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5.1 Overview of Networks and Advisory Committees

Networks promote opportunities for members to interact with one another and to address and influence significant issues in the field of nicotine and tobacco research. All members are eligible to participate in one or more Networks.

Each Network is led by an Advisory Committee which is appointed by the president and approved by the board, and is tasked with linking the work of that Network across all aspects of SNRT (including membership, journal, conference and website).

Only Full Members may serve as Advisory Committee chairs or members; however, the board has the authority to appoint affiliate, student, or non-members to serve in these capacities should circumstances warrant.

Unless specifically requested by the president, members of Networks and their Advisory Committees are not authorized to represent SRNT to any outside individual or body.

5.2 Basic Science Network and Advisory Committee

Charge: To provide an outlet for SRNT members undertaking basic science research to network with one another; to provide guidance to the SRNT Board and committees as necessary to better inform programs and/or discussions that address basic science; to help SRNT advance the field of basic science research globally.

Responsibilities include:

- Represent and engage the basic science constituency of SRNT
- Propose activities that would enhance the basic science content of current SRNT programs and initiatives
- Identify the professional needs of SRNT's basic science members and propose new projects and/or programs that would meet those needs
- Provide general oversight of SRNT projects/programs specifically related to basic science
- Liaise with other research-related organizations regarding joint or other projects of mutual interest **

Network Makeup:

- Two co-chairs (representing North America and one other geographical region)
- Five to seven Advisory Committee members representing a cross section of research disciplines, with gender and, to the extent possible, geographic balance
- Network membership is open to all members

**Research-related organizations with which SRNT might partner include:
NIDA, NCI, Society for Neuroscience (SFN), College on Problems in Drug Dependence (CPDD), American College of Neuropsychopharmacology (ACNP), Federation of European Neurosciences (FENS), European Behavioral Pharmacology Society (EBPS), European Respiratory Society (ERS), American Psychological Association (APA), World Health Organization (WHO), and Gates Foundation

5.3 Global Network and Advisory Committee

Charge: **To support SRNT members working in lower-income countries; to provide guidance to the SRNT Board and committees as necessary to better inform discussions that directly or indirectly address issues related to research and researcher in lower-income countries; and to enhance the overall mission of SRNT by actively promoting and encouraging sustained global involvement in tobacco control science.**

Responsibilities include:

- Enable and increase the cultural and geographic diversity of SRNT membership;
- Promote cross-border research collaboration
- Recommend to the board scientific contributions to the implementation, enforcement, and evaluation of international agreements and other internationally-focused, evidenced-based tobacco control initiatives
- Promote the communication, dissemination, and adoption of tobacco control science among all regions of the world, especially in low- and middle-income countries
- Foster tobacco control science capacity-building, including funding, internationally
- Provide oversight of conferences sponsored, co-sponsored or endorsed by SRNT in Africa, Asia/Oceana, Latin America and the Caribbean
- Provide general oversight of SRNT projects/programs specifically related to lower and middle-income countries
- Identify the professional needs of SRNT's AAOLA members and propose new projects and/or programs that would meet those needs
- Liaise with other international organizations regarding joint or other projects of mutual interest

Network Makeup:

- Two co-chairs
- Five to seven Advisory Committee members representing a cross section of research disciplines, with gender and, to the extent possible, geographic balance
- Network membership open to all SRNT members

5.4 Tobacco-Related Health Disparities Network and Advisory Committee (TRHD)

Charge: To provide an outlet for SRNT members working in the field of tobacco-related health disparities to network with one another; to provide guidance to the SRNT Board and committees as necessary to better inform discussions that directly or indirectly address tobacco-related health disparities; to help SRNT advance the knowledge base related to reducing tobacco-related health disparities through research efforts.

Responsibilities include:

- Represent and engage those members of SRNT interested in tobacco related health disparities
- Organize and host a conference symposium that focuses on an understudied research topic or issue related to diversity in research. A symposium may be sponsored annually or biannually depending on resources.
- Continue to encourage the American Legacy Foundation and other organizations to fund the student scholarships, and establish clear goals and objectives for this effort.
- Conduct active outreach to diversify membership with respect to gender and race/ethnicity.
- Encourage researchers to submit TRHD manuscripts to Nicotine and Tobacco Research.
- Work with the awards committee to assess the need to establish a research award for substantial contributions made to the field of tobacco-related health disparities.
- Communicate and collaborate with other committees as needed.

Network Makeup:

- Two co-chairs
- Five to seven Advisory Committee members representing a cross section of research disciplines, with gender and, to the extent possible, geographic balance
- Network membership is open to all members

5.5 Treatment Network and Advisory Committee

Charge: To provide an outlet for SRNT members who work in tobacco dependence treatment research to network with one another and to provide scientific advice on matters of tobacco dependence treatment and guidance to the SRNT Board and committees as necessary to better inform programs and/or discussions that address treatment of tobacco dependence

Responsibilities include:

- Represent and engage the treatment constituency of SRNT
- Propose activities that would enhance the treatment content of current SRNT programs and initiatives
- Identify the professional needs of SRNT's treatment members and propose new projects and/or programs that would meet those needs
- Provide general oversight of SRNT projects/programs specifically related to treatment, including participation in FCTC; www.treatobacco.net; rapid response team evidence-based reviews of drug therapies (team will not make recommendations)
- Liaise with other treatment-related organizations regarding joint or other projects of mutual interest

Network Makeup:

- Two co-chairs
- Five to seven Advisory Committee members representing a cross section of research disciplines, with gender and, to the extent possible, geographic balance
- Network membership is open to all members

5.6 Public Policy Network and Advisory Committee

Charge: to review and recommend to the board policy statements related to legislation, regulation, organizational and/or international issues that focus on or include references to nicotine and tobacco

Responsibilities include:

- Identifying opportunities and responding to legislative, regulatory or other issues of interest to SRNT
- Developing and effectuating opportunities for SRNT to become more involved in impacting public policy

- Facilitating networking and collective action on issues of shared interest among peer organizations
- Reviewing and recommending policies pertaining to the relationship of SRNT to the larger community

Network Makeup:

- Two co-chairs
- Five to seven Advisory Committee members representing a cross section of research disciplines, with gender and, to the extent possible, geographic balance
- Network membership is open to all members