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President's Report

Christie D. Fowler, PhD.

Dear Colleagues,

This past year has been a challenging one for most of us. As we began the year, many of our members experienced loss of grants, often with little notice, inducing a feeling of uncertainty for the future of science and our field. The waves of uncertainty were often consuming, but as a Board, we were steadfast in our desire to have SRNT to continue to thrive by focusing on our members and community. For me, the importance of SRNT as a community and scientific society has become more evident than ever before. Our members care deeply about the field, the importance of our science, the communication of scientific findings, and the impact that our actions can have to improve the lives of people worldwide, both now and well into the future. Our members also care about the future of the field – the importance of our younger generations of scientists – with a focus on ensuring that they have the tools and tenacity to keep fighting for what's right, despite pressures from different fronts. Thus, while we will certainly continue to face challenges and external pressures going forward, the spirit of our members is what makes us strong, and I am fully confident that we will be able to continue to do the work that will achieve our goals of *advancing science, improving public health, and saving lives*.

As we began the year, we conducted a research survey to determine how our members were impacted by the changes in the funding climate in the US. Our intention in gathering this information was to formulate ideas for how we

could better support our members. Based on the survey results, it was clearly evident that researchers were negatively affected across the globe, with an unfortunate focused impact on health equity work. Based on these findings, we wrote a commentary, published in SRNT's journal *Nicotine and Tobacco Research* (PMID: 40312816), in which we reviewed the impact on scientists, emphasized the importance of the work that we all conduct, and formulated a call to action. These efforts to fight for science and our scientists were continued throughout the year. We encouraged all members and others to help educate decision makers about the value of the life-saving work that we do by providing instructions on how to contact Representatives to communicate the human and economic value of nicotine and tobacco research. We joined forces with other associations to reinforce the importance of our science to various political offices. These and other efforts have all be outlined on our 'Call to Action' part of the members-only section of the SRNT website. We have increased our social media presence to provide better outreach to different online communities. Moreover, the Board submitted a letter in support of the United States Food and Drug Administration (FDA) proposed rule on developing a tobacco product standard to set a maximum level of nicotine for combusted cigarettes.

Both in the survey and with our listening sessions the year prior, it was evident that the younger scientists in the field are struggling. This was particularly disheartening since we

need these scientists for our future and for the future of the field, and we all know that SRNT has outstanding trainees that are committed to the field. In response, the board organized online sessions for our younger trainees so that we could provide support through community and shared experience. These sessions were led by Dr. Mariel Bello, who provided a safe and inspiring space for trainees to share their thoughts and to hear from others. Board members were also brought into the end of the sessions, so that we could learn about the needs of the trainees and to reinforce our commitment to them.

In further response to the financial toll that grant cuts were having on our members, SRNT initiated its first ever member donation drive and the outcome was tremendous, with just around \$45,000 raised! These funds allowed us to award a total of 35 Scholarships to support attendance and/or travel to the annual meeting in Baltimore. Many of the recipients included trainees and individuals from Low to Middle Income Countries, two groups that I identified as focus areas at the beginning of my presidency. It should be recognized that a huge shout out goes to the Health Equity Network who were able to raise funds from both individual and organizational donors, resulting in around \$40,000 of the above noted total!! I encourage you to check out the names of the donors listed on our conference website, and if you see any of them, please thank them for their invaluable support. It is just awe inspiring that our community is able to come together in such a way to help one another.



President's Report

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One of the wonderful things that makes SRNT unique is the volunteers that lead our 8 different Networks. Their commitment to SRNT and the work that they do (without pay!), it just astounding. Thus, to strengthen the Network's ability to support our members and to synergize their communications, we invited the Network Chairs to attend Board meetings throughout the year. This was a unique opportunity for us to hear about their accomplishments, discuss action plans, and provide resources for success. While you can read about each Network's impressive accomplishments in the following sections, I would like to take the time to highlight that they provided 11 different webinars, which included meet the author sessions, ways to engage with outreach into communities, strategies to obtain grant funding, and innovative research findings from the field. If you didn't have the chance to attend a webinar, I encourage you to add your email address to every SRNT listserv of interest this year and to keep an eye out for these opportunities. Members in the Networks also worked together to publish many articles focused on various sub-fields. These publications included commentaries/opinion pieces, reviews and methodological guides. This further highlights the relevance of our community and structure of the Networks to provide critical collaborations and different perspectives to advance science.

As many of you know, our flagship journal *Nicotine and Tobacco Research* is managed by Oxford University Press. This year, the board renegotiated our contract and was able to obtain more advantageous terms than prior. Thus, I'd like to personally thank Oxford University Press for their support of our journal and willingness to think of ways to improve our success. In addition to more positive financial terms, we will also begin publishing abstracts from the annual conference. This will be a benefit to our members, as the abstracts will be published online and searchable, so it will be easier for our trainees to provide evidence of their scientific contributions to the field as they progress in their careers. In addition, to provide better acknowledgement of the work of our members and quality of the science published in *Nicotine and Tobacco Research*, we began an award program in which we will annually recognize high-quality research from different subdisciplines of the field. Specifically, this year, the Networks were asked to nominate papers published in 2025 in *Nicotine and Tobacco Research*, and the Board will be awarding the Best Paper Awards at the conference.

In Baltimore, there will be nearly 1,000 presenters at the annual meeting discussing important advances with tobacco and nicotine research – this is quite impressive given our concerns at the beginning of the year based on funding cuts. As I consider this impressive number, I also want to recognize the many members that will be unable to attend due to restrictions with travel into Baltimore from global locations. Our scientists

from across the globe provide SRNT with such important perspectives and innovative scientific advances that we cannot be without, and thus, we must remain steadfast and inclusive in our efforts, focused on the importance of our work for communities worldwide.

In conclusion, I look forward to reconnecting and to making new friends and contacts in the field at the annual meeting this year. I encourage you all to strengthen and expand your professional networks as well, to better position ourselves to fight for the values that we believe in as scientists. Also, please take some extra time at the conference this year to introduce yourself to a trainee, whether it is at a poster, after a talk, or during a social event. Let's show them how much we value their presence and support their future as scientists in the field. Finally, on behalf of the SRNT Board of Directors, I want to thank you for your participation this year in *our* Annual Meeting - this conference could not and would not happen with *you*.

With gratitude,

Christie D. Fowler, PhD



President's Report

2025-2026 Board of Directors



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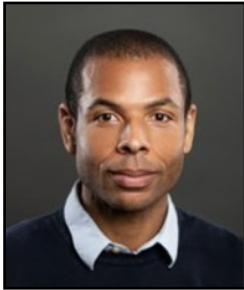
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Treasurer's Report

Jennifer McClure, PhD

Executive Summary

I am pleased to report that once all revenue and expenses are reconciled for 2025 (by the end of Q1 2026), we expect that SRNT will end the year with a positive variance to budget, which could be as high as \$78,000. Additional financial details for 2025 and 2026 are summarized below. The Society remains financially sound as we head into 2026. As always, we are optimistic for a strong Annual Meeting in March, as this will drive our performance in Q2-Q4 of 2026.

2025 Performance Relative to Budget

Each year we measure the Society's financial performance relative to the annual operating budget. The annual budget reflects our best estimate of revenue and expenses for the coming year.

We started 2025 with a planned year-end positive variance to budget of approximately \$44,000.

As of January 2026, we are showing a net loss of approximately -\$281,000. However, once expected journal royalties from Oxford University Press (OUP) and all outstanding invoices are reconciled at the end of Q1 2026, we expect to end 2025 with a positive variance to budget of up to \$78,000.

The key drivers of this better-than-expected performance were: (1) interest income from our investments, (2) unbudgeted revenue

from OUP due to an accounting correction, and (3) and higher than budgeted new membership income.

Drill Down: 2025 Revenue and Expenses

Based on year-end actuals as of December 31, 2025, plus the additional OUP royalties expected in Q1 2026, we project our total revenue for 2025 will be approximately \$1,388,000.

The Society's main sources of revenue in 2025 were: (a) the Annual Meeting, (b) membership dues, (c) journal (*N&TR*) income, and (d) investment gains (e.g., from CD interest and realized and unrealized stock gains).

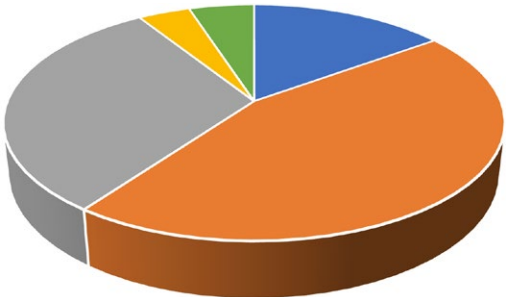
Total expenses for 2025 are expected to be approximately \$1,310,000.

Consistent with prior years, SRNT's largest expenses were: the Annual Meeting; ongoing support of our member-focused networks (Adolescents, Basic Science, Genetics, Global, Health Disparities, Public Policy, Trainees, and Treatment), the Society journal, *N&TR*; Membership; executive support of the Board/Communications/Outreach; and general administrative support.

2026 Budget

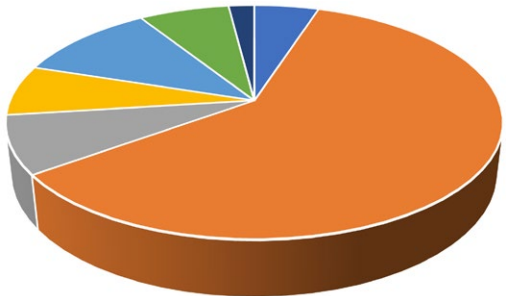
Assuming we see strong attendance of the Annual Meeting in 2026, projected revenue for 2026 is expected to be approximately \$1,127,000. Total projected expenses

2025 Projected Revenue



- Annual Meeting - 56%
- NTR - 21%
- Membership - 13%
- Investments - 5%
- Conference Grant - 4%

2025 Projected Expenses



- Annual Meeting - 65%
- Networks - 10%
- Board/Exec Comm/Outreach - 10%
- NTR - 6%
- Membership - 5%
- Admin/General - 4%
- Special Projects - < 1%



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approved by the Board in December 2025 are approximately \$1,133,000. Consequently, we are projecting a modest deficit to budget in 2026 of approximately -\$6,000. Our actual year-end financial performance could differ, depending primarily on membership, the success of the 2026 Annual Meeting, income from the Society journal (*N&TR*), and the performance of our investments. This budget also assumes that we will reduce our TRG management fees by 10% when the contract renews at the end of April.

Important Caveats

The 2025 numbers in this report are estimates until all 2025 revenue and expenses have been reconciled. But, based on our year-end financial assets (\$1,484,324) and assuming we continue to have strong membership and attendance of the 2026 Annual Meeting, we believe SRNT is in a stable fiscal position as we enter 2026. However, lower than expected membership, weak meeting attendance, or potential future reductions in U.S. federal investments in research could have unforeseen impacts on our financial position in the coming year.

A Final Note – Thank You!

I would like to thank our Finance Committee (Megan Piper, Tom Northrup, Adrienne Johnson, Tres Hinds), financial advisor (David Middleton, Middleton Advisory), TRG Finance Director (Amir Khan), Executive Director (Bruce Wheeler) and all the TRG staff for their hard work this past year on behalf of SRNT. And a big thank you to our members for your continued support of SRNT and all you do to advance our scientific mission!

Finally, thank you for allowing me to serve as your Treasurer for the past six years, and please join me in welcoming Dr. Adrienne Johnson to her new role as Treasurer starting in March.



Executive Director's Report

Bruce Wheeler

An Appreciation of Brooke Miller, SRNT Head Meeting Planner

By Bruce Wheeler, Executive Director

I would like to take this opportunity to sing the praises of someone most SRNT members and conference attendees don't know, one of many unsung heroes, and someone without whom I could not manage the lead up to the Annual Meeting.

I want to publicly thank Brooke Miller, SRNT's Director of Meetings, for the countless hours she puts into making the SRNT Annual Meeting happen every year.

Make no mistake, I am grateful beyond measure for all the volunteer hours and efforts that go into the scientific side of the Annual Meeting, not to mention the hundreds of attendees presenting their cutting-edge research! However, without Brooke there would be no conference for the presentation of all the amazing science. Brooke makes it *happen*. Things run smoothly because of the time and effort Brooke puts in well before we arrive in town and Brooke is the engine that drives the conference once we're there.

Brooke is relentless when negotiating hotel contracts to make sure they benefit the Society. As a former hotel events manager, herself, Brooke knows *exactly* what hotels can and cannot/will and will not do for groups like SRNT, and she wields that knowledge like a sword. I can't tell you how much money Brooke

has saved SRNT since her appointment to this role in 2015, but I am certain it is in the hundred(s) of thousands of dollars—and she is so smooth that all the hotel people—from whom she's just wrung every possible penny—love her!

Brooke fights for SRNT during the contracting process years before a given conference; she fights for SRNT in the months leading up to the conference when the hotel and A/V company are gearing up and trying to add costs; she fights for SRNT during the conference, itself (if you want to talk nimble, you're talking Brooke—something needs to be fixed/changed/moved/whatever mid-conference? Brooke makes it happen in that moment); and Brooke fights after the conference when she reviews a 3-inch binder (aka the final bill) from the hotel with hundreds of pages detailing all the minutia from every single moment of every single thing that happens every single day in the hotel. If there's a mistake on the hotel's part, Brooke will find it.

The amount of detail that goes into planning the logistics of a conference the size of SRNT's is staggering. Brooke manages all logistical aspects of the Annual Meeting, including:

- Visiting potential cities and hotels years in advance and providing detail reports for the Board's review
- Negotiating hotel, A/V, and other conference contracts

- Overseeing the abstract submission and review process
- Supporting the Program Committee Co-Chairs as they develop the program
- Making sure our medical professional attendees have CME
- Arranging security for the event
- Making sure attendees have a functional, user-friendly website with all the necessary information
- Making sure attendees have a functional, user-friendly mobile app
- Making sure VIPs are well cared for before and during the conference
- Managing the box lunches and coffee breaks with Hilton staff
- Managing every detail of special functions such as the opening reception and the Trainee Mixer
- Staying on top of the sleeping room pick up, should we need to make changes with the hotel mid-conference
- Finding and contracting with nearby hotels should the number of attendees be greater than the number of sleeping rooms at the host hotel (which has happened more than once)
- Supervising all conference graphics design and materials publication
- Managing SRNT staff onsite
- Managing A/V team and needs onsite
- Managing the locals hired to work registration
- Managing the company that provides poster boards, signs, easels, etc.



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- Working with Sponsors and Exhibitors onsite
- Dealing with VAT and actual government agencies when the Annual Meeting is held outside the US
- Managing *ME* onsite (perhaps her most difficult task!)

Brooke works on the SRNT Annual Meeting all year, but she goes into overdrive in mid-October; from that point until the conference ends Brooke eats, sleeps, and breathes SRNT. I regularly get emails from Brooke at 11:30 PM—on weekdays AND weekends. As for the conference, itself, she gets to the hotel the weekend before things begin and dives in headfirst to get things going. From Wednesday when pre-conference workshops kick things off through Saturday when the final poster session ends the meeting, she's in the staff office by 5:30 AM and doesn't go back to her room until 10:30 or 11:00 each night. At which time she starts responding to emails. Brooke exhausts me. Brooke's vast knowledge, her years of experience—on the hotel side as well as the association side—and her positive, can-do attitude make Brooke a truly indispensable

member of the SRNT team. And her heart? Enormous. She gives of herself like few people I've seen in my decades working with membership associations.

In case you can't tell, I am amazed and awed by Brooke Miller. To quote Tina Turner she is simply the best. I am grateful, personally and professionally, for all Brooke has done and continues to do for the members of SRNT.

SRNT could not possibly be in better hands.

Thank you, Brooke.



Journal Editor's Report

Caitlin Notley, PhD, BSc

The last 12 months has seen *Nicotine & Tobacco Research* move forwards to embrace the changes and challenges facing academic publishing, including artificial intelligence (AI), submissions with undisclosed conflicts of interest, and a marked increase in submissions overall. As an Editorial board we work closely with SRNT, and our publisher, OUP, and are extremely grateful for all the support and hard work that goes into making the journal the success that it is.

The Editorial team have discussed and debated the use of AI in journal submissions, bringing in a new policy asking for openness and transparency in use of AI tools on submission. We grapple with the challenges facing not only this field, but all of scientific publishing, in attempting to identify inappropriate use of AI. Of late, 'hallucinations' in academic referencing have become apparent. These can be hard to spot, but usually are picked up by our expert reviewers who recognise a disconnect in the narrative and the spirit of the reference. Authors should be cautious in checking their submissions in this respect, as openAI can create, on the face of it, legitimate seeming academic references from any web content. There are reputational issues at stake for authors submitting such work, that the journal will work hard through careful editorial processes to eliminate. Similarly, in reviewing, we are vigilant in checking reviewers assessments against likely AI generated content, since it is wholly unacceptable to share submitted manuscript text with open AI tools to generate

reviews. AI has an important place, no doubt, in the modern world of academic writing, and is particularly useful to authors in adhering to word counts, checking for grammatical and English language errors, and ensuring readability. However, there is no replacement for the scientific voice. The 'human in the loop', guiding content creation, originality of thought and, critically, informing interpretation, is vital.

Our authors guidelines on conflicts of interest declarations are clear. For the most part, we are grateful to authors for open and transparent disclosures. Following SRNT policy, we encourage full disclose of all potentially competing interests, including direct financial interests. There have been (thankfully few) cases in the last 12 months where we have had to act to deal with undisclosed COIs. These occurrences are regrettable for both authors and publishers, but an assurance to the field that we will act swiftly as a journal to investigate any suspected undisclosed COIs and act accordingly, in line with COPE guidelines. We are committed to uphold the principles of open and transparent scientific publishing.

It has been an extremely positive and busy year for the journal, with a 6% overall increase in total submissions. Our acceptance rate remains stable, at 26%. We continually work to improve the timeline from first submission to decision, and thank all of the academic community involved in peer review who strive to keep this vital process as timely as possible. Our Deputy Editors and Managing editor work tirelessly to do all they can to minimise delays. We could

not turn articles around in a timely manner without the goodwill and contribution to the field of our reviewers however, and to that end, we extend our warm gratitude and thanks to all of those who have served in this capacity for the journal. We encourage you to continue to respond positively to peer review invitations if you possibly can, and we really appreciate your suggestions for alternative reviewers where you have to decline review invitations. The peer review model is really at full capacity, in my view, and only continues to work due to the huge goodwill of colleagues, and the desire of us all to contribute to high quality scientific reporting.

In the last year we published special issues on non-medicinal oral nicotine products and a 10-year update on nicotine and tobacco research related to sex/gender. We have a special issue soon to be published on prenatal tobacco and nicotine exposure. We value these special issues and thank our expert guest editors for their contributions. We welcome new proposals that are at the cutting edge of new and emergent issues, methods and policies in nicotine and tobacco research.

We have welcomed five new Associate Editors to the team following a successful recruitment drive, and announced a new special issue (currently accepting submissions), on nicotine and tobacco use among people with disabilities. Next month, we release our guidance on submitting qualitative research articles, and will be following this up with a series of additional



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Caitlin Notley, PhD, BSc

methodological guidelines, to help submitting authors consider all the most critical aspects of submitting specialist methodological papers. Our aim is to improve the quality of submissions, send more papers for review, and ultimately advance the field of nicotine and tobacco research through prioritising only the highest quality papers.

In the coming year, we will be recruiting for our Deputy Editor team, as we say goodbye to two longstanding and highly respected members of our Editorial Board, Marc Steinberg and Renee Goodwin. A massive thank you to both Marc and Renee for their amazing work and service to the journal for so many years. We will also be seeking to recruit more Associate Editors, and a Statistical Editor. Look out for these opportunities; we welcome your applications, and would be delighted to work with you.

We are always looking to improve, and I welcome your feedback and correspondence.



SRNT Europe

Amanda Farley, PhD, President SRNT-E

In 2025, we held our conference on the 10th – 12th September in Cluj Napoca, Romania. We welcomed 175 delegates from Europe and beyond, from across 24 countries. The theme was “Navigating Inequities in the Evolving Nicotine and Tobacco Landscape” and we kick started the conference with a debate in the opening ceremony on “Mandated reduction of nicotine in tobacco: The logical next step or an unworkable policy?”, which is currently being written up for publication in SRNT’s journal “*Nicotine and Tobacco Research*”. Demonstrating our commitment to facilitating impact beyond academia, we also invited Irina Danielescu - Secretary of State for Education and Research from the Romanian Government – to join us and speak at the opening ceremony. This was tied to a meeting with Romanian delegates who shared their research on preventive educational interventions with relevance for current reforms underway in the Romanian high school curriculum.

A total of 161 abstracts were accepted, which were presented in sessions over 3 days. We were pleased to welcome four excellent keynote speakers – namely Caitlin Notley, Maciej Goniewicz, Florin Dumitru Mihăiță and Debbie Robson who covered the topics of smoking cessation in pregnancy, basic science research, achieving a smoke free generation and tobacco harm reduction respectively. We were able to award four travel awards and these were presented to Amal Khayat, Milou Hendriks, Luz Angela Tórreres Lopes, and Angela Wu. Nathan Davies received the Highest Scoring Abstract Prize 2025 and the Conference Poster Prize

was awarded to Carmen Lim, while Caitlin Thompson was honoured with the Mateusz Zatoński Early Career Poster Prize 2025.

As is customary at the Annual General Meeting (AGM), this year we actioned a changeover in elected board members as follows:

- Presidency - Sarah Jackson stepped down to become past president and Amanda Farley took up the role of president after serving as president elect for the past year. Melanie Böckmann joined the board as president elect and we said goodbye to Sharon Cox who has stepped down from the board after 3 years in the presidency cycle.
- Yael Bar-Zeev stepped down as treasurer and Catherine Kimber joined the board in this role for the next 3 years. Nicola Lindson continues to serve as Member Delegate for Europe, Felix Naughton as Honorary Secretary, Floor van den Brand as Communications Officer, and Stephanie Klosterhalfen as Secretary. As always, a big thank you to all who have volunteered their time to serve on the board and support SRNT-E’s mission.

At the AGM, the secretary and treasurer reported on membership and finances. In 2025 we had 161 registered members with just under half of our members based in Europe, and our financial status has remained stable. We also registered a small surplus at the end of the financial reconciliation of the Cluj conference.

In addition to our conference, on the 13th November 2025 we held an online Autumn Webinar “AI Chatbots for smoking cessation” which was attended by 88 people. We heard from researchers at the cutting edge of designing and testing AI chatbots that provide support for smoking cessation from SMS-based support to motivational interviewing and personalized digital coaching. The webinar was chaired by Amanda Farley and the speaker line up included Lorien Abroms, Osnat Melamed, Felix Naughton, Jonathan Bricker and Evelien Hendrix. Recordings of each of the talks are available on the SRNT-E YouTube channel: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCBe6xuKIM5adnFyaXLEvOCQ>

Looking forward, we into preparations for the 2026 conference which will be held in Paris, France on the Campus des Cordeliers Sorbonne University between 21st and 23rd of September. The theme will be “Advancing the tobacco end game: science, policy and equity for a healthier future”. We are aware of the importance of helping develop the next generation of researchers, and the board have begun to think about how to further this SRNT-E goal. We are also working on a new website with Silverback Publishing, and we expect that to go live shortly.

We are looking forward to more great science and networking in 2026 and hope to see many from the field with us in Paris in September!



SRNT Oceania

Sarah Durkin (Immediate Past President), Richard Edwards (President) and Andrew Waa (President-Elect)

The SRNT Oceania region has a proud record of pioneering efforts to equitably end the tobacco epidemic. The chapter includes countries from across the Pacific region including Australia, Papua New Guinea, New Zealand, Samoa, Fiji, Tonga, Solomon Islands and 19 other Pacific Island countries.

Policy developments in the Oceania region have continued in 2025, particularly in Australia. Several key measures that were announced in 2024 in line with the 2023 Australian National Tobacco Strategy (2023-2030) and which were implemented from 1 July, 2025, included:

- a ban on flavours such as menthol and on other additives that make smoked tobacco products more appealing
- standardisation of the size of tobacco packs, pouches and cigarette sticks
- disallowing attractive cigarette and tobacco brand names that falsely imply less harm will no longer be allowed
- new refreshed pictorial health warnings and new health promotion inserts on and in tobacco packaging, and new on-stick warning messages on the filters of cigarette sticks

These measures were supported by research from SRNT-O members and international colleagues. This included encouraging results from menthol bans in Canada and The Netherlands (ITC research presented at SRNT NOLA) suggest promising outcomes for cessation in Australia.

Another major milestone was the launch of Australia's National Lung Cancer Screening Program from July 1. This program will use low-dose CT scans to detect lung cancer early in high-risk individuals aged 50–70, before symptoms appear.

At State level, there were important developments in tobacco retail licensing with New South Wales and Victoria introducing requirements for retailers to apply for licences to sell tobacco smoking products from July 1 with the provision of substantial fines and other penalties for selling tobacco without a licence or supplying illicit tobacco or vaping products. These measures mean that all Australian States and Territories now have a tobacco retailer licensing scheme.

New policy developments in Aotearoa New Zealand during 2025 focused on vaping products and included: the introduction of restrictions on the visibility and display of vaping products; banning disposable vapes (defined as products not designed or intended to be reused); restrictions on the advertising of vaping products; banning discounts and giveaways for vaping products; and strengthening requirements for child safety mechanisms on vaping products. In addition to these policies, the previous government's Minister of Health, Ayesha Verrall and now a member of the opposition introduced a Tobacco Transparency Bill. This bill aims to curb tobacco industry influence in the political system. While unlikely to pass into law under

the current government it signals a potential priority area if a new government comes into power in this year's elections (set for November 2026).

SRNT-O members have been prominent in making submissions and contributing to the public debate about the relative merits of these interventions as well as continuing to carry out research and provide expert commentary in relation to the action plan for achieving the Smokefree Aotearoa 2025 goal which replaced the world-leading measures that the current government abandoned in 2024. These commentaries included synthesising smoking prevalence data from the New Zealand Health Survey showing that progress towards the 2025 goal largely stalled in 2024 and 2025.

The resilience and determination and leadership of our SRNT-O members in Aotearoa was powerfully demonstrated at the World Conference on Tobacco Control in Dublin, where SRNT-O members including incoming President-Elect Andrew Waa, incoming board member Lani Teddy, and board member Associate Professor Raglan Maddox spoke at the '[Addressing Tobacco Control Challenges and Future-Proofing Tobacco Control](#)' Symposium. We were also grateful to reconnect with many SRNT-O colleagues at the 2025 SRNT annual meeting in New Orleans this—highlighted by a memorable SRNT-O dinner.



SRNT Oceania

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We had strong engagement in a SRNT-O member survey, which explored interest in capacity-building activities across the region. Members expressed enthusiasm for: skill development webinar, research mentoring, support for early career and SRNT-O members facing financial barriers, and for a regular SRNT-O conference.

In September 2025 there was an excellent SRNT-O webinar on tobacco control in the Pacific region including contributions from Mina Kashiwabara (WHO Western Pacific Regional Office), Dr Amerita Ravavu (Pacific Community – SPC) and Maleli Nakulanikoro from the Fiji Ministry of Health.

At the 2025 AGM we adopted a new policy excluding individuals funded by or employed in the commercial tobacco and non-therapeutic nicotine industry from participating in our Chapter. This policy is designed to safeguard our events from industry influence and ensure respectful, open dialogue.

The 2025 SRNT-O AGM also saw the handover of the chapter presidency from Professor Sarah Durkin (Cancer Council Victoria) to Professor Richard Edwards (Flinders University) and election of Associate Professor Andrew Waa (Otago University) as the next president-elect. We welcomed new board members Professor Marita Hefler and Dr Josh Trigg (Flinders University) and Lani Teddy (Otago University). We thank Sarah Durkin for the exemplary service she gave during her period as President of SRNT-O and also departing board members for their outstanding contributions: Professor Michelle Kennedy, Dr Alys Havard, Nia Luxton, Selah Hart, and Dr Emily Brennan.



Adolescent and Young Adult Network Network

Network Co-Chairs: Lauren Micalizzi, PhD; Olatokunbo (Ola) Osibogun, MBBS, MPH, PhD

No. of Members: 111

The Adolescent and Young Adult Network (AYA; formerly the Adolescent Network) was established in 2015 to advance research, training, and collaboration focused on adolescent and young adult nicotine and tobacco use. In 2025, Ola Osibogun joined Lauren Micalizzi as Co-Chair. The Advisory Committee (AC) met monthly via videoconference throughout the year to guide strategic priorities, oversee subcommittee activities, and monitor progress.

Advisory Committee and Leadership

In addition to the Co-Chairs, AC members serving in 2025 included: MeLisa Creamer, Brenda Dimaya, Kate Flint, Paul Harrell, Sarah Kowitt, Dale Mantey, Jessica Liu, and Jennifer Cornacchione Ross.

This year, we added a new AC role, Trainee Liaison, held by Wei Li, to strengthen communication with the Trainee Network and ensure trainee representation and engagement. Network Operations Coordinators, Lysie Ranker and Anastasia Ferrell, supported the work of the AC and its subcommittees.

Subcommittees

Subcommittees met independently and provided updates at each AC meeting. In 2025, the AYA Network included six active subcommittees:

1. **Communications:** MeLisa Creamer (Co-Chair), Brenda Dimaya (Co-Chair)
2. **Education/Training:** Paul Harrell (Co-Chair), *Vacant* (Co-Chair)

3. **Annual Meeting/Program:** Dale Mantey (Co-Chair), Jessica Liu (Co-Chair); Kianna Arthur (Operations Coordinator), Ashley Clawson, Caroline North, Neisha Williams, Rachel Cassidy
4. **Membership:** Jennifer Cornacchione Ross (Co-Chair), Sarah Kowitt (Co-Chair), Maria Parker
5. **Trainee Liaison:** Wei Li
6. **Operations Coordination:** Lysie Ranker (Co-Chair), Anastasia Ferrell (Co-Chair)

2025 Highlights and Accomplishments Network Member Meeting

The AYA Network has hosted an annual member meeting since 2016 to review activities and solicit member input. The 2025 meeting was held virtually on April 7 and included over 20 attendees. Leadership provided a summary of the network's past-year activities, followed by small-group discussions focused on member engagement strategies and potential preconference and webinar topics.

A key priority that emerged was strong interest in increased collaboration with other SRNT Networks. In response, AYA leadership strengthened partnerships with the Health Equity and Policy and Regulatory Science Research Networks in 2025 - collaborations that are well positioned to generate meaningful initiatives in 2026.

Additional Network Engagement

At the 2025 SRNT Annual Meeting, the AYA Network hosted a coffee hour to provide an overview of network activities, facilitate networking, and recruit new members. The AYA also participated for the first time in SRNT's *It's Just Coffee* event, which was highly successful and will be continued in future years.

Communications

The Communications Subcommittee published one newsletter in 2025 featuring network updates and member spotlights, including SRNT 2025 Program Co-Chair Dr. Andrea H. Weinberger. In collaboration with the Membership Subcommittee, the Communications team also administered an AYA Network Member Survey to assess engagement preferences. Results indicated that members found the newsletter to be a useful and informative communication tool. Based on this feedback, two newsletters are planned for 2026.

Education and Training

The Education/Training Subcommittee hosted two well-attended events in 2025:

- A *Meet the Author* session on June 4, 2025, featuring Dr. Pakhani Mhazo and moderated by Dr. Kate Flint.
- A webinar panel on November 13, 2025, titled "Effective Research Collaborations in K-12 School Settings: Advice from Experts in the Field." Introductory and closing remarks were provided by Dr. Paul Harrell,



Adolescent and Young Adult Network Network (Continued)

with moderation by Dr. Kate Flint. Panelists included Scott Gerbert, MHA; Gina Klemm, MPH; Heather Lavalley; Meghan Morean, PhD; and Jill Trott.

The subcommittee also welcomed two new members, Dr. Lubeth Perez and Dr. Ruth Hernandez Torres, and continues to recruit a Co-Chair.

Network-Sponsored Pre-Conference Workshop

The Annual Meeting Subcommittee coordinated a network-sponsored pre-conference workshop at the 2025 SRNT Annual Meeting titled “Colliding Crises: Mental Health and Nicotine Use among Youth.” This in-person event took place on March 12, 2025, and was attended by approximately 40 participants.

Poster Spotlights

The Annual Meeting Subcommittee also organized poster spotlights highlighting outstanding research on youth and young adult nicotine use. In addition, the subcommittee produced and distributed a poster spotlight PDF, including brief interviews with featured presenters, to extend the reach and visibility of their work.



Basic Science Network

Network Co-Chairs: Jibran Khokhar, PhD, and Valeria Lallai, PhD

No. of Members: ~200

Advisory Committee Members:

- Merideth Addicott
- Deniz Bagdas
- Malia Bautista
- Rick Bevins
- Adriaan Bruijnzeel
- Imad Damaj
- Brandon Henderson
- Melissa Herman
- Sairam Jabba
- Sven-Eric Jordt
- Fadi Khasawneh
- Nate Olszewski

Network Operations Coordinator(s): Julia Lagomarsino

Network Sub-Committees, with chairs and members: BSN Connect Team: Malia Bautista & Sairam Jabba

1. Are there any topics of particular interest to your members that the Board should know about?

- Mechanistic understanding of nicotine and tobacco addiction at the cellular, behavioral, and circuit levels
- Evaluation of emerging commercial products, with particular attention to e-cigarettes and coolant additives
- Nicotine exposure and polydrug use, especially in vulnerable and developmentally sensitive populations
- Cross-species and translational models of tobacco-related behaviors

- Open science practices in basic research, including rigor, reproducibility, and responsible data sharing

2. Please list any potential projects the Network might undertake this year (webinars, papers, pre-conference workshops, symposia, etc). If you have a rough idea of when things might be done, please include.

- A webinar on emerging product additives, such as coolant compounds in e-cigarettes, was postponed due to shifting academic priorities and funding pressures. We plan to hold it in 2026.
- The special issue on translational models in nicotine and tobacco research is in development and will include contributions from both junior and senior investigators.
- Three workshop proposals were received for SRNT 2026, but funding constraints across institutions prevented their advancement. We plan to revisit and strengthen this effort for a future meeting.
- Continued efforts to highlight early-career researchers through interviews and online features.

3. Are there projects from last year that are ongoing?

- Significant improvements in visibility and engagement have been made through SRNT Connect and affiliated platforms. We will continue refining communication strategies and content updates.

- Efforts to bring graduate students and postdoctoral fellows into leadership roles are ongoing. While recruitment has been challenging, we anticipate that the 2026 meeting will provide renewed opportunities to engage trainees directly.
- The Operations Coordinator position has now been filled, which will improve continuity and organization going forward.

4. What help does the Network need to accomplish its goals for the year?

- Continued support in promoting webinars and initiatives through SRNT-wide communication channels and cross-network collaborations.
- Guidance from the Board on facilitating inter-network activities and shared programming opportunities.
- Access to communication resources or templates (e.g., social media graphics, website formats) to strengthen outreach and visibility.
- We would welcome Board support to further develop and update the BSN webpage to better showcase these initiatives.
- Advance notice and timely communication regarding Board initiatives and deadlines to support effective planning.



Genetics & Omics Network

Chloe Burke, PhD and James Clifford, PhD

No. of Members: 175

The SRNT Genetics and Omics Network aims to capture the increasing activity in the '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 the Genetics and Omics Network transitioned in 2025 with James Clifford becoming the new co-chair as Megan Cooke stepped down in June. Dr. Cooke has continued to offer support and encouragement during the transition, and we thank her for her service. The transition has offered an exciting opportunity for an early career investigator to take on a leadership role and foster new collaborations and ideas with the network.

2025 Highlights and Accomplishments

SRNT 2025 ANNUAL MEETING

At the SRNT 2025 Annual Meeting, we hosted a network organized symposium: 'Identifying Epigenetic Profiles Associated with Tobacco and Nicotine Use'. The symposium presented and discussed recent findings on epigenetic markers associated with tobacco and nicotine use across a range of samples and was well attended. We were able to highlight multiple posters relevant to the scope of the Genetics and Omics Network - we are excited to see the submissions this year.

SOCIAL MEDIA

Our LinkedIn profile (<https://www.linkedin.com/groups/13095617/>) for the network was set up last year, which we encourage all our members to join to stay up to date with network events and member activities (e.g., publications, relevant training opportunities). Thank you to our communications coordinator, Somy Hooshmand, for her support in setting up and maintaining communications about our network activities.

NETWORK EVENTS AND PROJECTS

In response to network member feedback, we have taken steps to pursue more collaborative network projects. In Winter 2026, we are meeting with members from the Medical Comorbidities Working Group (MCWG) to share network skills and experience in a range of genetically informative methods (e.g., family-based designs, Mendelian randomization). If other networks are interested to hear about the type of data and analysis members of our network can contribute to, please reach out!

Later in the year, we will be hosting a network event to discuss and share information about relevant resources (e.g., cohort datasets with genetic data available) to compile a shared community resource. Importantly, these collaborative activities rely on engagement from our network members. If you have ideas for potential collaborative projects or would like to be involved in network-led research, please contact the co-chairs outlining your areas of interest and expertise

Next Steps

Over the next year, our network plans to:

- Continue to highlight network activities and events via social media accounts
- Organize further collaborative and learning activities via network webinars
- Support network members to undertake and lead collaborative projects
- Build new intra and inter network collaborations



Global Research Network

Network Chairs: Catherine Egbe, PhD and Raúl Mejía, PhD

No. of Members: 426

Leadership Structure

Co-Chairs

Catherine Egbe, PhD and Raúl Mejía, PhD

Network coordinator

Thao Tran

Subcommittees

- Education (Co-chairs: Wei Li and Charity Aienobe-Asekhaen)
- Communications (Chair: Mansi Chopra)
- Outreach (Co-chairs: Ebbie Kalan and Rime Jebai)

Advisory Committee

The GRN Advisory Committee consists of 10 members: Mira Aghi, Monika Arora, Carla Berg, Chris Bullen, Joanna Cohen, Geoff Fong, Ryan Kennedy, Donna Shelley, Irina Stepanov, Ramzi Salloum and James Thrasher.

Network Meetings

Refreshment breakout meeting: GRN held an informal networking coffee meeting during the SRNT Annual Meeting on March 14, 2025, in New Orleans, LA, with a total of 15 attendees. The meeting was a great opportunity for GRN members to meet in person, publicly acknowledge the partners leaving their coordination roles at the GRN, discuss current initiatives, potential funding opportunities to fill up the funding gap for our pre-conference, and explore ways to involve more LMIC-based researchers.

Full-membership meetings: The GRN full membership post-conference meeting took place via Zoom on April 16, 2025. During this meeting, members reviewed the activities of GRN and its subcommittees over the past year, reviewed volunteer opportunities, and discussed upcoming events and new initiatives.

Sub-committee chairs meetings: The GRN co-chairs and sub-committee chairs scheduled monthly meetings for the period January 2025 – February 2026 and communicated frequently throughout the year to discuss specific issues related to the network operations. Ongoing and new initiatives, as per the GRN annual plan, were discussed during these meetings. Corresponding updates are reported below.

Network Communications

Newsletters: During this reporting period, the Communications Subcommittee disseminated 1 newsletter to SRNT members

Website and X account: 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. The Communications Subcommittee is also keeping the GRN X account (@GlobalSRNT) active by posting relevant material including publications' highlights, and events'

announcements. The Communications Subcommittee is in the process of transitioning its communication to LinkedIn.

Mentorship Program

- The mentees awarded in 2024 : Tran Thi Phuong Thao (Vietnam), and Afolabi Oyapero (Nigeria) continued with their selected mentors throughout the year, Tran Thi Phuong Thao served as GRN coordinator during 2025.
- GRN is participating in the 2026 *It's Just Coffee* program to support mentorship and capacity building in global tobacco control research. Building on its ongoing mentorship efforts, GRN aims to foster informal, structured connections between early-career researchers and more senior investigators to facilitate knowledge exchange, career development, and collaboration. Through this initiative, GRN seeks to create accessible opportunities for networking and mentorship that support the development of the next generation of global tobacco control researchers.

SRNT 2025 Annual Meeting in New Orleans, LA, USA

R13 Conference Grant:

- In 2024, GRN received R13 Conference Grant from the National Cancer Institute to support SRNT 2025 Pre-Conference Workshop by providing travel awards to 5 LMIC-based researchers from 5 different countries: **Catherine O. Egbe, PhD**



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(South African Medical Research Council, South Africa); **Emmanuel Abraham, M.Sc, MPH** (Federal Ministry of Health and Social Welfare, Nigeria); **Sonu Goel, PhD**, (Postgraduate Institute of Medical Education and Research, India); **Biljana Kilibarda, PhD**, (Institute of Public Health of Serbia, Serbia); **Nour Obeidat, PhD**, (King Hussein Cancer Center, Jordan). Two of the recipients received their funding while three were unable to attend due to visa issues. Unfortunately, we were informed that the NCI did not transfer the grant funds to SRNT.

SRNT 2026 Pre-Conference Workshop:
GRN submitted a pre-conference workshop proposal for the SRNT 2026 Annual Meeting in Baltimore, MD entitled “Social media marketing, policy implementation and tobacco regulatory science in LMICs”. The proposal was approved, and the workshop is scheduled for March 4, 2026. This pre-conference workshop will explore how implementation science can be used to counter the social media marketing of tobacco and nicotine products and how it can guide the adaptation, implementation, and scale-up of policies seeking to curtail such marketing practices especially in LMICs with resource constraint and multiple health priorities

Webinars and Workshops

1. SRNT 2025 Pre-Conference Workshop
 - The GRN organized a Preconference Workshop on March 12, 2025, during the SRNT 2025 Annual Meeting in New Orleans, MD, entitled “Implementation Science to Enhance the Impact of Global Tobacco Control Strategies in Low- and Middle-Income Countries”, with 30 registered participants, half of them being LMIC participants.
 - The pre-conference workshop was facilitated by members from the GRN leadership team (Ramzi Salloum, Raul Mejia, Donna Shelley, Anna V. Wilkinson, Geoffrey Fong, James Thrasher),. It included presentations by the 5 LMIC-based travel awardees.
 - The workshop was structured, first, with the presentation of five case studies by researchers from low- and middle-income countries (LMICs), followed by a discussion session focused on the cases presented.
 - Evaluation: Among pre-conference workshop participants, 81% indicated the content was relevant to their research needs, 81% indicated the workshop will be helpful when developing future research, 81% agreed that implementation theories and frameworks covered in the workshop were applicable to their current research projects, 76% plan to integrate the workshop content into their current

research, 76% plan to integrate theories and concepts from the workshop to develop their next research project, 71% plan to include knowledge gained from the workshop in future grant applications, and 90% plan to inform colleagues about the importance of conducting dissemination and implementation research.

2. Webinar: “*Leveraging Artificial Intelligence for Tobacco Control: Ensuring Accountability in Global Tobacco Products*,” on June 17, 2025.
 - Speakers: Drs. John Mehegan, Rachel Ouellette, Michael Chaiton, Kevin Luk
 - Description: This webinar explored the transformative potential of Generative AI (Gen AI) in advancing global tobacco control efforts. As the tobacco landscape continues to evolve, innovative technologies like AI offer promising new tools to strengthen public health strategies. The session showcased how Gen AI can be used to better understand tobacco use patterns, inform policy decisions, and design tailored interventions to reduce tobacco-related harm. The first presentation, by Dr. John Mehegan, explored the use of modern AI techniques to identify tobacco industry narratives and misinformation in social and traditional media, particularly through multi-agent approaches. In



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the second presentation, Dr. Rachel Ouellette demonstrated how generative AI can be used to rapidly analyze video-based social media content to better understand tobacco marketing and user perceptions. In the third presentation, Dr. Michael Chaiton focused on the development of a digital intervention for vaping cessation using machine learning and AI tools, highlighting where AI was and was not useful. Finally, Dr. Kevin Luk presented a clinical trial evaluating the feasibility, acceptability, and outcomes of a large language models (LLM) based chatbot for tobacco cessation counseling within a Youth Quitline in Hong Kong, China.

Other items:

- Leadership updates: Following the completion of their terms in March 2025, Ramzi Salloum stepped down as GRN co-chair, Dr Catherine Egbe assumed the role of GRN co-chair. Drs. Catherine Egbe and Anna V. Wilkinson stepped down as Education Subcommittee co-chairs. Drs. Wei Li and Charity Aienobe-Asekharen assumed the roles of co-chairs in March 2025 and continue to serve in these positions.
- Mansi Chopra stepped down as Communication Subcommittee co-chair and was replaced by Desiree Vidaña and Olatokunbo Osibogun, Rime Jabai stepped down as Outreach Subcommittee co-chair in November 2025
- After March 2026 Wei Li and Charity Aienobe-Asekharen co- chairs Education Subcommittee co-chairs will be replaced by Scott McIntosh and Carolina Bovo. Thao Thran will stepdown as GRN coordinator and will be replaced by Estefania Panizoni.



Health Equity Network

Network Chairs: Dana Mowls Carroll, PhD, MPH and Jin Kim-Mozeleski, PhD

No. of Members: 599

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.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE STRUCTURE

Co-chairs:

Dana Mowls Carroll, PhD, MPH, University of Minnesota

Jin Kim-Mozeleski, PhD, Case Western Reserve University

Operations coordinator:

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

Program Subcommittee

Co-chairs:

Danielle Davis, PhD, Yale University

Melissa Little, PhD, University of Virginia

Erika Trapl, PhD, Case Western Reserve University

Justin Byron, PhD, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

Operations coordinator:

April Wilhelm, MD, MPH, University of Minnesota

Volunteers: N/A

Scholarship & Development Subcommittee

Co-chairs:

Mariel Bello, PhD, Medical University of South Carolina

Dale Mantey, PhD, UTHealth Houston

Sandra Japuntich, PhD, Hennepin Healthcare

Operations coordinators:

Chase Kornacki, MPH, University of California San Diego

Jiaxi Wu, PhD, Virginia Commonwealth University

Volunteers: None

Evaluation Subcommittee

Co-chairs:

Lauren Czaplicki, PhD, Johns Hopkins University

Saber Feizy, PhD, University of Kentucky

Andy Tan, PhD, University of Pennsylvania

Operations coordinator:

Meng Yang, PhD, Mississippi State University

Volunteers:

Wura Jacobs, PhD, Indiana University School of Public Health-Bloomington

Olatokunbo Osibogun PhD, Florida

International University

Bethany Shorey Fennell PhD, University of Kentucky

Minal Pate PhD, American Cancer Society

Elizabeth Do PhD, Truth Initiative

Tyler Nighner PhD, American Cancer Society

Doug Levy PhD, Harvard University

Communications Subcommittee:

Co-chairs:

Sarah Cha, MSPH, Truth Initiative

Irene Peridot-Valverde, PhD, Clemson University

Wura Jacobs, PhD, Indiana University

Operations Coordinators:

Andrea Weinberger, PhD, Yeshiva University

Kate Frazer, PhD, University College Dublin

Brenda Dimaya, MPH, Truth Initiative

Volunteers:

Di Pei, PhD, George State University

Xinyi Wang, PhD, University of Pennsylvania

Caroline Cobb, PhD, Virginia Commonwealth University

At-Large Non-North American Member:

Kate Frazer, PhD, University College Dublin



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Working Groups:

LGBTQ Work Group co-chairs:

Juhan (John) Lee, PhD, Albert Einstein College of Medicine
Tres Hinds, PhD, University of Houston

Medical Comorbidities Work Group co-chairs:

Andrea Weinberger, PhD, Yeshiva University
Kavita Mosalpuria, MBBS, MHA, PhD, East Carolina University

SRNT Network Liaisons:

SRNT Policy & Regulatory Network liaison:
Minal Patel

SRNT Trainee Network liaison: Mariel Bello, PhD, Medical University of South Carolina

SRNT Adolescents and Young Adults Network liaison: Dale Mantey, PhD, UTHealth Houston

2026 NETWORK GOALS

1. Advisory Committee
 - a. Advocate for health equity.
 - b. Foster a community within our network and AC.
2. Program subcommittee
 - a. Organize webinars on health equity research aiming for 2-3 in the next calendar year
 - 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. Evaluate the HEN travel scholarship program
 - c. Evaluate the *It's Just Coffee* mentoring program
 - d. Explore health equity publications in journal, *Nicotine & Tobacco Research*
 5. Communications subcommittee
 - a. Continue to grow social media presence and disseminate relevant member research and other topics of interest to membership
 - b. Circulate a monthly/quarterly newsletter for our members to include publications and other content
 - c. Highlight HEN members in spotlights to showcase members' work and contributions

ORGANIZATIONAL ADVOCACY AND SUPPORT

This year we continued to actively engage our global membership in our efforts to stimulate the generation and dissemination of scientific knowledge concerning tobacco-related health equity and to bring health equity science to the SRNT community. We were highly active this year in responding to the federal administration's policies negatively impacting the roles of scientists and posing threats to health equity research. We conducted a survey

of our members to assess the impacts of federal policies on their research and careers. The SRNT Board used our survey as the basis for a broader SRNT-wide survey. Several members of our AC organized and drafted a commentary highlighting these negative impacts with calls to action, which was published in *Nicotine & Tobacco Research*. In addition, we focused on soliciting and making nominations for multiple SRNT Awards including the Pebbles Fagan Health Equity Award, Jarvik-Russell Award and the John Slade Award. We also nominated two of our members for the distinction of SRNT Fellow. Both were selected for this prestigious distinction (Andy Tan, Erika Trapl).

Our network also started/continued several special projects this year. We continue to work on implementation of the recommendations by the HEN Racial Equity Workgroup to align our network practices and processes with the recommendations laid out by the SRNT Racial Equity Taskforce. The LGBTQ+ work group (launched in 2023) and Medical Comorbidities workgroup (launched in 2024) continues to be active and productive (see below).

We also note that this was a challenging year for health equity research and thus many of our network members. In response, our AC worked to create a community to provide a sense of belonging and calm during uncertain times. Below is a quote from one of our AC members who gave us permission to include her quote in this report:



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“On a personal note, I am grateful for the support of the SRNT Health Equity Network community during 2025 as I moved from Ireland to UCSF to take up a Fulbright Visiting Scholarship at the Center for Tobacco Control - at a time of personal uncertainty and for health equity research.”--Kate Frazer

At the time of this report, we are preparing for the 2026 SRNT annual conference, which will be the 20th anniversary of our Network. We are planning several anniversary-themed network activities in celebration and recognition of our history and leadership, our current activities, and future goals.

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

Program Subcommittee Report

Goal #1: Conduct at least 2 webinars aimed at enhancing health equity.

Webinar #1: Diversifying Your Research Program to include Non-Federal Funding Sources: Lessons Learned

- Date: 9/24/2025
- Moderated by Danielle Davis
- Presenters:
 - Laura Fegan, Case Western Reserve University
 - Megan Piper, University of Wisconsin
 - Sarah Koopman Gonzalez, Case Western Reserve University

- Paul Campbell, American Cancer Society
- Upal Basu Roy, Lungevity Foundation
- Kathleen Garrison, Yale University
- Michael Pullman, PCORI
- Outcomes:
 - Strategies from funders and funded applicants on improving success with non-federal funding sources
 - >80 attendees

Webinar #2: Differences in Tobacco Use by Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity

- Date: 10/8/2025
- Moderated by Joanne Patterson
- Presenters:
 - Amy Cohn, University of Oklahoma College of Medicine
 - Rebecca Evans-Polce, University of Michigan
 - Katelyn Romm, University of Oklahoma College of Medicine
- Outcomes:
 - Understanding differences in tobacco product use by sexual orientation and gender identity
 - It was well-attended.

Goal #2: Facilitate SRNT 2026 symposium and pre-conference workshop submissions.

The Program Subcommittee co-chairs hosted a program call on June 10, 2025 to coordinate symposia and pre-conference workshop submissions. Over 20 ideas were proposed and

discussed and multiple groups were connected for symposia with 8 potential symposia topics ultimately submitted. Additionally, a pre-conference workshop is being sponsored by the Health Equity Network focused on tobacco and cannabis co-use.

Two of the proposed symposia and a sponsored pre-conference workshop were accepted for the 2026 annual meeting. Additional individual abstracts from symposia proposals were accepted for oral presentations and posters.

1. SYMPOSIUM: Continuum of risk health messaging symposium - data from youth and young adults, non-users, and combustible tobacco users
2. SYMPOSIUM: Designing Interventions for LGBTQ+ Youth & Young Adult Vaping/Smoking Prevention & Cessation: Identifying Needs and Effective Strategies for Cultural Tailoring
3. Pre-Conference Workshop #3: Tobacco and Cannabis Co-Use Through a Health Equity Lens

The Program Subcommittee is also preparing a list of trainee health equity abstracts (the HEN-10) to highlight HEN posters at the annual meeting and will be creating a list of selected health equity presentations to disseminate in advance of the meeting to promote Network visibility.



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Scholarship & Development Subcommittee Report

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

This professional development program facilitates in-person meetings between mentors and mentees during the SRNT annual meetings. The S&D subcommittee recruited mentors for this program and paired them with trainees and early-career researchers within the Network to meet in-person during the 2025 SRNT Annual Meeting in New Orleans, LA. We had a very successful turnout this year at SRNT 2025, with 25 mentees matched with 13 mentors that met during the conference.

At the time of this report, the Co-Chairs and Operations Coordinators of the S&D subcommittee are organizing the program for the 2026 SRNT annual meeting. The S&D subcommittee is currently gathering offers of mentorship from 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 2026 SRNT Annual Meeting in Baltimore, MD. The S&D subcommittee has also worked closely with the Evaluation subcommittee on an evaluation plan to assess the perceived impact of the program over time among mentees and mentors.

The S&D subcommittee continues to assist the other SRNT networks to hold their own respective *It's Just Coffee* mentoring program. This included meetings with other networks and development of a detailed standard operating procedure for the other networks to coordinate their own program, as well as facilitating the main emails to SRNT to recruit individuals as mentor or mentees to each network's own program. As a result of these efforts, there were five tracks offered for the program for the 2025 SRNT annual meeting: a health equity track hosted by our Network, a policy track hosted by the SRNT Policy and Regulatory Science Network, a treatment track hosted by the SRNT Treatment Research Network, a basic science track hosted by the SRNT Basic Science Network, and an adolescent and young adult track hosted by the SRNT Adolescent & Young Adult Network. This year, we are excited to share that all seven SRNT Networks will be participating in the *It's Just Coffee* mentoring program: Health Equity Network, Policy and Regulatory Science Network, Treatment Research Network, Basic Science Network, Adolescent & Young Adult Network, Global Research Network, and the Genetics and Omics Network.

Goal #2: Continue to secure funding for our travel scholarships

This program provides funding for trainees and early-career investigators working in health disparities research and/or from an underrepresented population to travel to the SRNT annual meetings. For the 2025 SRNT annual meeting in New Orleans, LA, we secured funding to support 2 scholars from LMICs and 15 U.S.-based scholars. After the 2025 conference, we continued fundraising and planning for the 2026 conference in Baltimore, MD. At the time of this reporting, we are pleased to report that we intend to fund 22 travel scholars in total (20 U.S.-based scholars and 2 scholars from LMICs) for the 2026 conference, which is the highest number of travel scholars that were ever supported in a given year since the start of this program, and marks the fourth year in a row that we have supported LMIC scholars. We continue to discuss possibilities for more secure funding streams, e.g., considering the pros and cons of planning, writing, and submitting a multi-year conference grant.



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Evaluation Subcommittee Report

Goal #1: Evaluate SRNT HEN pre-conference workshops.

An evaluation was conducted for the SRNT 2025 Pre-Conference Workshop titled “Co-Design as a Community-Engaged Tool for Developing Culturally Relevant Tobacco Interventions: Experiential Training and Case Studies from Work with Priority Populations” An infographic was created to display results of the evaluation. We received 16 responses, and on average, participants rated the quality of the workshop a 4.4 out of 5. Participants reported learning new concepts of ‘daring to be wrong’ in the generative co-design process, how to engage community members across different populations, and the relationship building concepts. Results of the evaluation were shared with the pre-conference workshop leads and presented at the June 2025 AC meeting. The infographic was shared with the HEN via email July 2025.

Goal #2: Evaluate the impact of the HEN Travel Scholarship program.

In December 2025, the Evaluation Subcommittee finalized the survey to understand past HEN Travel Scholarship program evaluation and needs for a future evaluation. The survey was based on a prior evaluation of the scholarship program and updated in collaboration with the Scholarship

& Development committee to capture the ‘stickiness’ of the HEN Travel Scholarship program. Outcomes will be related to awardee participation in SRNT, in HEN activities, and any leadership roles, as well as the extent to which they remain involved in tobacco control and health equity research activities. The survey and protocol for data collection were submitted and approved by the Johns Hopkins University Institutional Review Board in December 2025. The Evaluation Subcommittee updated the emails of past scholarship recipients and plan to field the survey in February 2026.

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

The Evaluation Subcommittee presented results to the Scholarship & Development subcommittee from the long-term evaluation of the It’s Just Coffee (IJC) Program. From the 58 respondents, only seven had participated in IJC in the past. This small sample limited the ability of the Evaluation Subcommittee from making strong conclusions about the program. However, the results suggest that participants were well matched to a mentor/mentee based on shared research interests and/or lived experience and that they felt a greater sense of belonging in the field of nicotine and tobacco research after participating. Most (64%) of the seven participants did not continue to talk/interact with the IJC mentor/mentee. Other results shared were on reasons why HEN members did not participate in IJC

before, including that some HEN members do not know whether they see themselves as a mentee. It was encouraged to use this finding in communications about future IJC opportunities, including how everyone can be a mentee or a mentor.

The Evaluation Subcommittee also supported the Scholarship & Development Subcommittee by providing comments on the post IJC evaluation survey to assess immediate, short term outcomes of IJC participation.

Goal #4: Explore health equity publications in journal, *Nicotine & Tobacco Research*

The Evaluation Subcommittee started a new project in 2025 to explore the number and topic areas of health equity related publications in SRNT’s journal, *Nicotine & Tobacco Research* over the past 5 years. To date, the Evaluation Subcommittee has developed key search terms, searched the journal for publications that fit the search term, and begun indexing articles by population of interest and topic area. This work will continue into 2026 and result in a short report.

Communications Subcommittee Report

Overview:

In 2025, we 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 continued our communication efforts, including:



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1. Continuing to grow the [SRNT HEN LinkedIn page](#) and starting a new channel on BlueSky (@hensrnt.bsky.social) to reach new audiences
2. Revamping our regular newsletter in light of the new federal tobacco control environment, with the aim of highlighting relevant member research in an engaging layout
3. Continuing our member Spotlight series focused on HEN Travel Scholars
4. Being a communications resource to other HEN subcommittees to disseminate information about HEN events and activities

Goal #1: Continue to grow social media presence and disseminate relevant member research and other topics of interest to membership.

1. LinkedIn: We continued to grow our [LinkedIn](#) presence with regular postings, including highlighting HEN-related activities at the 2025 SRNT meeting, relevant publications, and other announcements of interest to our membership. Postings are managed by Andrea Weinberger and Caroline Cobb. Our LinkedIn page has 948 followers as of January 20, 2026. We use this page to regularly provide original content related to health equity that may be of interest to our membership. We also use LinkedIn to announce webinars, meetings,

deadlines, and other relevant information. This initiative aimed to increase membership engagement and information dissemination, as well as increase publicity around the work of HEN members to the wider LinkedIn Audience.

2. BlueSky: In 2025, we started a new social media account on [BlueSky](#) to expand our social media network. Postings on BlueSky are managed by Brenda Dimaya. We are still growing our presence on BlueSky with 30 followers as of January 20, 2026. Current posts are primarily cross-posts of our content from LinkedIn to expand our reach to audiences on BlueSky who may not follow us on LinkedIn. We will continue to explore strategies to expand our presence on BlueSky based on member feedback.

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

The newsletter is currently led by Wura Jacobs, with assistance from Di Pei and Xinyi Wang. We have significantly updated our regular newsletter due to changes in dissemination of our previous resource (OSH newsletter) being unavailable starting in early 2025. We have developed a new search strategy to identify publications of interest to our membership and also started to solicit publications and other items to highlight directly from our membership for inclusion in the newsletter. We have also revamped the design to make the

content more engaging, as well as highlight other Network activities, such as fundraisers and social activities among Network members. It also continues to include information on webinars, funding announcements, or events that may interest members. The newsletter is shared on the SRNT listserv and our social media accounts. The revamped newsletter has been well received by our HEN leadership and members and we are planning to continue to adapt in the new year.

Goal # 3: Highlight HEN members in spotlights to showcase members' work and contributions

Spotlights are profile features and Q&A interviews of a Network member that highlight their contributions to advancing research on tobacco-related health disparities. Led by Irene Pericot-Valverde, the spotlight series showcases HEN travel scholarship recipients' pathways into HEN research, their current research interests, and how they work contributes to reducing tobacco-related inequities. The Spotlights are shared through the SRNT listserv and social media accounts. In 2025, we showcased 2025 HEN travel scholarship recipients, including: Drs. Lizeth Cruz Jiménez, Charity A. Ntansah, SeaN Regnier, Luz Ángela Torres, Di Pei, Désirée Vidaña-Pérez, Ammar Siddiqi, and Shichen Zheng.



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Other activities:

The Communications Subcommittee continues to work closely with HEN subcommittees to assist in any communications needs. In 2025, we worked closely with the Program Subcommittee to publicize webinars and the Scholarship and Development Subcommittee to publicize fundraising efforts for the 2026 SRNT meeting.

The Communications Subcommittee also closely reviewed and provided feedback on the updated SRNT social media policy.

WORKING GROUP REPORTS

LGBTQ+ Workgroup

The goal of the LGBTQ+ workgroup is to advance the science of nicotine and tobacco use in SGM populations by enabling and enhancing the related projects among group members. We aim to foster a tight-knit, inclusive community whose members actively participate in collaboration and resource sharing across a variety of activities. Our values mirror those of SRNT's Health Equity Network, and we are actively committed to intersectional and anti-racist thinking and action, power sharing, and community-building within our working group. We invite all members to actively participate and engage with the working group, with a deliberate focus on uplifting the work of trainees, early-stage investigators, and other members with intersectional identities that typically do not place them among the most privileged.

Co-Chairs:

Dr. Juhan Lee, PhD, Albert Einstein College of Medicine
Dr. Tres Hinds, PhD, University of Houston

Operations Coordinator:

Christina Sun, PhD, University of Colorado Anschutz

Communications Coordinators:

Emily Hackworth, PhD, University of Minnesota
Riley O'Neal, MPH, University of Chicago Pritzker School of Medicine

Members: 84

This workgroup published 3 papers, including a scoping review paper on utilizing theoretical models on tobacco control measures for LGBTQ+ individuals, a commentary on LGBTQ+ appropriate, inclusive language for LGBTQ+ nicotine and tobacco research, and another commentary on how high-stigmatizing environments affect LGBTQ+ tobacco use. A scoping review paper was selected as an Editor's Choice article in Issue 28, Nicotine and Tobacco Research. We are expecting more collaborative papers in the coming year.

References:

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2. Lee J, Wein PY, Heffner JL, Weinberger AH, Hinds JT; LGBTQ+ Workgroup, Health Equity Network, and Society for Research on Nicotine and Tobacco. Practicing inclusive language related to people who are lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, intersex, asexual and other sexual and gender identities (LGBTQIA+) in nicotine and tobacco research. Nicotine Tob Res. 2024 Dec 20;ntae305. doi: 10.1093/ntr/ntae305. Epub ahead of print. PMID: 39705106.
3. Antin T, Cartujano-Barrera F, De Genna NM, Hinds JT, Kaner E, Lee J, Patterson JG, Ruiz RA, Stimatz T, Tan ASL, Heffner JL. Structural stigma and inequities in tobacco use among sexual and gender minoritized people: Accounting for context and intersectionality. Nicotine Tob Res. 2024 Nov 27;ntae280. doi: 10.1093/ntr/ntae280. Epub ahead of print. PMID: 39600206.

We circulated 4 volumes of the workgroup newsletter, highlighting publications, research opportunities, and ideas for LGBTQ+ related advocacy that might be of interest to members.



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Medical Comorbidities Workgroup

The purpose of this workgroup, started in 2024, is to highlight and promote research on tobacco use and medical morbidities (e.g., through SRNT conference submissions and other group projects related to tobacco use and medical comorbidity research) and connect researchers conducting research on tobacco use and medical morbidities. The co-chairs of the group were Dr. Andrea Weinberger (Yeshiva University) and Dr. Kavita Mosalpuria (East Carolina University). Members of the workgroup presented a symposium at the SRNT 2025 meeting (“Novel translational research on pain and tobacco use: Examining relationships from laboratory to clinical research”) that was then developed into a commentary that was accepted for publication at NTR [Bagdas, D., Powers, J. M., Rubenstein, D., Sweitzer, M., Ditre, J. W., & Weinberger, A. H. (2025). Integrating Pain Assessment in Nicotine and Tobacco Research and Treatment to Improve Cessation Outcomes. *Nicotine & Tobacco Research*, ntaf220. <https://doi.org/10.1093/ntr/ntaf220>]. For SRNT 2026, the workgroup encouraged preconference workshop, symposia, and individual submissions. Our preconference workshop “Tobacco-cannabis co-use through a health equity lens” was accepted for presentation at the SRNT 2026 meeting. Additional ongoing efforts included: preparing lists of medical comorbidity content at the SRNT meetings to distribute to members, discussing potential submissions for future SRNT meetings and other projects, developing

a collaboration with the SRNT Genetics and Omics Network and working to bring together researchers with common research interests.

ADDITIONAL INTEGRATION/ COLLABORATION ACROSS SRNT

We were highly successful in fundraising for the Travel Scholarship this year. We are working with the Global Health Network to pass along the names of potential travel LMIC scholars for the 2026 SRNT annual meeting. These will be candidates for the HEN travel scholars program who are not selected.

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 2025 a meaningful and successful year for the SRNT Health Equity Network. We will match these efforts moving 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 2026 meeting. We also wish that all of you stay well and safe, and we will continue to strive for health equity, together.



SRNT Policy and Regulatory Science Research Network

Network Co-chairs: Katherine East, PhD; Tracy Smith, PhD; Loren Kock, PhD

No. of Members: 557

The PRSN's charge is to:

- Provide networking, educational and professional development opportunities for SRNT members working in the area of policy research or regulatory science;
- Disseminate evidence to researchers, clinicians, policymakers, and regulators about effective nicotine and tobacco policy and regulation strategies that have the potential to improve global population health (e.g., reducing smoking prevalence);
- Provide guidance to the SRNT Board and committees as necessary to better inform programs and/or discussions that address policy and regulatory research;
- Undertake projects that contribute to the evidence base on policy research and regulatory science.
- Foster communication and collaboration with relevant global organizations to advance the role of SRNT as a global partner regarding nicotine and tobacco policy research and regulatory science;
- Implementation of working groups within the PRSN to address priority areas in nicotine and tobacco policy research and regulatory science.
- Support and foster engagement and involvement of new scientists and researchers interested in nicotine and tobacco policy research and regulatory science, with specific focus on, and support for, under-represented populations and outreach to LMIC countries.

ADMINISTRATIVE STRUCTURE

Leadership and subcommittees:

- **Co-Chairs:** Katherine East (Jan 2024 - Mar 2026); Tracy Smith (Mar 2025 - Mar 2027); Loren Kock (Mar 2025 - Mar 2027)
- **Operations Coordinators (AC):** Madeline Smith; Nicolle Krebs
- **Advisory Committee (AC):** Roberta Lemos; Martin Dockrell; Olufemi Erinoso; Geoff Fong; Loren Kock; Tracy Smith; Katherine East; Doug Levy; Alex Liber; Christina Kyriakos; Andrew Seidenberg; David Ashley; Olalekan Ayo-Yusuf; Megan Roberts; Yael Bar-Zeev; Scott Leischow; Jakob Bohland; Melissa Blank; Minal Patel; Doris Gammon; Mitch Zeller; Martin Dockrell.
- **Education Subcommittee:** Christina Kyriakos (co-chair); Andrew Seidenberg (co-chair); Amal Khayat; Elise DeVito; Caroline Fuss; Rachel Denlinger-Apte; Darren Mays; Francis Fagbule; Melissa Mercincavage; Katelyn Romm; Zoe Swithenbank; Nigar Nargis; Joe Gitchell
- **Communications Subcommittee:** Jakob Bohland (lead and operations coordinator); Roberta Freitas-Lemos; Megan Roberts (writing team co-lead); Yael Bar-Zeev (writing team co-lead); Nicole Lee (bluesky); Page Dobbs (LinkedIn); Amal Khayat (spotlight writer); Désirée Vidaña-Perez (bulletin manager). Members include: Sabrina Islam; Darren Mays; Amal Khayat; Jim Thrasher; Justin Byron;

Alexander Sokolovsky; Paul Harrell; Francis Fagbule; Melissa Mercincavage; Erika Trapl; Ziyad Ben Taleb; Kylie Morphet; Clive Bates; Ahmad El Hellani; Ollie Ganz; Dana Rubenstein; Joe Gitchell; Ian Fearon; Roberta Freitas-Lemos; Andrew Strasser; Katelyn Romm; Olivia Wackowski; Bonnie Halpern-Fisher; Cathy Backinger; Hasmeena Kathuria; Jennifer Unger; Maansi Bansal-Travers; Michelle Jeong; Olatokunbo Osibogun; Jennifer Brown; Dana Carroll; Erin Sutfin

- **Ontology Working Group:** Sharon Cox (co-lead); Melissa Blank (co-lead); Roberta Freitas-Lemos (operations coordinator); Jasjit Ahluwalia; Joshua Yang; Michael Chaiton; Justin Byron; Alexander Sokolovsky; Francis Fagbule; Katherine East; Ziyad Ben Taleb; Clive Bates; Joe Gitchell; Jennifer Unger; Zoe Swithenbank.
- **Product Standards Working Group:** David Ashley (co-lead); Lekan Ayo-Yusuf (co-lead); Roberta Freitas-Lemos (operations coordinator); Elly Leavens; Mikhail Koffarnus; Rachel Denlinger-Apte; Ebbie Kalan; Joshua Yang; Krysten Bold; Ken Warner; Cristine Delnevo; Eleanore Hansen; Michael Chaiton; Paul Harrell; Omotayo Fagbule; Geoffrey Fong; Melissa Mercincavage; Erika Trapl; Ziyad Ben Taleb; Kylie Morphet; Clive Bates; Ahmad El Hellani; Ollie Ganz; Dana Rubenstein; Joe Gitchell; Ian Fearon; Andrew Strasser; Melissa Blank; Jessie Jensen; Eric Donny;



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Dorothy Hatsukami; Reinskje Talhout; Mitch Zeller; Ted Wagener; Marielle Brinkman; Tracy Smith; Christina Kyriakos; Jim Thrasher; Jenny Brown; Nigar Nargis; Richard Edwards; Victor Lasebikan; Eva Ampuero; Sairam Jabba; Elias Klemperer; Vaughan Rees; Jim Thrasher

- **SRNT-U Liaison:** Christina Kyriakos
- **Trainee Network liaison:** Nicolle Krebs

2025 NETWORK ACTIVITIES

With support and guidance from our Network Advisory Committee, our subcommittees, and our Operations Coordinators, our activities for the year 2025 have included:

Network Leadership

- Following the completion of Dr Scott Leischow's and Dr Shannon Gravely's terms as network co-chairs, we welcomed Dr Tracy Smith, and Dr Loren Kock as new co-chairs from March 2025.

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.
- Regular subcommittee meetings.
- Provided feedback on the various proposed activities by the subcommittees.
- One full network virtual meeting on April 25, 2025, where we reported on our activities for the previous year. We also

solicited input from network members on ideas for network activities.

- Boosted membership of the Network from n=455 to n=Y?.

Communication Subcommittee Activities

- Continued to disseminate the policy-relevant news, events, and resources, with posts on LinkedIn (managed by Page Dobbs) and Bluesky (managed by Nicole Lee) and a monthly Bulletin (led by Olufemi Erinoso for the start of the year and taken over by D  sir  e Vida  a  a-Perez). Jakob Bohland replaced Nicolle Krebs to lead the communications subcommittee and also act as Operations Coordinator. A summary of 2025 indicators includes:

- PRSN monthly bulletin:
 - » 64 peer-reviewed PRS-related articles highlighted across three bulletins
 - » 5 calls for public comment/consultations.
 - » Tobacco policy developments covered across 28 different international jurisdictions.
- Bluesky
 - » 145 followers as of January 2026
- LinkedIn
 - » 133 LinkedIn members as of January 2026

- Continued the member spotlight. Amal Khayat became the new manager of the member spotlight in 2025, taking over from Stephanie Fincham-Campbell. From 2026 spotlights will be shared quarterly. 2025 member spotlights featured:
 - Tracy Smith, Olufemi Erinoso and Andy Tan.
- The writing team, co-led by Megan Roberts and Yael Bar-Zeev (who took over from Shannon Gravely). 2025 outputs include:
 - An editorial on the harms of cigarette filters, led by Shannon Gravely and published in NTR.
 - Began working on a review regarding the tobacco/nicotine free generation measure and is led by Richard Edwards, with contribution from Jessica Jensen, Paul Harrell, Michael Chaiton, Olufemi Erinoso, Roberta Freitas-Lemos, Suzanne Colby, Douglas Levy, Kylie Morphet, Yael Bar-Zeev and Megan Roberts.
 - Submitted a proposal to NTR for a recurring special review series with each review focused on a specific tobacco or nicotine policy topic of high relevance to contemporary tobacco control and regulatory decision-making. Rather than a single themed issue, this initiative is envisioned as an ongoing series, with one review published periodically as part of the journal's regular content.



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Education Subcommittee Activities

- In March 2025 Andrew Seidenberg took over from Loren Kock as a co-chair alongside Christina Kyriakos.
- The education subcommittee meets regularly to discuss education activities for the network.
- 2025 outputs:
 - Webinars:
 - » Advancing Nicotine and Tobacco Regulatory Science: Insights From the Experimental Tobacco Marketplace (ETM)
 - » Products standards – What are they and do they fit into an overall tobacco control strategy?
 - 2025 Annual Meeting pre-conference workshop & symposium: “Leveraging Complex Survey Data to Inform Nicotine and Tobacco Regulatory Science Globally”
 - Submitted a pre-conference workshop for the 2026 Annual Meeting, which has been accepted: “An Introduction to Computational Modeling in Tobacco Policy and Regulatory Science Research” (Led by David Mendez)
 - Prepared and submitted 2 symposia for the 2026 Annual Meeting, which have both been accepted
 - » State E-cigarette Registry Laws: Research and Policy Implications (Led by Andrew Seidenberg)

- » Artificial Intelligence (AI) in Nicotine and Tobacco Research to Inform Policy and Regulatory Science (Led by Christina Kyriakos)

Product Standards Working Group

- David Ashley and Lekan Ayo-Yusuf chair this working group and Roberta Freitas-Lemos is the operations coordinator.
- In 2025, the group continued to develop three high priority product standards evidence summaries:
 - Banning flavors in capsules in combustible products
 - Banning menthol in cigarettes with an additional consideration of banning synthetic cooling agents
 - Reducing nicotine in cigarettes to levels that are minimally or non-addictive
- 2026 plans include publishing the first three high-priority product standards on the SRNT website, developing peer-reviewed publications that summarize the three standards, identifying additional ways to publicize the standards to SRNT members and other interested parties, and identifying other product standards for which work may be initiated.

Ontology Working Group

- Progressed a nicotine and tobacco product ontology, led by Sharon Cox and Melissa Blank.

Trainee Activities

- Held “It’s Just Coffee” mentoring program at annual SRNT meeting in New Orleans, organised by Désirée Vidaña-Perez, Priya Siga. We had 17 mentors and 10 mentees sign up. This is planned for the 2026 meeting.

Publications

- Network publication in SRNT’s journal *Nicotine & Tobacco Research*: Gravely, S., Cummings, K. M., East, K. A., Roberts, M. E., Freitas-Lemos, R., Kock, L., ... & Novotny, T. E. (2026). Tackling the “filter fraud”: a call for policy action to address environmental and health harms caused by cigarette filters. *Nicotine and Tobacco Research*, 28(1), 192-195. This initiative was led by Shannon Gravely (PRSN AC).

2026 PLANNED NETWORK ACTIVITIES

- Welcome Andrew Seidenberg as new network co-chair, taking over from Katherine East in March 2026.
- Welcome Melissa Mercincavage and Olufemi Erinoso as new Education Sub-Committee leads, taking over from Christina Kyriakos and Andrew Seidenberg.
- SRNT 2026 annual meeting:
 - Host an informal in-person network meeting.
 - PRSN-sponsored pre-conference workshop.
 - Organise the poster tour to highlight trainee posters by PRSN members.



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- Organise “It’s Just Coffee” mentoring event
- 2 PRSN-sponsored seminars.
- Plan and host at least 2 webinars.
- Plan and host a formal online network meeting in April/May 2026.
- Begin planning the 2027 pre-conference workshop.
- Continue recruiting volunteers for varied roles within the network, as needed to fill gaps and further expand the network.
- Enhance our collaborations with other networks. This has already begun with a collaboration between the PRSN and AYA on some educational activities in 2026.
- Consider additional topics/reports for the Product Standards Working Reports



Trainee Network

Co-chairs: Emily Hackworth and Nick Felicione

No. of Members: 407

The Trainee Network Advisory Committee (TNAC) has been actively working throughout 2025 – 2026 to plan and develop training opportunities, resources, and programs offered to trainees throughout the year and during the 2025 SRNT Conference in New Orleans, Louisiana and upcoming 2026 SRNT Conference in Baltimore, Maryland. Our programs focus on increasing trainee-related resources, providing opportunities for professional development, collaboration, and networking, as well as disseminating scientific knowledge related to nicotine and tobacco research. We particularly focus on establish networking opportunities for trainees to build relationships with their peers (i.e., trainee-to-trainee), while also trying to facilitate trainees connecting with researchers and mentors throughout the career span. TNAC meets monthly via Zoom to discuss development, progress, and completion of these tasks. Our projects reflect our mission to support an emerging generation of nicotine and tobacco researchers and scientists, especially those from underrepresented backgrounds. We have also continued to build cross-network collaborations and connecting trainees to leaders in the field who provide guidance and mentorship on research, authorship, and grantsmanship.

Administrative Structure:

This year, Drs. Emily Hackworth and Nick Felicione served as Trainee Network Co-Chairs. Co-chairs were supported by our Operations Coordinators, Sam Petillo and Alexandra Reyes, and Student Representative to the SRNT Executive Board, Dr. Mariel Bello. This year, TNAC has a new Faculty Advisor, Dr. Caryn Lerman. TNAC is organized into three subcommittees (Communication, Education, and Networking Subcommittees) to lead specific activities and provide additional leadership opportunities for TNAC Members. The Communications Subcommittee is led by Drs. Alison Brecher and Andrea Milstred as Subcommittee Co-Chairs, with Samantha Filby, Laura Bruckner, Jana Roehr, and Dèsirée Vidaña as Subcommittee Members. The Education Subcommittee is led by Garrett Stang and Dr. Michelle Bover Manderski, with Nathan Olszewski, Jessica Powers, Emma Brett, and Karen Ra as Subcommittee Members. The Networking Subcommittee is led by Drs. Nancy Jao and Marcia Tan as Subcommittee Co-Chairs, with Mariel Bello, Rachel Rosen, Samuel Tetteh-Quarshie, Olanrewaju Onigbogi, Shannon Watkins, Chase Kornacki, and Vanessa Fishel as Subcommittee Members.

TNAC Activity Overview:

- Writing Club

Communications Subcommittee:

- We have continued our email communications with trainees throughout the year via the SRNT trainee listserv and social media platforms social media (LinkedIn and Instagram) to share development opportunities, job opportunities, and promote achievements.
- We decided to discontinue our use of Twitter and created an Instagram account (@srnt.trainee). We are looking for ways to expand our Instagram presence next year.
- A Google form was developed to easily capture trainee spotlight information, publications, and job opportunities to be shared in the newsletter and on social media.
- Continued Trainee Newsletter (July 2025 & January 2026)
 - Three Trainee Spotlights were shared in newsletters.
- We had very limited responses to our trainee spotlight requests and will be looking for opportunities to better collect these in the next year so that we can highlight more TNAC members.
- We developed and distributed a Trainee's Guide to the Annual Meeting for 2025 and are in the process of developing the 2026 Annual Meeting guide. This guide will include details regarding the trainee network conference events (e.g.,



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refreshment break, network lunch, mixer), travel tips (e.g., safety, lodging, budgeting), as well as general information regarding Baltimore. This guide will aid students and early career investigators in preparing for their travels to the 2026 Annual Meeting and making the most out of their time in Baltimore.

- We have continued to conduct our Trainee Liaison Initiative to build close working relationships between the Trainee Network and other Networks, to facilitate cross-network engagement, support, and collaboration.

Education Subcommittee:

- Treatment Trainee Showcase in collaboration with Treatment Network: 2 webinars hosted 10/15/25 and 10/21/25
 - 10/15/2025 post-session survey results:
 - » 24 attendees
 - » 7 completed – 100% rated the showcase as excellent; 86% said they were likely to attend a future one
 - 10/21/2025 post-session survey results:
 - » 21 attendees
 - » 10 completed – 50% rated the showcase as excellent (& the other 50% as mostly excellent); 80% said they were likely to attend a future one
 - Recommended procedural changes: 1) increase length of the webinars by 30-minutes to account for logistics; 2) include a post-session survey for all trainee-related events

- Next showcase planned with HEN after SRNT Conference
- SRNT Conference: supporting other subcommittees
- In process: Developing Trainee Needs Assessment
 - Plan to implement at SRNT 2026 through the end of March. Results will be presented to the AC and the Board by the incoming Student Representative, Garrett Stang

Networking Subcommittee:

- Meet the Research Series
 - Hosted Caryn Lerman (6/9/25) to speak with trainees about her career trajectory and provide insights into career development
 - Will continue as a monthly series focusing on researchers in the late post-doc to mid-career stage in April, May, and June 2026
- SRNT Conference Activities
 - Pre-Conference Virtual Meet Up (scheduled for 2/4/26) to help trainees connect and learn more about what to expect at the 2026 conference
 - Continue host informal meetups and activities for trainees to informally network and socialize, including the annual Trainee Mixer as well as a conference networking bingo activity
 - Plan to continue to offer a protected space for trainees throughout the conference

Virtual Trainee Network Members Meeting:

- **Summer Writing Club:** TNAC co-chair Dr. Emily Hackworth facilitated a weekly virtual writing club from May-September 2025, open to all trainees. Attendance ranged from 3-8 participants. Sessions lasted 1-2 hours and began with an introductory discussion and a quiet work period, ending with a debrief.
- **Listening Sessions:** Student Representative, Dr. Mariel Bello, led several trainee-related initiatives this past year: 1) facilitating a listening session for trainees with an external consultant to provide a space for trainees to express their experiences with SRNT and potential challenges that they may have faced as a SRNT trainee member; and 2) led SRNT Community Support Group meetings with trainees, early career professionals, and other SRNT members to process the impact of the current administration and grant terminations on members' motivations, mental health and well-being, and career prospects, goals, and trajectory.



Treatment Research Network

Network Co-Chairs: Adrienne Johnson, PhD & Jennifer Cantrell, DrPH

No. of Members: 390

Administrative Structure

Advisory Committee

Treatment Research Network Advisory Committee Members for 2025-2026 were Adrienne Johnson (Co-Chair), Jennifer Cantrell (Co-Chair), Virmarie Correa-Fernández (Trainee Network Liaison), Christine Vinci, Alana Rojewski, Cara Murphy, Alys Havard (SRNT Oceania member), Felix Naughton (SRNT-E member), Diane Beneventi (ATTUD Liaison), Garrett Stang (Trainee Member), and Amanda Palmer (Operations Coordinator).

The Treatment Research Network Advisory Committee met monthly throughout the year to provide high-level guidance for all Treatment Research Network activities.

- Adrienne Johnson will end her term as the Co-Chair for the Advisory Committee in March 2026. She will move on to serve as SRNT Treasurer.
- Jennifer Cantrell will remain in her role as Advisory Committee Co-Chair for 2025-2026. The Advisory Committee is looking to elect a member to serve as Co-Chair. The search and voting for this role is ongoing.
- Felix Naughton will end his term on the Advisory Committee in March 2026. Garrett Stang and Virmarie Correa-Fernández will end their terms on the AC and as Trainee Network members and liaisons.
- We will be recruiting new Trainee Network liaisons for the upcoming year. We will also be seeking a new AC member to represent SRNT-E. Search and voting for this role is ongoing.

Subcommittees

- Communications Subcommittee: Michael Celestin (Chair), Bingjing Mao (Coordinator), Sarah Tonkin, Jen Betts.
- Education Subcommittee: Eleanor Leavens (Chair), Haruka Minami, Patricia Cioe, Kinsley Pebley, Jessica Powers.

Working Groups

Treatment Research Network working groups and SIGS worked on the following projects:

- **Smoking cessation treatment efficacy and impact on health outcomes among middle-aged and older adults: A scoping review**
 - Johnson A, Avila J, Christensen L, Fahey M, Jang J, Jarvis S, Rojewski A, Rubenstein D, Kleykap B, SRNT Treatment Research Network (2025). An introduction and practical guide to strategies for analyzing longitudinal data in clinical trials of smoking cessation treatment: Beyond dichotomous point-prevalence outcomes. *Nicotine and Tobacco Research: official journal of the Society for Research on Nicotine and Tobacco*, 28(1), 14-25. <https://doi.10.1093/ntr/ntaf12>
- **Biochemical Verification of Smoking Abstinence paper.**
 - Status: paper draft in progress
 - Authors: Brandon Sanford, Krysten Bold, Michael Businelle, Stephanie

Land, Nancy Rigotti, Andrea Weinberger, and Benjamin Toll.

- **E-cigarettes for smoking cessation: Recommendations to US-based clinicians for risk-benefit conversations**
 - Status: paper draft in progress; pending submission to AC (planned for February 2026).
- **Global Recommendations for Reporting Adult Ages in Tobacco Treatment Research: A Product of the Treatment Research Network from the Society for Research on Nicotine and Tobacco**
 - Status: Submitted to NTR
 - Authors: Adrienne Johnson, Jaque Avila, Margaret Fahey, Hasmeena Kathuria, Betha Kleykamp, Jessica Kulak, Nancy Rigotti, Andrea Villanti, Brian Williams, Alana Rojewski, on behalf of the Society for Research on Nicotine and Tobacco (SRNT) Treatment Research Network
- **Advancing the Treatment of Tobacco Use with Non-Invasive Brain Stimulation: A Call for Cross-Disciplinary Integration**
 - Status: Board has provided feedback, author team is incorporating
 - Authors: Society for Research in Nicotine and Tobacco Brain Stimulation Special Interest Group: Jonathan Young, Nicole Petersen, Merideth Addicott, Gopalkumar Rakesh, Heather Ward, Anne Yee, Victor Lasebikan, Michael Apostol, Gregory Sahlem, Christine E. Sheffer



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- **Guidelines for Mediation Analysis in Randomized Clinical Trials of Tobacco Treatment: Evaluating Mechanisms to Enhance Theoretical Understanding and Intervention Efficacy**
 - Status: Work proposal presented to Board for review; AC approved and provided some feedback on structure of paper
 - Authors: Elias Klemperer, Larry Hawk, and Megan Piper, with other authors TBD; and SRNT Treatment Research Network

SRNT Pre-Conference Workshop

The Treatment Research Network Advisory Committee sponsored the following pre-conference workshop submission, which was accepted for presentation for the 2025 SRNT Annual Meeting.

- Title: *Tobacco Harm Reduction: Exploring Risks and Benefits of Non-Combustible Tobacco/Nicotine Products for Smoking Cessation of Combustible Cigarettes*
- Chairs: Adrienne Johnson, PhD & Jennifer Cantrell, DrPH
- Presenters:
 - Lisa Fucito, PhD – Yale University School of Medicine, Director, Tobacco Treatment Service at Smilow Cancer Hospital
 - Nicola Lindson, PhD – Nuffield Department of Primary Care Health Sciences, University of Oxford
 - Cara Murphy, PhD – Center for Alcohol & Addiction Studies, Brown

University School of Public Health

- Hayden McRobbie, MB, ChB, PhD – Wolfson Institute of Population Health, Queen Mary University of London & National Drug & Alcohol Research Centre, University of New South Wales, Australia

Communications Subcommittee Activities

The Communications Subcommittee focuses on building membership within the Treatment Research Network (TRN) and using the Network Listserv and social media to share tobacco treatment-related content to members. Key 2025 activities included:

- **TRN Listserv Posts**: In 2025, we posted several new treatment research manuscripts and preprints every other week on the TRN listserv. In 2026, we plan to continue posting manuscripts and preprints every other week but will add when available job postings, opportunities for collaboration, and facilitate engaging discussions among members conducting similar treatment-related research.
- **Social Media Platform Posts**: In 2025, we highlighted one new treatment research manuscript or preprint from the listserv posts on X to compliment the listserv posts. In 2026, we will continue to highlight a new treatment research manuscript or preprint every other week on LinkedIn and Bluesky.

SRNT Annual Meeting Activities

- **Poster Tours**: We hosted a self-guided poster tour for 5 posters at the 2025 SRNT meeting. We will facilitate a self-guided poster tour for the 2026 SRNT meeting.
- **“It’s Just Coffee” (IJC) Mentor/Mentee Meetings**: We facilitated “It’s Just Coffee” mentor/mentee meetings for 9 mentees at the 2025 SRNT meeting, matching 8/9 with their first preference mentor. We will facilitate IJC mentor/mentee meetings for the 2026 SRNT meeting.
- **TRN Member Spotlights**: In 2025, we posted one TRN member spotlight – Bingjing Mao, via the listserv and the TRN webpage. In 2026, we will spotlight a new TRN member each quarter.
- **TRN Social Media Survey**: In 2025, we administered a survey to TRN members to identify the optimal platform for posting treatment related research news and information. We received approximately 60 responses. Results informed a change from posting on X to LinkedIn and Bluesky in 2026. Additionally, per respondent requests, we will post passive and active updates regarding research news topics (e.g., nicotine pouches, harm reduction, AI, and e-cigarettes), resources, and tools, question and answer sessions, and free upcoming professional events.



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- **Communication Sub-committee**

Membership: In 2025, one member - Elias Klemperer, resigned as chair and committee member. Two existing members – Michael Celestin and Bingjing Mao, agreed to serve as co-chairs. Other committee members include Jen Betts (Coordinator) and Sarah Tonkin. The TRN Advisory committee approved a request to onboard two new sub-committee members. We posted a position description on the TRN listserv and seek to onboard new members in 2026.

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 2025 included the following webinars:

- 06/24/2025 – Dr. Brittney Keller-Hamilton - Exploring the Harm Reduction Potential of Nicotine Pouches (Moderated by Dr. Patricia Cioe)
- 11/18/2025 – Dr. Heath Schmidt and Dr. Adrienne Johnson – Exploring GLP-1 Receptor Agonists as a Novel Approach to Smoking Cessation (Moderated by Dr. Haruka Minami)

Other Network Activities

Following the SRNT 2025 conference, two virtual Treatment Research Network member meetings were held. The leadership and volunteers for the Treatment Research Network for the 2024-2025 year were recognized and a number of new paper, webinar and pre-conference ideas were suggested.

Plans for 2026

For the upcoming year, the Treatment Research Network will continue to provide educational webinars, communicate treatment research news to the membership, offer pre-conference workshops at the annual conference, and run special interest groups and workgroups. Webinar presenters will be established and emerging leaders in the field that focus on tobacco treatment topics and our goal will be to make these presentations available electronically. 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 2026 annual meeting (March/April 2026) and invites all interested individuals to join and help us brainstorm opportunities for the network in the new year.

JOIN US!

How to sign up for the SRNT Treatment Research Network:

- 1) Log in to your SRNT profile (<https://www.srnt.org/>)
- 2) In the “members only” drop down, click “networks”
- 3) Click your network of interest, and under the network name, click “join group”

How to join the SRNT Treatment Research Listserv. Adding yourself to the network does not automatically sign you up for the listserv. Follow these steps:

- 1) Log in to your SRNT profile (<https://www.srnt.org/>)
- 2) In the “members only” drop down, select “listservs”
- 3) Fill out the listserv subscription form under “new listserv subscribers”

How to post to the listserv. Do you have a question? Looking for a collaborator? Email the network listserv at srnt-treatment@mail-list.com.



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