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

**JOURNAL Submissions**

SRNT-U is a collection of organized, curated training, articles, tools, and resources for a global audience of people working in nicotine/tobacco research and related fields. Content includes SRNT webinars, certificate programs, and links to high-quality educational modules.

SRNT members have full access to all SRNT-U material. Non-members have access to selected material, including the Smoking Cessation Research Certificate and links to curated information and training from other organizations. SRNT-U is home to:

- Basic Knowledge & Concepts
- Preclinical Research
- Clinical Research
- Policy Research
- Public Health Research

More than 140 volunteers from more than 20 countries have contributed to the success of the site.

**NEW PROGRAM INTRODUCTIONS**

SRNT in pleased to announce the launch of its new Career Center. There are many job search websites on the internet, but none are as focused on nicotine and tobacco research as SRNT's new Career Center.

Job seekers, you can, for free:
- Upload your resume
- Search industry-specific job listings
- Create job alerts to notify you when new openings are posted
- Have your resume reviewed by experts
- Use a host of career resources to get you headed in the right direction

Employers, you have access to four different packages to get their jobs online to the right target audience. Packages include:
- Single 30-day posting
- Posting with outbound email to qualified candidates
- Above, plus highlighted job and improved placement in search results
- All the above, and distribution to national job

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**PRESIDENTIAL Stakeholder Visits**

**GLOBAL REACH**

- 1,237 Members
- 42 Countries
- Chapters in Europe and Oceania

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

**Membership**

- 1,075 | 1,079 | 1,239 | 1,066 | 1,237

2014 | 2015 | 2016 | 2017 | 2018

**SRNT2018**

**RECORD NUMBERS AT SRNT 2018 IN BALTIMORE**

- 1,537 Registrants
- 1,014 Abstracts submitted
- 10 Concurrent breakouts in 6 Sessions
- 848 Posters
- 20 Travel awards

**# SRNT2018**

- 1,237 | 1,079 | 1,239 | 1,066 | 1,075

2014 | 2015 | 2016 | 2017 | 2018

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President’s Report
Marina Picciotto, PhD

Serving as President of SRNT is a wonderful opportunity to view developments and challenges in the nicotine and tobacco field. There have been significant changes in the landscape of research as a result of the rapid increase in e-cigarette use, changes in the regulatory climate around nicotine and its delivery in many countries, and new developments in tobacco regulatory policy. Given these rapid changes, a significant focus for SRNT throughout the last year has been planning for the future of SRNT and finding ways to serve all members of the community by bringing us together to share knowledge, and helping to remove barriers to future research.

We want to ensure that SRNT has the information needed to respond to changes in the field, so we have started a planning process to address future challenges for SRNT with targeted interviews, focus groups and in-person discussions with the Board. This will be an ongoing effort into next year and I hope you will respond to requests for input as information gathering goes on after the SRNT Annual Meeting in San Francisco. As the field changes, we need to change with it and make sure that SRNT provides a venue for transparent and ongoing sharing of nicotine and tobacco research, both through the Annual Meeting and the Society journal NTR.

I am also happy to update you on a number of initiatives we undertook last year. One major initiative has been preparing for the official launch of SRNT-University in February 2019. This has been an enormous effort, with thousands of volunteer hours spent making sure that all content on the site is accurate and up-to-date. I would like to thank all our members who contributed to this effort. I would also like to welcome the Dean of SRNT-U, Natalie Walker, as well as the volunteer leadership, including Preclinical Director Outi Salminen, Clinical Director Alicia Allen, Public Health Director Cristian Meghea, Policy Research Director Hua Yong, Research Methodologies Director Ivana Croghan, Tools & Resources Director Stephanie Land, Certificate Programme Director Lisa Sanderson Cox and Innovation Manager Melanie Broeckmann. This incredible group brings together diverse expertise from around the world, and I know that the future of SRNT-U is in excellent hands. Please visit the SRNT-U website www.srnt.org/srnt-u and send us any ideas and suggestions for future developments.

As part of our effort to make links between SRNT and the larger community of organizations with overlapping interests in nicotine and tobacco, I had the opportunity to travel with SRNT Executive Director Bruce Wheeler to New York City and Washington, DC, to discuss SRNT initiatives with leadership of Pfizer, the Tobacco Regulatory Science Program at the National...
Institutes of Health, the National Cancer Institute, the National Institute on Drug Abuse, the Food and Drug Administration Center for Tobacco Products, the Campaign for Tobacco Free Kids. Unfortunately, due to travel problems we weren’t able to meet with members of the Truth Initiative, so our incoming SRNT President Suzanne Colby graciously made the trip to meet with them and continue our productive dialogue on how we can work together to address common concerns related to nicotine and tobacco use. Overall these meetings serve to strengthen the ties between SRNT and organizations with distinct and overlapping missions. I am encouraged by the uniformly warm welcome we received and about our continued collaborations and synergy in efforts to address issues related to nicotine and tobacco.

SRNT networks have also had a busy year. The networks are a vibrant framework for SRNT members to write papers together, develop educational materials and webinars, and to interact around shared interests. This year we welcomed a new Networks Manager, Amy Bucaida, who has taken over coordinating Network activities and initiatives. If you go to the Networks tab on the SRNT website, you can find links to recent webinars on “Why you should opt in to an opt out approach to smoking cessation” from the Treatment Network and to an overview of GSCAN, which was a collaborative effort of the Genetics and Basic Science Networks. If you are not yet an active member of one of the Networks, come to one or more of the Network meetings at the Annual Meeting, or contact Amy Bucaida for more information.

I want to thank all our Board Members, Network and Committee leaders, mentors, and other volunteers for their service to SRNT. This organization depends on the insight and generosity of all of you, and I hope you will continue to volunteer your time to allow SRNT continue to thrive. I particularly want to thank both our immediate Past President, Jodi Prochaska, who let me watch and learn while she did an impressive job leading SRNT last year, and our incoming President, Suzanne Colby who has already provided an exceptional amount of service to SRNT. Please join me in wishing her and SRNT another exceptional year!
President’s Report
2017-2018 Board of Directors

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Bruce Wheeler
Executive Director
Ex Officio Board Member
2018 Year-End Financials

I have to admit, I feel like I’m beginning to sound like a broken record. In 2016, the SRNT Board approved a deficit budget—we had a healthy cushion and the Board decided to start investing some of our surplus in member initiatives including the development of SRNT-University (SRNT-U). However, we ended 2016 with a surplus. In 2017, the same—the Board approved a deficit budget, but we ended the year in the black. And now, I have the exact same, broken record financial report. The Board approved a deficit budget for 2018, but we ended the year very much in the black.

In each of these cases, it is easy to look at the financials and pinpoint the reasons for SRNT’s financial success. One quick look and it is clear that SRNT’s journal, Nicotine & Tobacco Research, is outperforming expectations and that SRNT’s annual conference continues to be a reliable revenue stream. In 2018, this was especially the case as our attendance broke SRNT’s previous record by 150 people! Those 150 unexpected registrations resulted in a financial windfall. Thus, another banner year with the journal and a record-breaking conference resulted in SRNT ending the year with a projected surplus of $176,000.

Therefore, SRNT’s financial position continues to be strong and allows the Society to engage in activities and initiatives to promote tobacco science and support its members.

Notes: The 2018 year-end financials are preliminary, as SRNT has not yet received the 2018 journal royalties from Oxford University Press nor the invoice for member journal subscriptions. Therefore, year-end net is based on estimates that include outstanding budgeted income and expenses.

Revenue
SRNT’s main sources of revenue are: (a) membership dues, (b) conference registration, and (c) journal royalties. Investment income may represent income or loss, depending on the year. Financial support from the pharmaceutical industry represents less than five percent of SRNT’s 2018 revenues.

Expenses
SRNT’s two largest expenses are: (1) management and staff/office support, provided through a contract with The Rees Group, and (2) the Annual Meeting. We had additional expenditures in 2018 as we continued to develop SRNT-U. SRNT also continued to invest in our eight networks that support the research of all of our members (Adolescents, Basic Science, Genetics, Global, Health Disparities, Public Policy, Trainees, and Treatment).
Treasurer’s Report
(continued)

Investments
As most people know, 2018 was a difficult year for the stock market. The Board, at the recommendation of the Finance Committee, agreed to rebalance SRNT’s investment portfolio, moving funds from the more volatile stock market into the less volatile bonds market, a rebalance that was long overdue. As a result, SRNT fared better than it otherwise would have. With that said, SRNT’s investment portfolio began the year at $973,120 and ended the year at $889,748, for a loss of $73,341. However, with the projected surplus of $176,000, as noted above, even this loss in investments will not result in an overall deficit for the year.

Assets
SRNT currently has $1,641,000 in assets at year-end. We currently have $622,873.86 in the Reserve Fund. Based on the 2014 Financial Reserve Policy, the amount held in reserve is just short of the policy requirement (i.e., that we have sufficient funds to maintain the Society for a year, based on the mean expenditure over the last 3 years). Therefore, funds will be moved from “unrestricted” into “reserves” in order satisfy the policy.

2019 Budget
Because of our incredibly strong financial position, SRNT has (again) budgeted a deficit for the year. Specifically, the Board has approved a modest deficit of $16,340.

In 2019, SRNT will invest in a strategic review, dubbed “SRNT 2025” (see Bruce Wheeler’s Executive Director’s report), as well as our new global educational initiative, SRNT-U. In addition, SRNT will continue to support its eight topical networks, as well as the new Oceania Chapter, which will present its first conference in the fall of 2019.

Please note that the SRNT Finance Committee and staff budget very conservatively. If history is any guide, the deficit will likely be smaller. Because of this historical trend, plus SRNT’s healthy bank account, the Finance Committee has recommended to the Board that new initiatives and/or added investment in current SRNT programming be considered as necessary.

One final note on deficit budgeting. We keep trying to spend down our surplus, but we have not been very successful in that goal. It is hard to complain when money comes in the door. However, it is time for the Society to make even more strategic investments in the field and in our programming. One of the goals of the SRNT 2025 initiative is to provide the Board with the information necessary to better spend down its surplus, whether that be on travel awards, SRNT-U, Chapters, Networks, entirely new projects/programs to come out of the review process, or (more likely) some combination of the above. SRNT has done a shockingly good job of bringing in revenue. Your Board of Directors is committed to putting those surplus funds toward the programming and activities that will best advance tobacco science throughout the globe.
Executive Director’s Report
Bruce Wheeler

As SRNT enters this, its 25th year (!!), people are understandably reflecting on the Society’s growth and successes. I dare say, they have every reason to bask in the glow!

The SRNT Board of Directors, however, is not reflecting. Nor is it basking. Instead, the Board is looking ahead to the year 2025.

Beginning late last year, the Board began working with a consultant on a 15 month long strategic review process, SRNT 2025. By engaging in this multilayered this process, the Board will have a better understanding of what challenges the field and SRNT are facing, what challenges might be coming our collective way, and how best to position SRNT to respond to the changing environments (environments, plural – funding, regulatory, regional differences, and so many more).

I have to say, I’m incredibly excited! This isn’t a traditional strategic planning process, although plans of a strategic sort will certainly be one of the outcomes. Rather, SRNT 2025 is about strategic positioning – both within and outside the Society.

SRNT 2025 began in November with a comprehensive survey of a representative group of SRNT members (carefully selected by discipline, geography, career stage, etc.), which informed follow up one-on-one conversations with Board members. Those conversations will inform an in-person Board discussion that will take place immediately prior to the Annual Meeting in San Francisco. That discussion, in turn, will inform the charges of at least four Board workgroups that will tackle the biggest issues over the course of 2019.

While it’s not yet confirmed (and won’t be by the time this report goes to press), I expect those issues will include existing and emerging challenges in the field, as well as issues fundamental to SRNT’s very mission, including SRNT Structure and Participation (membership, annual meeting participation, diversity, etc); SRNT’s purpose and role, our positioning in a changing environment; and issues related to SRNT’s global nature/structure, including chapters, audiences, and engaging researchers in LMICs.

Throw into the mix things like how SRNT Networks and our newest initiative, SRNT University, fit into the above and you can see how full the hands of the Board will surely be.

Although facilitated work groups will address these, and potentially other issues that arise out of the review process during the coming year, I fully expect the SRNT membership to be consulted along the way. A final, detailed report will be presented to the Board at or prior to the 2020 Annual Meeting in New Orleans and a report to the membership will follow.

As for how all of this will play out, I honestly don’t know. But I strongly believe SRNT will come out of this process better positioned across many issues than it is today. More importantly, SRNT will be better positioned to support members and be more visible as the field grows and adapts to change that is already happening around us.

With SRNT 2025, 2019 will be a transformative year for all of us who care about SRNT, its members, and the field of nicotine and tobacco research. I am truly looking forward to seeing where we will be as a field and as an organization in 2020 and beyond!
Academic publishing is changing, and as part of this evolution 2019 marks the year when *Nicotine & Tobacco Research* moves to online-only publication. This reflects wider changes in the sector, which are timely when one considers that the model of the scientific journal as our primary means of disseminating knowledge is 400 years old. Limits on word counts, tables and figures are, to some extent at least, a throwback to an era when paper was expensive (although they also act as a check on excessive verbiage). We often receive requests to exceed these limits, but in practice this is rarely necessary – online supplementary material allows ample technical and methodological detail to be linked to the main article.

During my time as Editor-in-Chief at *Nicotine & Tobacco Research* we have introduced a number of other changes and initiatives. For example, we now offer reviewers the option to sign their reviews (part of a broader move towards greater transparency in peer review). We are also partnering with Cancer Research UK to pilot a new scheme whereby a single review process considers submissions for both funding and publication at the same time. Successful applications are offered funding to do the work, and in-principle acceptance of the eventual results, regardless of the nature of the results. Our hope is that this will improve the efficiency of the peer review process and accelerating the dissemination of the findings.

We are also signatories to the Transparency and Openness Promotion guidelines, which provide a framework for promoting transparency standards. This offers a modular format, with standards for: data citation, data transparency, materials transparency, code transparency, design and analysis transparency, study pre-registration, analysis plan registration, and replication. We are in the process of incorporating guidelines relating to these standards into our instructions for authors, in the hope that the articles we publish will be more transparent with respect to the research workflows that underpin the reported results, and in turn that the results reported will be more verifiable and reproducible.

The Journal continues to be popular and successful, and I hope is seen as publishing high-quality work; the editorial team is focused on publishing only the most interesting and important work. With submissions holding steady at around 1,000 per year, we can only publish around one in five of the submissions we receive. Although this unfortunately means that we cannot publish much good work that we receive, it also means that we can focus on the findings that we feel are likely to be of greatest interest to our broad, international and multi-disciplinary readership. In an era of rapid evolution in scientific publishing, one important function of the journal that has not changed is to ensure quality.
SRNT Europe
Daniel Kotz

The Society for Research on Nicotine and Tobacco Europe (SRNT-E) is the first formal chapter of SRNT, and was formed in 2010. SRNT-E organises its own scientific conference in a different European country each year, usually in September. Our last meeting was expertly hosted by Dr. Tobias Ruether and colleagues at the Psychiatric Clinic of the Ludwig-Maximilians-University of Munich in September 2018. The theme of the conference was “Smoking and disease”, and 388 registered delegates from 31 nations participated (www.srnt-e-munich.com). Our following two conferences will be held in Oslo, Norway (12-14 September 2019) and Lausanne, Switzerland (17-19 September 2020).

Over the last 12 months, as part of its financial planning, the SRNT-E board has reviewed the need for holding funds in reserve in order to ensure the financial health and long-term stability of the chapter. SRNT-E finalised its Reserves Policy in June 2018 and presented this to its members at the Annual General Meeting in Munich, September 2018. Since the main activity of SRNT-E is to organise an annual scientific conference, in the first instance, reserves have been set at the average cost of the last three conferences. This will allow us to cope with the potential loss of an annual conference due to unforeseen circumstances. Our five-year financial plan is to: i) establish and build up reserves to the specified level and, having achieved this, ii) estimate what funds will be available for SRNT-E activity; and iii) agree an investment strategy and where to hold reserves. This policy will be reviewed once a year when budgets and activity for the year is planned by the SRNT-E board members.

Early 2018 we drafted an SRNT Europe communication plan, which included a social media strategy, to more effectively promote SRNT activities in general and our European conference in particular. We have created a Twitter account in January 2018 (@SRNT_Europe), which is currently at 186 followers. On average we Tweeted 1.5 times per week, with a higher frequency around the US and European SRNT conferences. On Facebook (facebook.com/SRNTE) our posts have been more frequent than in previous years, with about one post per week, and our page likes have increased by 16% since January 2018.

The SRNT-E board is currently in the process of developing Standardised Operating Procedures (SOPs) for all its relevant actions in order to ensure continuity of actions across the years and changes in board composition. We are using the Open Science Framework to collect our SOPs and key documents of the Chapter and are planning to give access to our members in order to increase transparency.

We have also plans to develop a European tobacco research career development program. The aim of the program is to foster future leaders in tobacco research across all areas and disciplines. The program will provide participating universities and participants the opportunity to further develop leadership skills and to form collaborations on projects and publications across research areas/disciplines and countries.

Board members attended a number of meetings focusing on tobacco control policy in Europe including at the European Commission and European Parliament in Brussels. Throughout we were grateful for the support provided by SRNT and continued to contribute to SRNT overall via our European member designate and the engagement of SRNT-E members in a variety of SRNT special interest groups and the newly launched SRNT University.

Members of the SRNT-E Board (as of September 2018):

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Communications Officer

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SRNT Representative for Europe

![Marcus Munafò]
Honorary Secretary

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Adolescent Network
Network Co-Chairs: Alexandra Loukas, PhD and Amanda Quisenberry, PhD
No. of Members: 368

The Adolescent Network was established in 2015. At the annual meeting in 2019 our leadership team will transition, with Amanda Quisenberry taking over as AC Chair and Alexandra Loukas becoming Co-Chair.

Our 14 member AC has been actively engaged over the past year, meeting monthly via teleconference to plan activities and report on progress. In addition to the two Chairs, AC members include: Drs. Rachel Cassidy, Julia Cen Chen, Suzanne Colby, Maria Cooper, Yvonne Hunt, Grace Kong, Suchitra Krishnan-Sarin, Laura MacPherson, Robin Mermelstein, Elizabeth Seaman, and Erin Sutfin. The final AC member is our Network Operations Coordinator, Deepti Agarwal, who facilitates the work of the AC and its subcommittees. Subcommittees meet separately and report progress at each AC meeting. Our four subcommittees include:

1. Communications: Rachel Cassidy (Chair from August 2018); Maria Cooper (Chair from January to August 2018), Erin Miller Lo, Aly Rudy, MeLisa Creamer, Abdullah Alanazi
2. Education/Training: Laura MacPherson and Suchitra Krishnan-Sarin (Chairs); Sharon Lipperman-Kreda, Georges Khalil
3. Annual Meeting/Program: Yvonne Hunt and Erin Sutfin (Chairs); Suzanne Colby, Janet Hoek, Kathleen Garrison, Elizabeth Seaman, Jessica Rath
4. Membership: Grace Kong and Julia Cen Chen (Chairs)

Network Communications: Subscribers receive updates and messages from our network on Facebook, Twitter, and the member listserv, and information about the network is regularly updated on the network page of the SRNT website. This year, the communications committee continued to post recent publications of relevance to our members on the listserv. The committee members continue to facilitate listserv interactions among our members, and send topical news items and inquiries on a regular basis.

Network Newsletters: The network develops and distributes newsletters on a quarterly basis. Included in the newsletters are recent adolescent and young adult focused papers, conference announcements, funding opportunities, and member spotlights.

Spotlight Interviews: Within the Network Newsletters, we spotlight the research of current members. So far this year, we featured Spotlight Interviews with Dr. Alexandra Loukas, Dr. Amanda Quisenberry, Dr. Grace Kong, and Dr. Jessica Barrington-Trimis.

Webinars: We had one webinar this year, which was held in May of 2018 and featured the work of the Real Cost campaign. This webinar presented information about the effects of the Real Cost Campaign on youth tobacco use and beliefs about smoking and vaping. A total of 46 participants attended this webinar. Our next two webinars are planned for the spring of 2019 and will focus on social media research methods.

Pre-Conference Workshops: We organized our second pre-conference workshop at the 2018 annual meeting, entitled "Adolescent and Young Adult Nicotine Dependence in the Contemporary Tobacco Landscape". The workshop was successful with 89 attendees. We will hold our next pre-conference workshop at the 2019 meeting, entitled "Recruiting and Retaining Adolescents in Tobacco Control Research: Challenges and Opportunities".

Member Meetings: Since 2016, we have hosted a network member meeting annually at the SRNT meeting. Each year, we report on our past-year activities and get input from our members.

Membership: This year, we finalized guidelines for terms of service and transitions in leadership and membership. We also successfully recruited four new members; two serve on the subcommittees and two serve on the network AC. One new network AC member is our Operations Coordinator.
Basic Science Network
Network Co-Chairs: Jill Turner, PhD and Brett Froeliger, PhD
No. of Members: 277

Basic Science Network (BSN) Function:
- Meet professional development needs of members
- Advise Board and members on topical issues, research and training needs
- Collaborate with and disseminate information to external organizations
- Undertake projects that contribute to the evidence base

Administrative Structure
This past year, we maintained Advisory Committee members to assist with our goal of promoting basic science within SRNT and reorganized the committees to be more effective in our initiatives, which include the following:
1. Social Media Outreach:
2. Network Collaborations:
3. Education/Scholarship:
4. Website Subcommittee:
5. Annual Meeting/Program Subcommittee:

Theresa Patten served as the BSN Operations Coordinator.

Webinars: This year, our BSN organized a webinar focused on the developmental effects of nicotine exposure, which took place just after the 2018 SRNT Annual Meeting. Speakers included Tom Gould, Imad Damaj, Francis Leslie and Suchitra Krishnan-Sarin as a clinical discussant. This webinar was well received and a review manuscript is also planned based on this topic spear-headed by Gunes Kutlu and Greg Powell, to be included in a N&TR special issue planned for 2020 (see below).

Also, the BSN worked with the genetics and omics network to present a webinar on GSCAN, a collaborative endeavor that brings together across over 30 studies and 1 million research participants to identify genes associated with the use of alcohol and nicotine. Speakers included Dr. Scott Vrieze, Dr. Jill Turner (Basic Science Network Co-Chair), Dr. Andrew Bergen (Genetics & Omics Network), Dr. Sean P. David and Dr. Li-Shiun Chen (Genetics & Omics Network Co-Chairs).

SRNT 2019 Annual Meeting Symposia Submissions:
The BSN networks contributed 3 symposia to the 2019 Annual meeting, all of which were accepted. These include:
1. Pain, nicotine, and tobacco smoking: translational research to identify mechanisms and inform the development of novel interventions.
2. Multiple Roles for Nicotine in Reinforcement and Addiction
3. Translating From Brain Mechanisms of Inhibitory Control to Treatment Development for Smoking Cessation

Website: Content has continued to be updated by the network. The subcommittee is currently working on reconfiguring the content to best communicate BSN interests and activities. These efforts are working to include information regarding:
1. Repository for computer codes
2. Collection of Seminal papers for students/trainees to read to get up-to-date on the literature
3. Funding opportunities

Social Networking/Electronic Communications
The BSN has further progressed with social networking efforts via postings on Facebook and Twitter. We are currently recruiting an individual from the trainee network to facilitate posting to the social networking sites.

Scientist Spotlight Interviews: Interviews with current scientists in the field were conducted and posted on the BSN website. The goal of these interviews is to provide research and career perspectives from emerging and established leaders in the field. Dr. Christie Fowler is slated as our next Scientist Spotlight and will be the first of the 2019 cycle. Members of the Trainee Taskforce conducted these interviews.

Proposed N&TR Special Issue for 2020
The Education/Network Collaborations Subcommittee is currently working on contributing a special issue in NTR sponsored by the BSN on Poly-drug abuse. A work proposal has been submitted to the Board of Directors for consideration.

Committee members rotating off after 3 year term
Jill Turner
Brett Froeliger

New Chair/Co-Chair
TBD

New BSN Coordinator
TBD, confirming with Theresa whether she would like to continue.

New Committee Members
N/A

BSN Trainee Task Force
- Miranda Fisher, PhD (Predoctoral trainee with Dr. Jill Turner, University of South Carolina and Medical University of South Carolina)
- Valeria Lallai, PhD (Postdoctoral trainee with Dr. Christie Fowler, University of California Irvine)
- Theresa Patten, PhD (Predoctoral trainee with Dr. Mariella De Biasi, University of Pennsylvania)
The SRNT Genetics Network, with the approval of the SRNT Board, changed its name to the ‘Genetics and Omics Network’ to capture the broader spectrum of clinical and translational omics research represented in our field. Our network has had a dynamic year that has generated several transdisciplinary and collaborative products in 2018. The Genetics and Omics Network is continuing to grow its membership and recruiting additional new leaders and young investigators, while promoting cross-collaborations with other networks. The leadership of the Genetics and Omics Network has been stable since 2017 with Li-Shiun Chen and Sean P. David as Co-Chairs and Yadira Pérez Páramo as Operations Coordinator and Elizabeth Do as Electronic Communications Liaison.

The SRNT Genetics and Omics Network will host a pre-conference workshop at the 2019 Annual Meeting entitled “Implementing Precision Medicine in Smoking Cessation: Patients, Providers, Policy, and More”. This workshop aims to synthesize complementary research topics to inform evidence-based tobacco treatment guidelines and to set a vision for clinical implementation science within real-world healthcare systems. The workshop objectives will be to: A) Describe the state of the evidence base for precision medicine: We will describe how evidence is examined before clinical translation and provide an update on the evidence of pharmacogenetic tobacco treatment research, biomarker development, and meta-analysis (Drs. Rachel Huddart (Stanford University/PharmGKB/CPIC) and Sean David); B) Address the readiness of patients and providers: We

As reported to the Board last year, our network co-published two white papers related to genetics and omics research with the Treatment Research Network in 2018, and both papers were selected as Editor’s Choice papers published in March of 2018 – issue 20(4):


Our network also hosted a symposium at the 2018 Annual Meeting entitled “Translating Genetic Research into Clinical Practice for Precision Medicine: Tobacco Treatment – SRNT Genetics Network’ that provided an update on the state of the science of pharmacogenetic tobacco treatment research and biomarker development (e.g., Andrew Bergen, PhD James Baurley, PhD), presented evidence synthesis from the first Cochrane systematic review and meta-analyses of genetically-informed biomarkers for smoking cessation (Sean David, MD, SM, DPhil), previewed research in progress from a prospective pharmacogenetic clinical trial (Li-Shiun Chen, MD, MPH, ScD); and led an expert panel led by Robert Schnoll, PhD and Timothy Baker, PhD (USPHS Tobacco Treatment Guideline developer and treatment expert) that envisioned and proposed a future field-wide enterprise to encourage open science, more behaviorally relevant analyses and study designs, data sharing, and a systematic effort to streamline clinical implementation science for companion diagnostic tests with good clinical utility, and incorporation into clinical practice guidelines. A link to the video presentation can be found on srnt.org.
will present evidence synthesis regarding provider and patient readiness, acceptability for marker-guided precision care in different settings (Drs. Hilary Tindle, Jaakko Kaprio, and Laura Bierut); C) Assess how we will get there through translational and clinical implantation science research: We will preview research in potential use of genetic data, polygenic scores, and consumer genomics in clinical care and public health (Drs. Li-Shiun Chen and James Ashenhurst (23andMe)); D) Seek multiple stakeholder dialogue on the future of precision medicine for tobacco treatment: We will conclude with an expert panel made up of multiple stakeholders from NIH, large healthcare system, small business innovation research to discuss the challenges to advancing translation into clinical practice of “precision medicine” approaches for tobacco treatment. Led by panelist (Drs. Wilson Compton (NIDA), Jennifer McClure (Kaiser Permanente), Bergen (BioRealm), and Priscilla Callahan-Lyon (FDA)), the panel will address: 1) how to conduct impactful research, 2) what works in the real healthcare system, and 3) translating research to practice.

Finally, we will use data from a recent optional, anonymous survey to the entire SRNT membership to better understand SRNT membership knowledge and attitudes toward precision approaches to tobacco use. The results of this survey will serve both to inform our pre-conference workshop at the 2019 Annual Meeting, raise the salience of genetics and omics research across the Society, and to help expand our network membership.

Moving forward, our network is positioned to be more collaborative with the other networks, including the SRNT Treatment Network. Specifically we will:
- Publish an editorial for a Nicotine and Tobacco Research special issue on genetics that also highlights our recent GSCAN network webinar discussion points and horizon scanning for the field.
- Leverage the collaborative research relationships within our network to foster research projects, team science, and grant generation.
- Liaise with the SRNT-U leadership to promote dissemination of educational products for the Society.
- Continue to collaborate with other networks, recruit young investigators, and mentor future network leaders.
The Global Health Network (GHN) was renamed the Global Research Network (GRN) in December, 2017, with Steering Committee approval. GRN’s activities in 2018 primarily focused on building resources for research capacity, enhancing SRNT’s outreach to LMICs, and communications within the GRN membership (summarized below).

The GRN is led by two co-chairs and the Advisory Committee, which includes representatives from major regions around the world. Carla Berg, who began serving as co-chair in 2015, and Scott McIntosh, who began serving as co-chair in 2016, continue to lead the GRN. In 2017, we maintained the majority of our Advisory Board members, maintaining Mark Parascandola, Erika Pinsker, Ramzi Salloum, Kamran Siddiqi, Irina Stepanov, and Jim Thrasher. Harry Lando, Joanna Cohen, and Rima Nakkash cycled off at the 2017 annual SRNT meeting. Ryan Kennedy and Frank Chaloupka joined our Advisory Committee beginning February 2018. We also had two people join our team as Network Coordinations Operator: first, Carmen Washington, who transitioned to a new professional role, thus requiring her to step down; and second, Jeffrey Hardesty, who transitioned off due to increases in job demands.

We continued to maintain four highly engaged subcommittees with strong leadership: 1) Outreach (Chair: Ramzi Salloum); 2) Education (Chair: Irina Stepanov, Ryan Kennedy); 3) Assessment (Chair: Scott McIntosh); and 4) Communications (Chair: Erika Pinsker). Kamran Siddiqi stepped down as co-chair for the Education Subcommittee; Ryan Kennedy was named co-chair of the Education Subcommittee.

To provide input into short- and long-term goals and activities, we have quarterly conference calls with our Advisory Committee. In considering our mission, we: 1) revised our mission statement to be more specific and focused on research, to develop a more specific scope, and update the content; and 2) revised our name (changing it from Global Health Network to Global Research Network), making it more consistent both with the revised mission and with the format of other Network names.

Below we highlight the SRNT Goal each of our GRN addresses along with our activities within each goal.

**SRNT STRATEGIC GOAL 1: SRNT RECRUITS AND RETAINS AN INCLUSIVE, ENGAGED MEMBERSHIP.**

**GRN GOAL: Enhance reputation of SRNT as global leader on the science of nicotine and tobacco.**

- We continued to develop partnerships with other global tobacco control stakeholder organizations to increase the visibility of SRNT as an asset for LMIC researchers and practitioners.
- Based on the pre-conference workshop at the 2016 SRNT Annual Meeting entitled: “Strengthening policy-relevant tobacco research capacity in low- and middle-income countries: Strategies, challenges, and lessons learned”; we published a manuscript in NTR:
- We also developed a manuscript, published in Addictive Behaviors, regarding the importance of global tobacco research in informing domestic policy and research:
- We presented a co-branded symposium (with Health Disparities Network) for the 2018 SRNT Annual Meeting entitled: “Global Tobacco Disparities: Where are we? Where are we going?”
- We continue to promote the work of SRNT in the area of global tobacco control through presentations, workshops, and/or symposia and providing SRNT-branded presentation awards at international/regional conferences related to tobacco control, lung disease, cancer, etc.
- 7th World Conference on Tobacco or Health; Cape Town, South Africa; March 7-9, 2018: GRN members organized a pre-conference workshop, Research to Inform the Development and Implementation of Tobacco Control Policies and Interventions, co-chaired by Irina Stepanov (University of Minnesota) and Mark Parascandola (National Cancer Institute) and coordinated by Kellen Nyamurungi (Center for Tobacco Control in Africa) and Kamran
Sidiqqi (University of York). The goal of the workshop was to emphasize the role of research in the development and implementation of tobacco control policies and interventions. The workshop was attended by more than 50 participants from 23 countries. The participants had an opportunity to learn about tools, methodologies, training, and data resources for tobacco research and implementation science; hear about examples of successful international research projects; and take part in an interactive breakout session to develop research projects aimed at the development or implementation of tobacco control policies.

- 8th ACCESS Arab Health Summit, September 16-19, Washington DC: GRN Co-Chair and GRN members presented a panel regarding hookah use, harm to health, and risk factors.
- SRNT Europe, September 6-8, Munich, Germany: The GRN promoted SRNT-U via informational materials included in the conference materials.
- During the October GRN Membership meeting, Billie Bonevski presented on SRNT Oceania Chapter.

SRNT STRATEGIC GOAL 2: SRNT DELIVERS PROGRAMS AND SERVICES THAT ARE HIGHLY RELEVANT, VALUABLE AND ESSENTIAL FOR ALL MEMBERS.

GRN GOAL: Enhance utility of SRNT activities for LMIC members of SRNT.

- The GRN, particularly the GRN Education Subcommittee, continued to contribute to the Knowledge Center, a library of online resources of educational and training resources relevant to global tobacco control. The Knowledge Center is now officially housed within SRNT-U, and GRN Education Subcommittee members continue to be involved in its development and refinement.
- The GRN continued to be involved in the development of SRNT-U more broadly, with GRN leadership and members contributing and reviewing modules of SRNT-U.
- During quarterly GRN membership meetings, the GRN Education Subcommittee presented global tobacco control research activities among and beyond SRNT GRN members.
- Michael Eriksen, Jidong Huang, Pamela Redmon, Claire Spears (Georgia State University): Cultural Adaptation and Evaluation of mHealth Interventions for Smoking Cessation in China and Vietnam, July 2018.
- Pramil Singh (Loma Linda University): Building Geographic Information Systems Capacity to Monitor WHO FCTC Compliance in East Asia, July 2018.
- Jeffrey Drope (American Cancer Society): The Political Economy of Tobacco Farming in Low- and Middle-Income Countries, October 2018.
- The GRN Assessment Subcommittee continues to engage in ongoing data collection to assess tobacco control research activity globally by developing a standard online survey assessment tool that can be used for ongoing data collection and promoted through conferences. The Assessment Subcommittee is analyzing previously collected data at conferences, particularly the 2017 World Conference on Tobacco or Health.

SRNT STRATEGIC GOAL 3: SRNT SYSTEMATICALLY INFORMS AND HELPS TO INFLUENCE CLINICAL PRACTICE, PUBLIC HEALTH POLICY, REGULATION, PREVENTION, TREATMENT, AND TOBACCO CONTROL GLOBALLY FOR THE BETTERMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH.

GRN GOAL. Increase utility of SRNT activity to tobacco research stakeholders in LMICs.

- We have continued to participate in the planning and development of a SRNT-U, as well as the Knowledge Center (as mentioned above).

SRNT STRATEGIC GOAL 6: SRNT HAS A COHESIVE IDENTITY THAT SUPPORTS PROACTIVE COMMUNICATIONS STRATEGIES FOR THE ORGANIZATION AND THE SCIENTIFIC FIELD.

GRN GOAL: Communicate with SRNT membership about core global tobacco control activities.

- The Communications Subcommittee continued to disseminate quarterly newsletters to GRN members to document: global tobacco-related conference activity (upcoming conferences and deadlines; summaries of conference activity); active LMIC researchers through the GRN Spotlight; NTR publications in the realm of global tobacco control; and activities of the GRN, including opportunities for participation.
- The Communications Subcommittee continued to maintain GRN webpage containing: newsletters, webinars, upcoming conferences, training and educational resources, information about co-chairs and advisory committee members, and information regarding joining the GRN.
Health Disparities Network
Network Chairs: Kelvin Choi, PhD, MPH and Monica Webb Hooper, PhD
No. of Members: 621

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

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• Shyanika Rose, PhD, MA, Truth Initiative Schroeder Institute
• Jennifer Cantrell, DrPH, MPA, New York University
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Operations Coordinators
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• Christi Patten, PhD, Mayo Clinic
• Kymberle Sterling, DrPH, MPH, University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston

Operations Coordinator
• Danielle Davis, MS, University of Vermont

2018-2019 Network Goals
1. Program subcommittee
   a. Organize three webinars between June 2018 and January 2019
   b. Facilitate the organization of three symposium submissions for SRNT 2019
   c. Facilitate the organization of one pre-conference workshop for SRNT 2019
2. Scholarship & Development subcommittee
   a. Administer the Health Disparities Network Travel Scholarship
   b. Administer the It’s Just Coffee mentoring program
   c. Organize the Travel Scholar Award Ceremony at the 2019 annual meeting
3. The Evaluation subcommittee
   a. Evaluate the impact of Health Disparities Network Travel Scholarships
   b. Evaluate the 2018 It’s Just Coffee mentoring program
   c. Develop and administer a Network Member Survey

Program Subcommittee Report
Goal #1: Webinars

Webinar #1: SRNT Disparities Network Early Career Scholar webinar: Current Topics in Tobacco Cessation and Health Disparities Research
Date: June 22, 2018
Presenters: Three of the 2018 Health Disparities Network Travel Scholar
• Barbara Piñeiro-Nero: “Ask-Advise-Connect: Counseling treatment adherence influences quitline treatment outcomes among safety net healthcare system patients”
• Erika Pinsker: “Smoking characteristics and cessation among Hispanic veterans participating in a proactive tobacco treatment trial”
• Samantha Schiavon: “African American smokers with strong social support achieve smoking cessation at higher rates than Caucasians with higher motivation to quit”
Outcomes: 40 participants. A short evaluation survey indicated that most participants were early career scholars, and over 80% of participants found the material to be new and relevant to their work.

Webinar #2: Intersectionality in Tobacco-related Health Disparities
Date: October 5, 2018
Presenters:
• Philip Smith, PhD, Miami University: Provided a brief introduction to some of the historical and theoretical foundations of intersectionality, with probing questions and examples about how intersectionality can inform tobacco research.
• Joseph Lee, PhD, East Carolina University: Discussed the importance of using intersectionality to understand etiology of tobacco inequities for sexual and gender minority people.

Goal #2 & #3: SRNT 2019 Symposium and Pre-conference Workshop Submissions
On August 3, 2018, we held a brainstorming meeting for SRNT 2019 pre-conference workshops and symposia submissions. The goals of the meeting were to assess interest for specific disparities-related topics and connect members with potential collaborators. During the meeting, members discussed six different topics including tobacco use and control in indigenous populations, communication and health disparities, geography and tobacco use, etc. The discussion results in 6 submitted symposium applications, with 2 of them accepted.

During the brainstorming meeting, members also discussed developing a pre-conference workshop application related to sexual and gender minority tobacco use. Andy Tan, PhD, Harvard University, led the development and submission of the proposal, which has been accepted as a pre-conference workshop for the 2019 SRNT Annual Meeting.

Scholarship & Development Subcommittee Report

Goal #1: Health Disparities Network Travel Scholarship
For the 13th year in a row, the subcommittee led the 2019 Health Disparities Network Travel Scholarship Program. The program provides funding for early career investigators working in health disparities research or from an underrepresented population to travel to the SRNT conference. It is generously supported by the Truth Initiative, California’s Tobacco-Related Disparities Research Program, and the Oklahoma Tobacco Research Center at the Stephenson Cancer Center. We hosted an information session on, July 16, 2018, to describe the application processes for the Travel Scholarship, and the goals of It’s Just Coffee, our speed mentoring program. We encouraged junior researchers to apply for the scholarship, with those who have accepted abstracts eligible for the award.

This year, we received 44 applications, and worked with 21 reviewers to evaluate the applications so that we could select high-quality, early-career scholars for these awards. We are very fortunate to have the funding to support 10 scholars to attend the 2019 SRNT Annual Meeting. We appreciate that SRNT waived the membership fee for all new scholars and the conference registration fees for all scholars.

Goal #2: The It’s Just Coffee Mentoring Program
This professional development program facilitates meetings between senior and junior investigators during the SRNT Annual Meeting. The program consists of two components. The first part is to match Travel Scholars with mentors during the 2019 SRNT Annual Meeting. The co-chairs of the subcommittee lead the matching process according to the Scholars’ research interests. The second part is open to all members, in which we first solicit mentors from our membership, and then ask members to request meetings with these mentors. Nineteen members volunteered to be mentors. Each of them will be scheduled to meet with a maximum of two mentees during the Annual Meeting.

Webinar #3: Tobacco Control Policies to Promote Health Equity: Implementation Challenges and Potential Solutions
Date: January 27, 2019
Presenters:
• Shelley Golden, PhD, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill: Discuss how implementing tax and non-tax pricing policies might reduce socioeconomic disparities in tobacco use.
• Andrew Waa, PhD, University of Otago: Discuss how the endgame movement in Aotearoa was founded on, and continues to be framed around, reducing smoking disparities between Maori (the indigenous people of New Zealand) and their non-indigenous counterparts.
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Goal #3: The Travel Scholar Award Ceremony at the 2019 Annual Meeting
At the time of writing this report, we are working on organizing the Award Ceremony.

Evaluation Subcommittee Report

Goal #1: Evaluate the impact of Health Disparities Network Travel Scholarships
In the past year, the Evaluation subcommittee has finalized the publication of an evaluation of the Health Disparities Network Travel Scholarship. Using data from 2007-2014 scholarship recipients, we assessed the demographic characteristics, current employment, research productivity post-award, and current research interests. We also assessed perceived benefits of receiving the scholarship. With responses from 89 of 117 scholars surveyed (77%), we wrote a brief report describing the scholars and the potential benefits of the scholarship relative to comparable scholarships from other professional organizations. The findings of this paper suggest that the SRNT scholarship contributed to scholarly productivity, professional development, and advancement of health disparities research among a diverse group of scientists. The paper was reviewed by the Health Disparities Network Advisory Committee, and the SRNT Board, and was published in Nicotine & Tobacco Research [epub ahead of print Nov 2018].

Goal #2: Evaluate the 2018 It’s Just Coffee Mentoring Program
The Evaluation subcommittee also surveyed mentees and mentors who participated in the "It’s Just Coffee" mentoring program for travel scholars and other early career investigators. Eighty seven percent of mentees and 100% of mentors responded that they would recommend the program to early career investigators. Topics discussed included career development, data availability, research interests and grant writing. Based on these findings, we will continue to offer this program to early career investigators.

Goal #3: Develop and administer a Network Member Survey
We prepared a survey of Health Disparities Network members, scheduled to launch in January 2019, designed to assess participation in Network activities and areas of future collaboration. We intend to present the survey results at the Network Meeting during the 2019 SRNT Annual Meeting.

Organizational Advocacy

SRNT Position on Binary Gender Definition
A group of proactive Health Disparities Network members facilitated the development and dissemination of the SRNT Position on Binary Gender Definition in November 2018. The statement highlighted the SRNT shared values including respect for the worth and dignity of individuals, inclusiveness and social justice, respect for pluralism and diversity, and respect for all persons, regardless of race, religion, gender, sexual orientation, abilities, age or national origin. The statement emphasized the Society’s dedication to providing a safe, inclusive, respectful and supportive environment for all transgender and non-binary members of our community. This position statement was well-received by the SRNT membership.

Communications Strategy

Network Webpage
We maintain the Network webpages on SRNT.org, including the public-facing and members-only sections. This year, we updated the Advisory Committee members and travel scholarship information on the public page. We sent an electronic request to members to update their profiles and research interests to facilitate networking, and updated the members-only sections with a recap of the 2018 annual meeting, announcements, Researcher Spotlights, It’s Just Coffee application materials, and the intersectionality webinar recording.

Listserv and Social Media
The Network listserv also serves as a primary strategy for communicating with and engaging the membership. We send meeting announcements, volunteer opportunities, new research publications, and other relevant information through the listserv. We also post information on the main SRNT Twitter page and highlight health disparities tweets using the #SRNTdisparities hashtag. We are also working to increase our online/social media visibility by enlisting the support of Network members who expressed interest in communications. We have two new communication initiatives that launched in December 2018 among an active group of 10 SRNT HD Network communications volunteers. These initiatives are efforts to increase member engagement and information dissemination. First, we would like to develop a monthly email to the HD listserv on health disparities-related research (tobacco primarily, but also non-tobacco general health disparities research). This information will also be posted on the member-only website. Contributor duties will include searching and compiling a list of journal articles, research reports, funding opportunities,
news articles, and events (conferences, seminars, webinars), any related good news, etc., and sending the your contributions to the Communications OC and Dr. Webb Hooper by a pre-specified date. The second is a Twitter initiative, which will include a) posting tobacco-disparities related content using the #SRNTdisparities hashtag and b) retweeting/liking/commenting on existing posts with this hashtag.

**Network Calls**
We held a mid-year Network meeting via conference call on October 8, 2018. The Co-Chairs and subcommittee leaders provided updates regarding Network structure and staffing, activities occurring since the annual meeting and discussed plans for the remainder of the year. Representatives from each subcommittee described the goals and provided updates on their respective areas.

**Research Spotlights**
We continue to highlight the work of Network members who are advancing the field of tobacco-related health disparities through our quarterly Spotlight series. On May 10, 2018, we featured Dr. Jennifer Cantrell, whose research focuses on understanding the impact of policies and population-level interventions on tobacco use behavior across different populations. On September 27, 2018, we featured Dr. Sarah Dermody, whose research focuses on identifying the processes that increase the use of multiple cancer-inducing substances, such as alcohol and/or tobacco, in vulnerable populations. And on December 5, 2018, we featured Dr. Raúl Mejía, whose research focuses on studying tobacco industry strategies to induce young people to smoke and use novel nicotine and tobacco products.

**Onwards...**
We are very thankful for all the advisory committee members, operations coordinators, speakers, and network members who volunteered their time and effort to make 2018 a successful year for the SRNT Health Disparities Network. We will match these efforts as we move onward, facilitating innovative science and disseminating findings to reduce and eliminate tobacco use disparities globally.
Policy Research Network
Network Co-chairs: Sara Hitchman, MASc, PhD and Olivia Maynard, PhD
No. of Members: 527

Administrative Structure
In Summer 2018, Andrea Villanti stepped down as Network Co-Chair and moved to the Advisory Committee. Olivia Maynard and Sara Hitchman remained as Network Co-Chairs. Sara Hitchman will step down from her position as Network Co-Chair after the SRNT 2019 meeting. We are currently in the process of recruiting a new Network Co-Chair.

Our current Advisory Committee comprises: Andrea Villanti, Paula Keller and Desmond Jenson. In 2019, we brought on a Network Operations Coordinator (Allison Glasser).
We have two subcommittees: Education and Communications. Leadership of the subcommittees are as follows:
1. Communication: Olivia Maynard
2. Education: Desmond Jenson

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

Overall Network Activities
- Regularly scheduled meetings with our Network Advisory Committee
- Two full network meetings (one in-person in Baltimore in February and one online meeting in September)

Communication Subcommittee Activities
- Expanding the monthly policy bulletin with colleagues at Truth Initiative (Minal Patel and Emily Donavan) taking over the lead in putting together and circulating the monthly digest with policy-related information provided by our Communications Subcommittee
- We have also added new members to our Communication Subcommittee who help gather content from different regions globally, so that the digest covers a wide variety of content
- Updating the Policy Research Network webpage (led by Elise Stevens)

Education Subcommittee Activities
- Soliciting and submitting an SRNT Symposium proposal on “Tobacco Endgame” (Education Subcommittee; accepted for 2019 Annual Meeting)
- Hosting an online member meeting (27 attendees) in October 2018 with a presentation by Geoff Fong on "Adventures in Dissemination". Due to technical issues some members had difficulty joining – the presentation has now been posted on the SRNT webpage

Cross-Network and Wider SRNT Activities
- Nominating SRNT-University’s Policy Research Director and giving input into policy research needs and resources
- Identifying an advisory committee member to participate on the TreatTobacco.Net review

In 2019, we plan to solicit ideas for new network activities and members at the 2019 SRNT Annual Meeting, hold one webinar on a topic nominated by Network members and propose a symposium for the 2020 SRNT Annual Meeting. We also plan to recruit more members for our two subcommittees (Communications, Education) and replace Sara Hitchman as Network Co-Chair.
The Trainee Network Advisory Committee (TNAC) has been actively working throughout 2018 to develop and plan programs offered to trainees at the annual 2019 SRNT Conference in San Francisco, CA. TNAC meets monthly via teleconference, and subcommittees (Networking, Education, and Communications) meet via e-mail and teleconference to discuss projects as needed. Our projects reflect our mission to support an emerging generation of tobacco scientists by facilitating networking and career development opportunities. We have focused on cross-network collaboration and increasing access to leaders in the field who provide mentoring on research, authorship, and grantsmanship.

Administrative Structure
This year Omar El-Shahawy, Allison Borges, and Jesse Kosiba served as Co-chairs with Suchitra Krishnan-Sarin supporting as our Senior Advisor/Co-chair. Jesse Kosiba also served as our Network Operations Coordinator. Our subcommittee members for 2018 were:

- Networking Subcommittee: Nancy Jao, Omar El-Shahawy, Jesse Kosiba, and Maria Parker
- Communications Subcommittee: Lauren Pacek, Melissa Mercincavage, Eddie Liebman, and Matthew Olonoff
- Education Subcommittee: Allison Borges, Asti Jackson, Carrie Rosario, Meg Fluharty
- New Members as of 2019 include: Viola Voncken-Brewster and Rachel Rosen

Networking
We are hosting our sixth annual trainee Mixer event during the 2019 SRNT Conference in San Francisco, which is typically a highly attended event. Attending organizations will present opportunities for research and clinical training that include postdoctoral fellowships, clinical internships, and job opportunities within academic, medical, and industry settings. These positions are targeted towards trainees and early-career investigators.

- We have continued the Trainee Spotlight Series through our annual newsletter. Additionally, we have highlighted other trainee achievements through this platform, and we accept submissions for recognizing trainees who have received awards or funding, who have completed academic and career milestones, and/or who have recently published peer reviewed manuscripts. All achievements are available on the trainee network webpage.
- To help prepare trainees for the 2019 SRNT Conference and provide them with helpful tips we have worked to updated our “Trainees’ Guide to the Annual Meeting.” The guide provides trainees with tips for travel, networking, and how to get the most out of conference attendance. This guide also contains information regarding the four trainee programs offered during the 2019 SRNT Conference.
- We have continued our e-mail communications with trainees throughout the year via the SRNT trainee listserv. We utilize this platform to distribute career development opportunities as well as promote SRNT trainee achievements that may include original articles or essays on topics relevant to career development, trainee awards, accomplishments, and research findings.

Career Development
To facilitate the career development needs of SRNT trainee members we have continued to work to provide the following opportunities:

- During the 2019 SRNT conference we will be offering our Mentored Poster Program, which matches trainees with senior investigators to facilitate mentorship and networking at the annual meeting. A group of selected trainees presenting a first-authored poster will be matched with a senior investigator, who provides feedback on the research study and presentation during the poster session. We continued to offer guidelines for trainees and mentors participating in this program to facilitate the interaction. Interest in participating in this event was high this year during the abstract submission for the conference. We also partnered with Health Disparities Network in matching mentors to our mentees who received acceptance to their abstracts with focus on health disparities.
- We will also be hosting a preconference workshop at the 2019 SRNT Conference in San Francisco entitled, “Authorship and Grantsmanship for Early Career Investigators in Tobacco and Nicotine Research.” This workshop is designed for early career investigators and tobacco researchers interested in learning more about addressing challenges in publishing their manuscripts in high impact journals and applying for NIH Training Grants (T), Career Development (K), and Fellowship (F) mechanisms. Thus, graduate students, postdoctoral fellows, junior faculty, or those seeking to transition careers will greatly benefit from participating in this workshop. Presenters include:
  - Ruth Malone, Ph.D., University of California, San Francisco, Editor-in-Chief for Tobacco Control
  - Scott Leischow, Ph.D., Arizona State University, Editor-in-Chief for Tobacco Regulatory Science

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• Raymond Niaura, Ph.D., New York University, Deputy Editor for Nicotine and Tobacco Research
• Mary Kautz, Ph.D., Chief (Acting), Behavioral and Cognitive Neuroscience Branch, National Institute on Drug Abuse
• Michele Bloch, Ph.D., Chief, Tobacco Control Research Branch, National Cancer Institute
• Lisa Postow, Ph.D., Program Officer, National Heart Lung, and Blood Institute
• Dana van Bemmel, Ph.D., Assistant Deputy Director for Research, Office of Science, Center for Tobacco Products, U.S. Food and Drug Administration

• We will be continuing our successful Mentoring Roundtable event for its second installment during the 2019 SRNT Conference. Two representatives from each SRNT network will be available at a designated table for informal discussions with trainees. This event will allow for trainees and early career researchers to meet with leaders in their field and exchange ideas on current topics in the discipline, methods currently being used, publications of interest, and career paths of the investigators. We would like to thank the following individuals for participating as network representatives:
  • Global Research Network: Scott McIntosh, Ph.D.
  • Treatment Research Network: Marc Steinberg, Ph.D., Anne Joseph, MD, MPH, and Steven Bernstein, MD
  • Policy Research Network: Olivia Maynard, Ph.D., and David Hammond, Ph.D.
  • Adolescent Research Network: Alexandra Loukas, Ph.D., and Amanda Quisenberry, Ph.D.
  • Health Disparities Research Network: Amy Ferketich, Ph.D., and Sarah Dermody, Ph.D.
Administrative Structure
Treatment Research Network Advisory Committee Members in 2018 were Jan Blalock (co-chair), Leonie Brose (co-chair), Steven Bernstein, Anne Joseph, Jennifer McClure, Megan Piper, Marc Steinberg, Joanna Streck, and Andrea Weinberger. The Treatment Research Network Advisory Committee continues to meet monthly to provide high-level guidance for all Treatment Research Network activities.

- Leonie Brose will end her term as co-chair of the Advisory Committee in February 2019. Andrea Weinberger has been named as the new co-chair.
- Michael Businelle, Audrey Darville and Darla Kendzor will be joining the AC to replace Leonie Brose, Anne Joseph and Megan Piper who will be leaving in February 2019.
- Joanna Streck will end her term as Network Operations Coordinator in February 2019.

Treatment Research Network Subcommittee and working group members for 2019 are:

- Education Subcommittee: Michael Businelle (co-chair), Darla Kendzor (co-chair), Alana Rojewski.
- Communications Subcommittee: Erika Bloom (chair), Krysten Bold, Audrey Darville, Stuart Ferguson, Jaimee Heffner, Andrea Weinberger, Omara Dogar (Operations Coordinator).
- Measures of Abstinence Working Group: Anne Joseph and Megan Piper (chairs), Chris Bullen, Suchitra Krishnan-Sarin, Debbie Ossip, Nancy Rigotti, Marc Steinberg, Joanna Streck.
- Adherence to Interventions: Jan Blalock (co-chair), Jamie Ostroff (co-chair), Lauren Pacek, Megan Piper (group membership to be finalized).

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

1. mHealth Interest Group: Michael Businelle and Bryan Heckman (chairs), 112 Facebook members
2. Incentives Interest Group: Darla Kendzor and Allison Kurti (chairs), 42 Facebook members

Education
The Advisory Committee and the Education Subcommittee worked to provide educational activities of interest to the Treatment Research Network and broader SRNT membership. Key educational activities in 2018 included:

- Pre-conference workshops at the 2018 and 2019 annual meetings
  - 2019: An update to the basics: Current approaches for measuring and understanding key individual differences and cessation outcomes
- Webinars:
  1. 11/27/18 – Drs. Cummings, Cartmel, Toll, Stansell, Why you should “opt in” to an “opt out” approach to smoking cessation: the MUSC experience, 121 attended (Alana Rojewski moderated)

Manuscripts
- The following working groups are working on papers to submit to NTR:
  1. Measures of abstinence
  2. Biochemical verification
  3. Statistical analyses of abstinence outcomes
  4. Adherence to behavioral interventions

Service
The Treatment Research Network Advisory Committee helped identify candidates for new SRNT-U posts and resources to support the mission of SRNT-U.

Communications
The Communications Subcommittee focuses on building membership within the Treatment Research Network Listserv and facilitating active discussions on the Listserv. Key 2018 activities included:

- Oversaw the transitions from the old listserv to the new listserv. Increased Treatment Research Network Listserv membership from 213 to 402.
- Continue to focus on sustaining engagement with the listserv; 28% (up from 24% last year) of listserv members have posted on the listserv, and some additional private messages were sent in
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response. Subcommittee members encouraged communication by posting NTR treatment-related papers, other treatment-related papers published by network members, minutes from subcommittee meetings, and questions to generate discussion.

- Continued Treatment Research Network Member Spotlight (continued)
  to introduce and spotlight different network members. In 2018, six Treatment Research Network members completed spotlights which were sent out in the listserv and will be posted on the Treatment Research Network webpage.
- Created a google document for network members to list individual and group/organization twitter handles to increase social media communication. As of December 2018, more than 50 individuals and 24 groups/organizations were included on the google document.

Plans for 2019

For the upcoming year, the Treatment Research Network will continue to provide educational webinars for the members and continue to sponsor papers relevant to treatment research. Additionally, the Treatment Research Network will continue to pilot two special interest groups as well as support four working groups which will work towards publishing manuscripts in 2019 and engaging like-minded members. The Treatment Research Network will continue to offer pre-conference workshops at the annual conference.