary on sexual and gender minority research on tobacco use
- Facilitate the organization of three symposium submissions for SRNT 2020
- Facilitate the organization of one pre-conference workshop for SRNT 2020
- Form topic-specific workgroups
- Outreach to American Indian/Alaska Native (AIAN) community and researchers

Scholarship & Development Subcommittee

- Administer the Health Disparities Network Travel Scholarship
- Administer the It's Just Coffee mentoring program
- Organize the Travel Scholar Award Ceremony at the 2020 annual meeting

Evaluation Subcommittee

- Evaluate the 2019 It's Just Coffee mentoring program
- Develop and administer a Network Member Survey
- Develop a plan to evaluate pre-conference workshops

PROGRAM SUBCOMMITTEE REPORT

Goal #1: Webinars

Webinar 1: SRNT Health Disparities Network Early Career Scholar Webinar 2019: Current Topics in Health Disparities Research (May 24, 2019)

- Presenters:
 - o Priti Bandi: "Birth cohort changes in educational inequalities in tobacco use type in India: The case of a diverse tobacco market"
 - o Patricia Escobedo: "Availability and advertising of electronic cigarettes among tobacco retailers in vulnerable ethnic communities"
 - o Tres Hinds: "Gender minority young adults: Reactions to tailored tobacco control messaging"
- Moderator: Jennifer Unger
- Outcomes: 21 participants



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Webinar 2: An End to ENDS: Outreach and Engagement in Indian Country Regarding Nicotine Products (September 4, 2019)

- Presenters:
 - o Lou Moerner
 - o Co-hosts: Christi Patten and Juliet Lee
- Outcomes: 50 participants

Goal #2: Facilitate a Commentary on Sexual and Gender Minority Research on tobacco Use

After the 2019 SRNT Annual Meeting, the group of speakers who presented in the pre-conference workshop on tobacco research among sexual and gender minority population decided to turn the pre-conference workshop contents into a commentary to Nicotine & Tobacco Research. The manuscript, titled “We’re in this together: Promoting health equity, diversity, and inclusion in tobacco research for sexual and gender minority populations,” led by Dr. Andy Tan at Harvard University, was approved by the Network Advisory Committee and the SRNT Board for having the Network as an author. The manuscript is currently under review at the journal.

Goal #3 & #4: Facilitate SRNT 2020 Symposium and Pre-conference Workshop Submissions

On May 16, 2019, we held a brainstorming meeting for SRNT 2020 pre-conference workshops and symposia submissions. The goals of the meeting were to assess interest for specific disparities-related topics and connect members with potential collaborators. During the meeting, members discussed six different topics including mental health co-morbidities (co-sponsored with the treatment network), resilience, and tobacco among indigenous groups. The discussion results in three submitted symposium applications, with one of them, led by Dr. Erin Rogers and Dr. Shadi Nahvi, accepted (and papers from one other symposium being accepted as separate presentations).

During the brainstorming meeting, members also discussed developing two pre-conference workshop applications related to intersectionality and culturally tailored interventions. Dr. Philip Smith and Dr. Andy Tan led the development and submission of the proposals. The pre-conference workshop on intersectionality is accepted as a pre-conference workshop at SRNT 2020 Annual Meeting. The Network also co-sponsored a separate pre-conference workshop with the Policy Research Network on tobacco retailer density lead by Dr. Kurt Ribisl, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Members of the Network are also among the speakers of a third pre-conference workshop sponsored by the Treatment Network on mHealth interventions.

Goal #4 Form the Topic-specific Workgroups

At the 2019 network meeting, Juliet Lee and Philip Smith facilitated a break-out discussion on intersectionality, and invited participants to provide their names and contact information for follow-ups and possible formation of a workgroup on intersectionality. The break-out discussion generated several ideas for action: (1) a commentary on intersectionality in tobacco research and prevention; supported by (2) a compilation of resources on intersectionality, and (3) a pre-conference workshop on intersectionality. Drs. Lee, Smith, and Linda Alexander exchanged several emails through May to pursue these ideas. Dr. Alexander generated an Excel spreadsheet with names and contact information of the 14 interested breakout session participants. Dr. Smith invited an associate researcher to begin the compilation of resources. Dr. Alexander considered including intersectionality material in a monograph she is developing. Over the next several months Dr. Smith organized meetings, speakers, and abstracts into a preconference workshop proposal, which was submitted with HD network endorsement in August and accepted for the 2020 program.

At the 2019 network meeting Erin Rogers and Shadi Nahvi facilitated a break-out discussion on co-morbidity of mental health and tobacco use. This led to the formation of a workgroup on mental health co-morbidity. Erin Rogers and Shadi Nahvi subsequently led the development of a symposium proposal to the 2020 SRNT Annual Meeting and was accepted.

Goal #5 Outreach to American Indian/Alaska Native (AIAN) Community and Researchers

At the 2019 SRNT meeting, past co-chair Patricia Nez Henderson pointed to a discrepancy between the impact of the tobacco epidemic among AIAN communities and the very small number of AIAN community members and researchers participating in SRNT. The Network set a goal to address this gap. As a first step, Christi Patten and Juliet Lee co-organized a webinar with well-respected AIAN community tobacco preventionist Lou Moerner, including several pre-webinar meetings to develop the content, and sought funds to provide an honorarium to Ms. Moerner, who is not a member of SRNT, as a “thank you” for her efforts. Another effort is underway to develop a commentary, with leadership by Dr. Nez Henderson, encouraging SRNT and other tobacco prevention leaders to consider AIAN community perspectives on tobacco terminology when developing position statements.

SCHOLARSHIP & DEVELOPMENT SUBCOMMITTEE REPORT

Goal #1: Health Disparities Network Travel Scholarship

For the 14th year in a row, the subcommittee led the 2020 Health Disparities Network Travel Scholarship Program. The program provides funding for early career investigators working in health disparities research or from an underrepresented population to travel to the SRNT annual meetings. It is



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generously supported by, SRNT, the Truth Initiative and the Oklahoma Tobacco Research Center at the Stephenson Cancer Center. We hosted an information session on June 17, 2019 to describe the application processes for the travel scholarship, and the goals of It's Just Coffee, our speed mentoring program. We encouraged junior researchers to apply for the scholarship, with those who have accepted abstracts eligible for the award.

This year, we received 36 applications and worked with 24 reviewers to evaluate the applications so that we could select high-quality, early-career scholars for these awards. We are very fortunate to have funding to support 13 scholars to attend the 2020 SRNT Annual Meeting. We appreciate that SRNT waived the membership fee for all new scholars and the conference registration fees for all scholars.

Goal #2: The It's Just Coffee Mentoring Program

This professional development program facilitates meetings between senior and junior investigators during the SRNT annual meetings. The program consists of two components. The first part is to match travel scholars with mentors during the 2020 SRNT annual meeting. The co-chairs of the subcommittee lead the matching process according to the Scholars' research interests. We received offers of mentorship from 19 senior SRNT members and matched 13 of them to the 13 research scholars. The second component is open to all members, in which we first solicit mentors from our membership, and then ask members to request meetings with these mentors. Each matched pair will be scheduled to meet with

a maximum of two mentees during the 2020 SRNT Annual Meeting. Dana Carroll, our Operations Coordinator, is currently working with SRNT to secure a meeting place during the annual meeting for the mentor-mentee pairs to meet.

Goal #3: The Travel Scholar Award Ceremony at the 2020 annual meeting

At the time of writing this report, we are working on organizing the award ceremony.

EVALUATION SUBCOMMITTEE REPORT

Goal #1: Evaluate the 2019 It's Just Coffee Mentoring Program

The Evaluation subcommittee also surveyed mentees and mentors who participated in the "It's Just Coffee" mentoring program for travel scholars and other early career investigators. One hundred percent of mentees responded that they would recommend the program to early career investigators. Additionally, 100% of mentors reported they were willing to serve as a mentor next year for the program. Topics discussed included career development, research interests, and grant writing. Based on these findings, we will continue to offer this program to early career investigators.

Goal #2: Develop and Administer a Network Member Survey

This effort was tabled in lieu of the SRNT 2025 member survey. The Network repeatedly encouraged its members via email reminders to complete this survey. As a result, of all respondents to the SRNT 2025 member survey, 44% identified as Health Disparities

Network members, the largest network representation among the respondents. At least several members also provided comments on the SRNT 2025 strategic review documents. We wholeheartedly thanked our membership for taking the time to express their perspectives about important issues related to SRNT.

Goal #3: Develop a Plan to Evaluate Pre-conference Workshops

The subcommittee discussed a new evaluation effort within our network, which is to evaluate the impact of pre-conference workshops that we organized over the year. The subcommittee has developed a logic model for the evaluation and identified the list of pre-conference workshop organized/sponsored by the Network in the past. The next step is to construct an evaluation survey for the 2020 pre-conference workshop. Additional assessments include surveying participants of previous pre-conference workshop, and interviews to identify facilitators and barriers in translating pre-conference workshop contents into research.

ORGANIZATIONAL ADVOCACY

SRNT Position on Proposed Changes to the US Healthcare Rights Law

On May 24, 2019, the US Department of Health and Human Services proposed regulations to remove nondiscrimination protections for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer/questioning (LGBTQ) individuals under Section 1557 of the Affordable Care Act. A group of proactive Network members facilitated the development and dissemination of the SRNT position on this proposed



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change in July 2019. The statement highlighted SRNT shared values, including respect for the worth and dignity of individuals, inclusiveness and social justice, respect for pluralism and diversity, and respect for all persons, regardless of race, religion, gender, sexual orientation, abilities, age or national origin. The statement emphasized the SRNT belief that the proposed HHS regulations to weaken nondiscrimination provisions in Section 1557 are inconsistent with the Society's core mission and shared values, and will widen tobacco-related health disparities among vulnerable populations, including LGBTQ individuals. SRNT sent a letter to HHS Secretary Alex Azar to express strong opposition to the proposed

regulations, joining over 30 health professional associations in doing so. We thank the group of Network members, led by Andy Tan, for this important effort.

COMMUNICATIONS STRATEGY

Network Webpage

We maintain the Network webpages on SRNT.org, including the public-facing and members-only sections. This year, we updated the Advisory Committee members and travel scholarship information on the public page. We sent an electronic request to members to update their profiles and research interests to facilitate networking, and updated the members-only sections with a recap of the 2019 annual meeting, announcements, Researcher Spotlights, It's Just Coffee application materials, and the intersectionality webinar recording.

Listserv and Social Media

The Network listserv also serves as a primary strategy for communicating with and engaging the membership. We send meeting announcements, upcoming webinars, volunteer opportunities, new research publications, deadlines for scholarship and It's Just Coffee, and other relevant information through the listserv. We also post information on the main SRNT Twitter page and highlight health disparities tweets using the #SRNTdisparities hashtag. We continue working to increase our online/social media visibility by enlisting the support of Network members who expressed interest in communications. We utilize Twitter to announce upcoming webinars, meetings, deadlines, and other relevant information. These initiatives are efforts to increase member engagement and information dissemination. We also utilize Twitter to post tobacco-disparities related content using the #SRNTdisparities hashtag and engaging on existing posts with this hashtag.

Research Spotlights

We continue to highlight the work of Network members who are advancing the field of tobacco-related health disparities through our quarterly Spotlight series. On May 30, 2019, we featured Dr. Yessenia Castro, whose research focuses on understanding the extent to which known determinants of smoking and cessation generalize to historically understudied populations of smokers, such as Latinx smokers, and identifying culturally relevant variables that may be uniquely or differentially related to smoking outcomes among Latinx smokers. On September 4, 2019, we featured

Dr. Babalola Faseru, whose research focuses on reducing cancer health disparities with special emphasis on tobacco dependence and smoking cessation among underserved populations. And on December 18, 2019, we featured Dr. Sabrina Smiley, whose research focuses on marketing of non-cigarette tobacco products in racial/ethnic minority communities, the role of marijuana in online cigar marketing and cigar use, and the interplay between federal tobacco regulation, retailer compliance, and consumer behavior.

ONWARDS...

We are very thankful for all the advisory committee members, operations coordinators, speakers, and network members who volunteered their time and effort to make 2019 a successful year for the SRNT Health Disparities Network. We will match these efforts as we move onward, facilitating innovative science and disseminating findings to reduce and eliminate tobacco use disparities globally.



Policy Research Network

Network Co-chairs: Olivia Maynard, PhD and Paula Keller, MPH

No. of Members: 337

ADMINISTRATIVE STRUCTURE

Network Co-Chairs: Olivia Maynard, PhD and Paula Keller, MPH

Advisory Committee: Deborah Arnott, MBA, Sara Hitchman, MASc, PhD, Desmond Jenson, JD, Andrea Villanti, PhD, MPH

Subcommittees:

- Education: Desmond Jenson, JD (chair), Allison Glasser, MPH, Barbara Schillo, PhD, Hollie Tripp, PhD, MPA
- Communications: Elise Stevens, PhD (chair), Emily Donovan, MPH, Minal Patel, PhD, MPH

SRNT-U Liaison: Shannon Gravely, PhD

Network Operations Coordinator: Allison Glasser, MPH

NETWORK ACTIVITIES

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

Overall Network Activities

- Conducted a full network meeting (in-person in San Francisco in February). During this meeting, we requested and received input from network members on their top priority topics for network activities. We subsequently used this input to construct a survey and asked members to help further prioritize these topics. The Education Subcommittee used the survey results to ensure our activities align with network members' top priorities.
- Recruited Paula Keller to replace Sara Hitchman as Co-chair.

- Held bimonthly Network Advisory Committee meetings to discuss emerging issues or opportunities, provide input into subcommittee activities, and monitor progress.
- Reviewed and updated the Network's mission.

COMMUNICATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE ACTIVITIES

- Disseminated the Policy Research Network bulletin: Communications Subcommittee members Minal Patel and Emily Donovan prepared and circulated this monthly digest with policy-related information. As a network, we work to ensure that the bulletin's content reflects activities across the world.
- Updated the Policy Research Network webpage (led by Communications Subcommittee Chair Elise Stevens).

EDUCATION SUBCOMMITTEE ACTIVITIES

- Planned and submitted a symposium proposal for the 2020 Annual meeting, "Emerging Non-Combustible Nicotine and Tobacco Products: A Global Policy Perspective", which was accepted.
- Planning a webinar on policy evaluations of flavored nicotine and tobacco products.

CROSS-NETWORK AND WIDER SRNT ACTIVITIES

- Co-sponsored a SRNT pre-conference workshop proposal with the Disparities Network. The proposal, "Spatial analysis of tobacco retailers: Implications for regulation and reducing disparities," was accepted for presentation at the 2020 Annual Meeting.
- Recruited a network member, Shannon Gravely, to serve as our liaison to SRNT-U.

PLANNED 2020 ACTIVITIES

Conduct the Policy Research Network meeting at the Annual Meeting. During the meeting, we plan to report the priority topics identified by the survey and how we've used the topics to guide the past year's work. We will also recruit more members for our subcommittees and advisory committee.

- Propose a symposium and/or pre-conference workshop for the 2021 Annual Meeting. As part of this, assess whether there are opportunities to collaborate with other networks on these proposals.
- Conduct either one or two webinars. As noted above, one will focus on policy evaluations of flavored nicotine and tobacco products.
- Replace Olivia Maynard as Network Co-Chair (term ends in 2021).
- Review the December 2019 SRNT Network Volunteer Nominations and Terms best practices recommendations with the Network Advisory Committee.



Trainee Network

Co-chairs: Allison Borges, MS, Jesse Kosiba, MS, and Suchitra Krishnan-Sarin, PhD

No. of Members: 263

The Trainee Network Advisory Committee (TNAC) has been actively working throughout 2019 to develop and plan programs offered to trainees throughout the year and during the annual 2020 SRNT Conference in New Orleans, LA. Our programs focus on increasing opportunities for professional development, collaboration, as well as consumption and dissemination of scientific knowledge. To facilitate these tasks, TNAC meets monthly via teleconference, and subcommittees (Networking, Education, and Communications) meet via e-mail and teleconference to discuss projects as needed. Our projects reflect our mission to support an emerging generation of tobacco scientists. We have focused on cross-network collaboration and increasing access to leaders in the field who provide mentoring on research, authorship, and grantsmanship.

ADMINISTRATIVE STRUCTURE

This year Allison Borges and Jesse Kosiba served as Co-Chairs with Suchitra Krishnan-Sarin supporting as our Senior Advisor/Co-Chair. Rachel Rosen also served as our Network Operations Coordinator. Our subcommittee members for 2019 were:

- Networking Subcommittee: Nancy Jao, Matthew Olonoff, Viola Voncken-Brewster, and Jesse Kosiba
- Communications Subcommittee: Omar El-Shahawy, Maria Parker, and Laurel Brockenberry
- Education Subcommittee: Asti Jackson, Carrie Rosario, John Lee, Allison Borges, and Rachel Rosen

2019 TRAINEE NETWORK PROJECTS AND OFFERINGS

- **Communications:** We have continued our e-mail communications with trainees throughout the year via the SRNT trainee listserv. We utilize this platform to distribute career development opportunities as well as promote SRNT trainee achievements that may include original articles or essays on topics relevant to career development, trainee awards, accomplishments, and research findings. We feature our Trainee Spotlight Series through our annual newsletter in which we highlight other trainee achievements. We accept submissions for recognizing trainees who have received awards or funding, who have completed academic and career milestones, and/or who have recently published peer reviewed manuscripts.
- **SRNT Journal Club:** In 2019, the Trainee Network launched the SRNT's Journal Club. SRNT Members at all career levels work together to discuss the main findings of recent papers, overall approach to the design of the research, implications for the field of nicotine and tobacco, and future directions. Interested attendees can also participate in a collaborative effort to develop a commentary on the article following the discussion. The aims of the Journal Club are:
 - 1) facilitating discussion among SRNT Networks;
 - 2) increasing dissemination of tobacco and nicotine research as well as critical analysis of this work; and 3) promoting collaboration

and development of future research. The Trainee Network has hosted two meetings with the Basic Science and Global Research Networks. These meetings are recorded and posted for members to access on the SRNT-University website. Meetings will occur regularly throughout 2020.

- **Mentorship Minute:** The Trainee Network launched the Mentorship Minute in collaboration with SRNT-University to feature professional career advice from leaders in the field of nicotine and tobacco research. Topics include grantsmanship, staying competitive on the job market, and developing new research questions. We would like to thank Dr. Marina Picciotto, Dr. Nii Addy, Dr. John Hughes, and Dr. Marc Steinberg for participating in this program. Recordings of the interviews are available to members via SRNT-University.

2020 ANNUAL CONFERENCE EVENTS

- **Mentored Poster Program:** Our reoccurring Mentored Poster Program matches trainees with senior investigators to facilitate mentorship and networking at the annual meeting. A group of selected trainees presenting a first-authored poster is matched with a senior investigator, who provides feedback on the research study and presentation during the poster session. We continue to offer guidelines for trainees and mentors participating in this program to facilitate the interaction. This year we have identified mentees and mentors through the conference registration portal. This event occurs throughout the conference.



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- **Mentoring Roundtable:** We will be continuing our successful Mentoring Roundtable event for its third installment. Mentors are selected from across the SRNT networks to participate in discussions and exchange ideas with trainees on current topics in the discipline, methods currently being used, publications of interest, and career paths of the investigators. This event occurs on Thursday evening.
- **Networking Mixer:** We are hosting our seventh annual trainee Mixer event, which is typically a highly attended event. Attending organizations will present opportunities for research and clinical training that include postdoctoral fellowships, clinical internships, and job opportunities within academic, medical, and industry settings. These positions are targeted towards trainees and early-career investigators. This event occurs on Thursday evening following the Mentoring Roundtable.
- **Pre-Conference Workshop:** We will also be hosting a preconference workshop entitled, "Mentorship and Establishing Collaborations for Early-Career Researchers: How Can You Leverage Your Career Options by Making the Right Decisions?" This pre-conference workshop will include two sets of presentations that will cover important areas of professional development integral to early-career investigators. The presenters will highlight successful strategies that can be utilized over the course of a trainee's career trajectory. Presenters include:
 - Christie Fowler, PhD, Assistant Professor, Department of Neurobiology and Behavior, University of California, Irvine
 - Stephanie O'Malley, PhD, Professor of Psychiatry, Director of the Division of Substance Abuse Research, Yale University
 - Minal Patel, PhD, Director, Schroeder Institute, Truth Initiative
 - Scott Sherman, MD, Professor, Department of Population Health, Department of Medicine, and Department of Psychiatry, New York University Langone Medical Center
 - Andrea Villanti, PhD, Associate Professor, Department of Psychiatry and Psychology, University of Vermont
 - Emily Zale, PhD, Assistant Professor, Binghamton University, the State University of New York



Treatment Research Network

Network Co-Chairs: Janice Blalock, PhD and Andrea Weinberger, PhD

No. of Members: 323

ADMINISTRATIVE STRUCTURE

Treatment Research Network Advisory Committee Members in 2019 were Janice Blalock (co-chair), Andrea Weinberger (co-chair), Steven Bernstein, Michael Businelle, Audrey Darville, Stuart Ferguson, Darla Kendzor, Marc Steinberg, and Anna-Marie Marshall (Operations Coordinator). The Treatment Research Network Advisory Committee continues to meet monthly to provide high-level guidance for all Treatment Research Network activities.

- Marc Steinberg will end his term on the Advisory Committee in March 2020.
- Erika Bloom will be joining the Advisory Committee in March 2020

TREATMENT RESEARCH NETWORK SUBCOMMITTEE AND WORKING GROUP MEMBER

Subcommittees:

- Education Subcommittee: Alana Rojewski (co-chair), Jessica Cook (co-chair) and Virmarie Correa-Fernández (co-chair)
- Communications Subcommittee: Krysten Bold (chair), Erika Bloom, Sharon Cox, Audrey Darville, Omara Dogar, Jaimee Heffner, Gemma Taylor, Andrea Weinberger, and Sabrina Kastaun (Operations Coordinator).

SRNT 2019 PRE-CONFERENCE WORKSHOP

The Treatment Research Network Advisory Committee sponsored the following pre-conference workshop at the 2019 SRNT Annual Meeting: An Update to the Basics: Current Approaches for Measuring and Understanding Key Individual

Differences and Cessation Outcomes. Weinberger, A., Hooper M.W., Steinberg M., Piper M., Joseph A., Benowitz N., Walker N.

CURRENT MANUSCRIPT WORKING GROUPS

- Adherence to Smoking Cessation Interventions: Jamie Ostroff, Alan Rojewski, Ramzi Salloum, Megan Piper, Janice Blalock, Jennifer Minnix and Lauren Pacek.
- Statistical Analyses of Abstinence Outcomes Working Group: Steven Bernstein, Andrea H. Weinberger, James Dziura, Donald Hedeker and Robin J. Mermelstein
- Measuring and understanding individual difference variables in smoking treatment research: gender, sexual orientation, race, ethnicity, socio-economic background, and mental health status: Andrea H. Weinberger, Marc L. Steinberg, Sarah Mills Denton, Sarah Dermody, Jaimee Heffner and Raina Pang
- Hospital Tobacco Treatment Programs: Amanda Palmer, MA, Li-shiun Chenn, MD, Linda H Ferry, MD, Hasmeena Kathuria, MD, Stephanie Land, PhD, Glen Morgan, PhD, Kim Richter, PhD, Alana Rojewski, Ph.D., Xiaozhong Wen MD, PhD and Benjamin Toll, Ph.D.
- Tobacco Addiction: Benjamin Toll, Ph.D., Neal Benowitz, M.D., Matthew Carpenter, Ph.D., Eric Donny, Ph.D., Dorothy Hatsukami, Ph.D., Amanda Palmer, M.A., Alana Rojewski, Ph.D., Tracy Smith, Ph.D., Mehmet Sofugulu, M.D. and Johannes Thrul, Ph.D.

SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS

Two special interest groups were active in 2019 and will continue in 2020. A Facebook page has been established for each group.

1. mHealth Interest Group: Michael Businelle and Bryan Heckman (chairs), 110 Facebook members
2. Incentives Interest Group: Darla Kendzor and Allison Kurti (chairs), 44 Facebook members

EDUCATION

The Education Subcommittee worked to provide educational activities of interest to the Treatment Research Network and broader SRNT membership. Key educational activities in 2019-2020 included:

WEBINARS

- 1/23/20 – Dr. Jessica Cook, Treating Smokers who are Unwilling to Quit: Innovative Approaches (Megan Piper moderated)
- 2/25/20—Scheduled—Dr. Lorraine R. Reitzel & Mr. Bryce Kyburz--Taking Texas Tobacco Free: An Academic-Community Partnership to Increase the Implementation of Tobacco Dependence Treatment within Behavioral Health Settings Across Texas (Virmarie Correa-Fernández moderated).



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PUBLISHED MANUSCRIPTS

The following manuscripts have been published this year by the 2019 working groups:

Benowitz NL, Bernert JT, Foulds J, Hecht SS, Jacob P, Jarvis MJ, Joseph A, Oncken C, Piper ME. Biochemical verification of tobacco use and abstinence: 2019 update. *Nicotine Tob Res.* 2019 Oct 1. pii: ntz132. doi: 10.1093/ntr/ntz132. [Epub ahead of print]

Piper ME, Bullen C, Krishnan-Sarin S, Rigotti NA, Steinberg ML, Streck JM, Joseph AM. Defining and measuring abstinence in clinical trials of smoking cessation interventions: An updated review. *Nicotine Tob Res.* 2019 Jul 4. pii: ntz110. doi: 10.1093/ntr/ntz110. [Epub ahead of print]

SERVICE

Members of the advisory committee facilitated a Trainee Network journal club discussion and provided support to SRNT-U by reviewing treatment related material.

COMMUNICATIONS

The Communications Subcommittee focuses on building membership within the Treatment Research Network Listserv and facilitating active discussions on the Listserv. Key 2019 activities included:

- Continued to focus on sustaining engagement with the listserv. Subcommittee members encouraged communication by posting NTR treatment related papers, other treatment-related papers published by network members, and questions to generate discussion.
- Continued Treatment Research Network Member Spotlights, to introduce and spotlight different treatment researchers. In 2019, three Treatment Research Network spotlights were completed which were sent out in the listserv and will be posted on the Treatment Research Network webpage.
- Creating a SRNT Treatment Network twitter handle: @TreatmentSRNT for sharing posts related to tobacco treatment and new research. Maintaining a google doc with twitter handles and over 65 treatment network members have added their twitter handle.

PLANS FOR 2020

For the upcoming year, the Treatment Research Network will continue to provide educational webinars for the members and continue to sponsor papers relevant to treatment research. Additionally, the Treatment Research Network will continue to run 2 special interest groups as well as support the working groups which will work towards publishing manuscripts in 2020 and engaging likeminded members. The Treatment Research Network will continue to offer pre-conference workshops at the annual conference.



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