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President’s Report
Suchitra Krishnan-Sarin, PhD

I want to start out this President’s message with a huge THANK YOU to all our members who believe in SRNT’s mission of dissemination of science on nicotine and tobacco and have supported us through this difficult year. We owe our past Presidents and Boards, and our Executive Director Bruce Wheeler and the Rees Group, a huge debt of gratitude for ensuring that SRNT entered this period fiscally stable. I am also so thankful for the support and advice that I received this past year from Bruce, who is not only SRNT’s “memory bank” but also skillfully manages all aspects of SRNT, and from all the current members of the SRNT Board (Suzanne Colby, Megan Piper, Jennifer McClure, Cathy Backinger, Benjamin Toll, Caitlin Notley and Billie Bonevski). These Board members are a remarkable group of volunteers who worked hard, and collaboratively, sometimes meeting multiple times a month, to help the Society navigate this very tough year.

As you can imagine, the major problem we faced this year was the financial fallout of the March 2020 conference. Thankfully, negotiations with the local vendors conducted by our super-negotiator Brooke Miller (Rees Group), and the amazing work of our finance committee (Jennifer McClure, Tom Northrup, Megan Piper, Susan Rees), ensured that we did not end this year in the red. However, as our Treasurer’s Report (on the following pages) indicates we are not yet out of the woods. So, please stay involved and support the Society in the year ahead. Your support is even more appreciated during these difficult times.

This past year we witnessed multiple events that highlighted the inequities and social justice problems that exist around the world. The SRNT board, with the help of the Health Disparities Network, issued a statement of support for all communities affected by racism and inequities. Since tobacco use is significantly higher in some racial and ethnic groups, and is known to exacerbate health disparities, we also provided recommendations for research on addressing inequities in the tobacco area. Further, our 2021 annual conference content highlights tobacco-related inequities as well as interventions and methods to reduce such inequities. I am so grateful to our Program Chair Erin McClure and Co-Chairs Jennifer Pearson and Jamie Brown for creating an amazing agenda based on the 2021 conference theme of “Social Justice and Action in Tobacco and Nicotine Science”. To ensure equity in SRNT policies and procedures the Board also established a Racial Equity Task Force which will be led by Megan Piper, Kevin Choi and Mignonne Guy and includes Patricia Nez-Henderson, Raglan Maddox and Yessenia Castro.

With regards to the annual conference, the Board decided to hold it on a virtual platform this year because of continued COVID concerns. We also decided to not reduce the scientific content to allow for maximum dissemination of science. Thanks to the hard work of Brooke Miller and CMI (SRNT’s AV company) we have a remarkable virtual platform that includes not only scientific plenaries, symposia and poster sessions, but also numerous opportunities for networking. I encourage you all to register and check out the platform. While it can never replace an in-person conference, it comes close, and has already allowed more reach outside the US. At last count we had 1,265 registrants, from 48 countries, with 64 being from LMICs. Our annual meeting also includes an updated code of conduct and procedures for reporting harassment and unacceptable behaviors; a huge thank you to all the members who helped with these updates. I’d also like to again acknowledge our meeting planner, Brooke Miller, as well as Rees Group staff members Nan Knuteson and Bill Stoeffler, who have all played significant roles in making our first-ever Virtual Annual Meeting come together so beautifully.

One of my main goals as President was to ensure the continued availability of venues that would allow for respectful sharing and discussion of timely and important science. Working towards this goal, we implemented virtual half-day conferences (Tobacco, Nicotine and COVID; E-cigarettes and Health Equity), which also provided an additional source of income for our Society. These events were very successful and well-attended, and we plan to continue these and other initiatives. I thank you all for your enthusiastic support of our new efforts, and welcome new ideas for furthering respectful dialogue.

Our educational platform SRNT-U, continues to grow and serve as an important scientific resource, under the able leadership of Natalie Walker with tremendous support from Mona
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Johnson. The SRNT-U leadership has worked hard to make the platform more impactful and useful to members by including content on timely new research as well as new skills and methodologies. SRNT-U is also now the platform for hosting on-demand content from conferences and events organized by SRNT. I encourage all members to visit, learn and contribute to the content of the SRNT-U website.

Further, our Society’s journal *Nicotine & Tobacco Research*, ably led by Marcus Munafo, has had another highly successful year with a record number of new submissions. We are grateful to everyone who has supported the journal by authoring articles and served as editors and reviewers. Please continue to submit your work to the journal; the new format-free submission should make it much easier.

During the past year we completed much of the follow-up work of the SRNT 2025 initiative. The full report on Phase I of SRNT 2025 is available online. We welcome member review and feedback on the posted materials. We will also be reaching out to you in the upcoming year for further follow-up discussions.

We also continued our efforts to maintain communication and connections between SRNT and other federal and non-federal organizations with interests in nicotine and tobacco. We had virtual meetings to discuss SRNT initiatives with the Center for Tobacco Products, the National Cancer Institute, the National Institute on Drug Abuse, and Campaign for Tobacco Free Kids, Truth Initiative, and our journal publishers Oxford University Press. We had further discussions regarding resources and support for our chapters, SRNT-Europe and SRNT-Oceania. Notably, SRNT-E put on a successful virtual conference when Covid-19 curtailed plans for their meeting in Lausanne, Switzerland, and SRNT-O has continued collecting important perspectives on respectfully engaging and conducting research within the indigenous communities, which they plan to present to the SRNT community through webinars during this upcoming year.

SRNT’s eight topical research networks have continued to advance SRNT’s mission through published papers, pre-conference workshops, webinars and journal clubs and networking. We are so proud of their efforts. Please be sure to read their reports below. These network activities have been very ably supported by our networks managers from Rees group. Since the pre-conference workshops proposed by many networks could not be held during the annual conference, they will now be held as virtual half-day conferences during the upcoming year.

I could go on and on. What a year! I hope my report conveys how proud I have been to lead this esteemed society which has been my scientific home since 1998. I want to thank our immediate Past President, Suzanne Colby, who continued to serve on the SRNT Board this past year. Suzanne was a source of constant support and astute advice and I am going to miss her presence during my final year on the Board. Finally, please join me in welcoming our incoming President, Megan Piper. Megan has already served SRNT as a Treasurer and Board member. I have no doubt that she will be an outstanding and effective President, and I look forward to supporting her and other SRNT initiatives over the next year. Thank you again for giving me the opportunity and the honor to serve as the SRNT President during 2020-2021.
President’s Report
2019-2020 Board of Directors

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A LOOK BACK

2020 was an interesting year to be your Treasurer! We began the year with a “rainy day fund” sufficient to cover about a year of operating costs and a revenue stream from the upcoming annual conference which was projected to cover our 2020 expenses. What a difference a couple of months can make. Just days before the start of the conference in March, the World Health Organization declared a worldwide SARS-CoV-2 pandemic. The Board made the difficult decision to allow the conference to continue for those who were willing and able to attend, but to refund registration fees for those who needed to cancel. As your incoming Treasurer, I was glad they made this decision. The alternative — cancelling the conference — could have bankrupted the society since our conference insurance excluded coverage for meetings cancelled due to a pandemic. Had we cancelled, in addition to losing all income from the conference registration fees, we would have been obligated to cover all of the contracted vendor costs. Instead, the decision to move forward with in-person attendance for those who could attend (and post-hoc, on-demand content access for those who could not), proved to be a wise fiscal decision. Our financial bottom line was further bolstered by (a) our excellent program staff with The Rees Group, who were able to reduce our obligated 2020 hotel expenses by pre-booking a return to New Orleans in 2024 and (b) the Board’s decision to offer two fee-for-access webinars this past year.

As a result of all of these efforts, SRNT is projected to end 2020 with a deficit of approximately $350,000 once all outstanding revenues and expenses are posted. Despite this annual loss, we have sufficient reserves to cover our 2021 operating expenses, should we need to tap these funds.

More detail on SRNT’s 2020 revenues, expenses, and year-end assets are detailed below.

2020 REVENUE

SRNT’s main sources of revenue are: (a) membership dues, (b) conference registration, and (c) journal royalties. Lesser, but notable, income was generated last year by two fee-for-access webinars and investment income.

As in prior year’s, SRNT received no financial support from the tobacco industry in 2020, but did receive a modest grant from the pharmaceutical industry to support the 2020 annual conference.

2020 EXPENSES

SRNT’s two largest expenses are (1) The Rees Group contract, which provides staff and other material support for SRNT’s day-to-day operations (note, these costs are distributed across each of the cost centers), and (2) the Annual Meeting. Additional investment priorities were: (a) SRNT-U, (b) our eight member-focused networks (Adolescents, Basic Science, Genetics, Global, Health Disparities,
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Public Policy, Trainees, and Treatment), (c) editorial expenses associated with the society journal, N&TR, and (d) several Special Projects, which included our 2025 Strategic Planning work.

**YEAR-END ASSETS**

As of December 31, SRNT’s financial assets included $537,518 in cash and $462,112 in equity investments ($999,630 total); however, once all income and expenses are reconciled, we tentatively project the year-end actuals will be approximately $1,373,000. In comparison, total year-end assets in 2019 were $1,792,602.

SRNT reserve policy requires we maintain $600,000 in reserves to cover operating expenses in the event of unanticipated emergencies.

**A LOOK AHEAD**

The coming year is critical to SRNT’s financial future. We rely on strong membership and robust annual conference attendance to financially support the society from year to year. This is particularly true for 2021 because the cost of the virtual conference will be higher than in prior years due to the increased technology and staff requirements. However, the investment comes with additional benefits to our members, who will have on-demand access to content for a full year, including access to continuing education credits.

In the coming year, we will be exploring new revenue streams to help offset our operating expenses, while also offering value to members (e.g., additional fee-for-access webinars and novel strategies for leveraging the SRNT-U platform to support educational opportunities). And, we will be reducing non-essential operating expenses. We had to rely on our financial reserves in 2020, but our goal for 2021 will be to limit this reliance.

At the time of this writing, I am pleased to report that it appears we will meet or exceed 1,100 registrants for the 2021 conference. This is consistent with the number projected in the 2021 annual budget recently approved by the Board. Based on the assumptions in this budget, we cautiously project that SRNT could end the year with a small net profit (~$90,000). These funds are important to rebuilding our financial reserves. This projection is an estimate and cannot be guaranteed, but the Finance Committee will be actively working with the Board and our executive director, Bruce Wheeler, to achieve this goal and ensure that we continue to make prudent financial decisions which will allow SRNT to remain well-positioned to advance its mission for many years to come.

While we had to rely on our financial reserves in 2020, our goal for 2021 will be to limit this reliance. To this end, the Finance Committee will be actively working with the Board and our executive director, Bruce Wheeler, to ensure we continue to make prudent financial decisions that will allow SRNT to remain well-positioned to advance its mission for many years to come.

**THANKS**

Finally, I want to take this opportunity to publicly thank our Finance Committee (Megan Piper, Tom Northrup, and Bruce Wheeler) for all of their hard work over the past year.
Executive Director’s Report
Bruce Wheeler

In past years I have used this space to share my admiration for the SRNT Board members (2018) and the SRNT Past Presidents and volunteers (2016).

This year I'd like use this space to express my admiration for the staff that supports this amazing organization behind the scenes. First, a little background.

SRNT’s back office is staffed by The Rees Group, Inc, an Association Management Company (AMC) headquartered in Madison, Wisconsin. Larger associations have their own full-time staff and office space, while smaller organizations like SRNT find the best bang for their buck by contracting with an AMC. The AMC model employs skilled professionals who are shared by the different associations contracting with the AMC—small associations need professional meeting planning and finance, but they don't need (nor can they afford) full time employees to do those jobs.

It’s a brilliant model, actually. An organization the size of SRNT could probably afford two to three full time staff plus office/equipment rental/overhead. Those two or three employees would have to be generalists, able to manage conferences, update the website and run virtual education events, handle finances, support volunteer activities, and so much more.

That’s a difficult and ineffective model, in my opinion. I can tell you, SRNT doesn’t want me doing the Society’s financials or negotiating hotel contracts. And, staff doesn’t want me in the membership database; I’ve been banned.

By working with an AMC, an association isn’t supported by generalists, it’s supported by experienced professionals. Not to mention, the costs of overhead are shared as well as staff.

So, SRNT works with an AMC to provide the staff necessary to support member programs and run the Society’s back office.

The total number of employees assigned to SRNT in various capacities by The Rees Group is roughly 12 (because we work in the same office, we can call on other staff members not technically assigned to SRNT when we need an extra body, so the number of staff supporting SRNT is larger), but the full-time equivalent amount of employee support is just a tad more than four.

I couldn't be prouder of the fact that with just four FTE paid staff, we are able to support:
• the Board of Directors and special projects;
• SRNT’s eight topical Networks;
• the educational platform, SRNT University;
• a conference that has been averaging around 1,400 attendees the past few years (minus the aberration of COVID-affected 2020);
• eight operational committees and two task forces;
• and, to a lesser extent, two chapters and the journal, Nicotine & Tobacco Research.

In addition, SRNT’s shared staff members also:
• manage the membership and conference registration database;
• pay all the bills, deposit all the checks, process all the credit cards, and run monthly financials;
• design conference and other graphics;
• answer inquiries from members;
• manage the Awards and Officer nominations processes, as well as the actual Election of Officers;
• update the SRNT and SRNT-U websites;
• run Network webinars and SRNT’s new Virtual Events;
• edit videos;
• consistently jump in where needed to support anything and everything—all while maintaining their own professional development in order to better serve the members of SRNT.

Please allow me to thank the staff members who support SRNT and work with the Society’s vendors:

Mona Johnson  Brooke Miller
Nan Knuteson  Bill Stoeffler
Erica Koconis  Vicki Brewer
Jane Shepard  Merriann Carey
Mary Johns  Jess Retzlaff
Susan Rees

We come to work every day because of YOU, the members of SRNT, in support of the Society’s mission to stimulate the generation and dissemination of new knowledge concerning nicotine in all its manifestations, from cellular to societal.

Thank you for letting us be part of this important work.
Launched in 2019, SRNT-U is an online hub where SRNT members can find curated training, scientific articles, lectures, webinars, podcasts, and tools and resources relevant to nicotine and tobacco research. Currently SRNT-U has more than 1300 registered users.

Our 2020 strategic plan focused on meeting the key information and training needs of SRNT members, as expressed in our SRNT-U member’s survey.

The SRNT-U leadership team have worked hard during the year to add the following content to the library:

Links to important new research in the field, including:
- Content on nicotine's effect on the developing brain
- Links to new research results in the Library
- An 11-episode podcast series on Tobacco Use After a Cancer Diagnosis
- Recordings of new SRNT Network webinars.

Training on new skills and methodologies, including:
- A Dried Blood Spots to Test Smoking Status Methodologies Mini-Course
- A Manuscript Writing Methodologies Mini-Course
- Links to information on new, innovative clinical trial designs that can be applied to nicotine and tobacco research
- Brief mentorship videos featuring interviews with senior members of SRNT.

The Covid-19 pandemic, and the increasing focus by the Society on health inequities resulted in the SRNT-U team refocusing some of their activities and content during the year. Specifically:

SRNT-U now hosts on-demand content from the SRNT 2020 meeting.
- SRNT-U also hosts on-demand content from two SRNT virtual events held during 2020, namely “Tobacco, Nicotine and Covid-19” and “E-Cigarettes and Health Equity.”
- We also added two new Directors to our leadership team towards the end of the year, one focusing on ‘Indigenous Research’ and the second focusing on ‘Health Disparities’.
- Melanie Boeckmann, who led the SRNT-U innovation section, has now moved on to focus on her new family. Her daughter ‘Clementine’ was born on the 4th December 2020.

The leadership team now includes myself, Mona Johnson (Managing Director, SRNT-U), plus:

Information about new tobacco products, including:
- An updated E-Cigarette Themed Collection
- An updated Areca Nut Themed Collection
- A new Heated Tobacco Products Themed Collection
- A presentation on Flavor Capsules.

As we plan for 2021, we welcome your thoughts and suggestions for SRNT-U, so please feel free to reach out to me (or one of the team).
This has been a strange and difficult year for all of us. However, despite (and in part because of) this, the journal has attempted to continue to publish the most important and interesting work of relevance to the Society's mission.

We received a record 1,082 new submissions in 2020, up on the 932 we received in 2019 and beating the previous 2016 record of 1,012 new submissions. This was driven in part by COVID-related research – we received 123 new submissions in April – the highest number ever in a single month – many of which examined the relationship between smoking and COVID outcomes. Our second highest ever number of monthly new submissions was also this year – 110 in October. As the pandemic evolved, these later submissions began to focus on, for example, changes in smoking behaviour (for example, during national lockdowns).

Of course, most of what we published was not related to COVID, and we have been careful to not allow the journal to become overly “covidised”. Whilst understanding the role of nicotine and tobacco use during the pandemic, and the potential impact of the pandemic on nicotine and tobacco use, is clearly important, there are risks associated with conducting research rapidly. For this reason, we elected to publish many early submissions as letters and commentaries, to reflect the provisional and largely exploratory or hypothesis-generating nature of this early work.

Overall, we published 350 articles in 2020, reflected an overall acceptance rate of slightly over 20%. We have largely cleared our historical backlog of articles, although now that we are an online only journal the concept of “issues” (which we still have, even if they are electronic) changes somewhat. We still have a working reserve of articles that have been published online but not assigned to an issue, to allow us to group articles thematically, and solicit editorials to synthesise the key messages from these issues. These editorials are free to access and serve to highlight the work published in the journal.

The journal will, of course, continue to evolve and innovate. One innovation introduced this year is format-free submission, allowing authors to submit their work without having to follow the journal’s formatting guidelines. That is deferred until they are invited to submit a revision, at which point eventual acceptance is more likely (if not entirely guaranteed!). This has proved popular, although of course we do still ask authors to submit manuscript that are sufficiently well formatted and clearly presented. Our goal is to reduce the burden on authors and allow for rapid peer review.

We are also very aware of the extent to which we rely on the service of our community to support the journal – the authors, reviewers and editors who offer their time to allow us to consider and publish work that is valuable to our community. This is hugely appreciated, and we are constantly looking for ways to streamline the process and reduce the associated burden. As part of this, we are unfortunately having to decline much submitted work before sending it for review, on the basis that having work that is ultimately very unlikely to be competitive reviewed simply adds to that burden on our community.

This unfortunately means disappointing many authors – particularly given that this has become more common as we received more submissions and consequently have to decline more work (although we have this year increased our page budget, which allows us to accept more of the work we receive for consideration). However, our hope is that by providing a timely decision (albeit a disappointing one) this will allow authors to more rapidly find an alternative outlet for their work. And by allowing format-free submission we remove the need for onerous editing for journal style prior to submission.

The journal serves, and is supported by, our community. On the back of a year that has been incredibly difficult – personally and professionally – for all of us, I would like to simply offer my gratitude for all of the support this community has provided.
The year 2020 has been a challenging year for members of the SRNT-E society as for everybody. After an enthusiastic start, many exciting projects, including a conference we were very much looking forward to organising in Lausanne, we were stopped in our tracks by the COVID-19 pandemic. First, we had to respond quickly to the health and then logistical challenges posed by this pandemic.

As a medical doctor, for example, I felt a rather special feeling, which could be similar to the feeling one gets when a second child is born. Apart from the immense joy that a birth brings (which of course did not accompany the arrival of the virus) many other elements were present: sleepless nights, fatigue, the impression that nothing is taken for granted, that there is no longer any certainty, that you have to reinvent yourself without ceasing… The other feeling was also guilt, the impression of having to abandon certain important missions to respond to others, more urgent. However, there have also been positive initiatives associated with this new situation. Newly fields of research have been discovered (or re-discovered) for example to understand the role of cigarettes and nicotine in COVID-19, or reflections on the global impact of the pandemic in relation to smoking prevention, etc.

Even though we have probably all experienced this pandemic in different ways, we have tried to stay the course at SRNT-E thanks in particular to the involvement of all the members of the board and the investment and regularity of our virtual meetings. The board continued its activities to update and develop the SOPs, maintain our new website and communicate with other scientific organizations, particularly FENS.

An important challenge was to organise the September 2020 conference (which should have been held in Lausanne in person), at short notice, in virtual format. Thanks to the impressive investment and agility of its chair, Sharon Cox, with the support of the board, in particular its president Lion Shahab, but also other members, this event could take place virtually from 18 to 19 September 2020. This event brought together 270 people (including more than 100 students), quality conferences were attended and the feedback was favorable.

Regarding the SRNT-E board organisation, we said goodbye (for a while) to Mirte Kuipers, who has held the position of communication officer for … years. She has been replaced by Olivia Maynard whom we welcomed with pleasure. Mirte is still back on the board to replace Olivia during her maternity leave and we thank her for her availability. The outgoing president, Daniel Kotz, has left us after a rich mandate and has been replaced by Felix Naughton, Senior Lecturer in Health Psychology and co-lead of the Addiction Research Group, School of Health Sciences, University of East Anglia, United Kingdom.

On the financial side, we are continuing with a positive balance sheet. The virtual conference was offered at a low cost and did not allow for any significant profit, but we remain with a positive balance sheet that allows us to look to the future with serenity. This includes holding funds in reserve to ensure the financial health and long-term stability of the chapter. We have also obtained government funding for the 2021 annual congress, which allows us to offer a conference at an affordable price that is suitable and accessible for younger people or people from low income countries, while remaining independent from industry funding.

The year 2021 still promises to be full of surprises and uncertainty, which is why we have decided to organise the 2021 conference again in virtual format. It will be held from 15 to 17 September 2021 virtually and will be organised by Lausanne, which will try to give it a local flavour (the virtual cheese fondue may be the highlight, so be prepared!). Under the banner ‘Innovative Solutions to an Old Problem’ we aim to offer you a quality programme, stay tuned.
SRNT Europe
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Like a family, we are ready to face the challenges of the coming year together. We want to continue our mission, which is to advance our understanding of nicotine and tobacco with the ultimate goal of reducing the harms associated with the use of these products. We want to continue to put science and knowledge creation at the center of our concerns, to stimulate the next generation, and to share our passion.

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

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President

Felix Naughton
President-elect

Lion Shahab
Past President

Ute Mons
Secretary

Lynne Dawkins
Treasurer

Gemma Taylor
Communications Officer

Caitlin Notley
SRNT Representative for Europe

Marcus Munafo
Honorary Secretary
The Society for Research on Nicotine and Tobacco-Oceania (SRNT-O) launched just a year-and-a-half ago in Sydney and is still a very young Chapter. Nevertheless, we believe we are already making a meaningful contribution to the broader SRNT community and having an impact through our collective voice and research findings.

A key theme emerging from our work to date at SRNT-O is that of indigenous research. We have ideas about who does it and how it should be conceived, conducted, and the results framed and communicated. As a Chapter, we are united in our passion to grow the indigenous research workforce and in respectfully engaging indigenous communities as partners, not merely participants, in our research.

Michelle Bovill led work in this area in 2020 that will inform our guidance going forward, on the acknowledgement of and adherence to ethical principles and conduct in respect to Indigenous peoples and communities across Oceania. We are keen to share these and other perspectives with the other parts of SRNT via a series of webinars in 2021. The first will be on Indigenous Data Sovereignty and another will follow on the issues and challenges for Pacific communities.

With borders closed and intermittent lockdowns throughout our region during 2020, face to face meetings have not been possible between countries. Accordingly, we experimented with webinars. Our first, in late November, was led by Caspar Hitchens from the University of Auckland, on applying for NIH grant funding for non-US applicants and was well attended.

How should our researchers interact with the tobacco industry? This is another question that we worked on in 2020. A survey of our membership indicated strong support for a policy of non-engagement. The tobacco industry continues to promote its products in our region, with devastating consequences, in particular for indigenous peoples. This concern has informed our regional stance and advocacy to the journal and SRNT Board.

I want to acknowledge our wonderful board members, who reflect the diversity of the region. As of February 2021, SRNT-O Board members are Chris Bullen, President; Billie Bonevski, Immediate Past President; Megan Passey, Secretary (replacing Coral Gartner); Ratika Kumar and Melissa Jackson Communications Officers, Raglan Maddox, Membership Officer; Michelle Bovill, Indigenous Australian member; Heather Gifford, Indigenous New Zealand member; and Dan Tautolo, Pacific Member. We thank Coral Gartner and Natalie Walker, who both stepped off the Board at the end of 2020, for their huge contributions to getting SRNT-Oceania off the ground. Finally, I thank SRNT for such generous support of our fledgling Oceania Chapter. We hope to continue to grow in influence and visibility to the wider SRNT community in 2021.
Adolescent Network
Network Co-Chairs: Alexandra Loukas, PhD and Amanda Quisenberry, PhD
No. of Members: 332

The Adolescent Network was established in 2015. At the annual meeting in 2021 our leadership team will transition, with Dr. Alexandra Loukas rotating off after 3 years of service as co-Chair. The AC is in the process of nominating a new co-Chair to serve as 3-year term with Dr. Quisenberry remaining in the co-Chair role.

Our 11 member AC has been actively engaged over the past year, meeting monthly via videoconference to plan activities and report on progress. In addition to the two Chairs, AC members include: Drs. Rachel Cassidy, Julia Chen-Sankey, Yvonne Prutzman, John Lee, Sharon Lipperman-Kreda, Jenny Ross, Kathleen Garrison and Erin Sutfin. The final AC member is our Network Operations Coordinator, Deepti Agarwal, who facilitates the work of the AC and its subcommittees. Subcommittees meet separately and report progress at each AC meeting. Our four subcommittees currently include:

1. Communications: Rachel Cassidy (Chair); Erin Miller Lo, Abdullah Alanazi
2. Education/Training: Sharon Lipperman-Kreda (Chair); Suchitra Krishnan-Sarin, Laura MacPherson, Georges Khalil, Kate Flint, Megan Roberts
3. Annual Meeting/Program: Kathleen Garrison and Erin Sutfin (Chairs); Janet Hoek, Jessica Rath, Rachel Grana Mayne, Suzanne Colby, Yvonne Prutzman
4. Membership: Julia Chen-Sankey and John Lee (Chair), Jenny Ross (incoming Co-chair)

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 subcommittee continued to post recent publications of relevance to our members on the listserv. Subcommittee members continue to facilitate listserv interactions among our members.

NETWORK NEWSLETTERS
The network develops and distributes newsletters on a quarterly basis. Included in the newsletters are recent adolescent and young adult focused papers, interviews with members, and highlights of network activities. Our next newsletter will be disseminated shortly before the annual meeting and will highlight conference activities focused on adolescents and youth.

NETWORK WEBINARS
The network planned 2 webinars, one of which was scheduled for June 9th, 2020. Both, however, were postponed due to the COVID-19 pandemic. One of the webinars, entitled “Measuring E-Cigarette Use in Young People” is scheduled now for February 10, 2021.

NETWORK PRE-CONFERENCE WORKSHOPS
We organized our fourth pre-conference workshop for the 2020 annual meeting, entitled “Advancing the Science of Youth Cessation: Treatment Strategies and Research Needs.” Due to COVID-19, the workshop was held with speakers presenting remotely while participants at the meeting were in the room. Despite lower numbers of onsite participants, the pre-conference was still relatively well attended. Slides were shared with those who registered but could not attend the event. We organized our fifth pre-conference workshop for the 2021 annual meeting, entitled “The Impact of COVID-19 on Adolescent and Young Adult Tobacco Use Behaviors: Implications for Surveillance, Intervention, and Regulation.” Due to changes for the SRNT schedule due to COVID-19, this workshop was also cancelled. Instead, we have rescheduled the workshop as a SRNT Virtual Event that will take place March 25, 2021.

NETWORK-SPONSORED SYMPOSIA
The Network sponsored a session at the 2020 annual meeting titled “Understanding Tobacco Use Patterns and Determinants in Sexual and Gender Minority Youth”.

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

NETWORK POSTER TOUR
We planned to hold our second annual poster tour at the 2020 annual meeting, but this was canceled due to COVID-19. The guidelines have been shared with other networks who may want to implement a similar program. We are currently considering options for holding a poster tour or similar in the virtual format for SRNT 2021.

NETWORK MEMBERSHIP
The membership subcommittees revised the network’s membership guidelines related to the terms of service and the nomination process of new subcommittee members. We also successfully recruited two new AC members (Drs. Jennifer Ross and Rachel Grana) and helped facilitate the transition of the network’s leadership.

NETWORK SPOTLIGHT INTERVIEWS
This year, the membership subcommittee managed two member spotlight interviews featuring Drs. Meghan Moran and Erin McClure.
Basic Science Network
Network Co-Chairs: Sven-Eric Jordt, PhD and Brandon Henderson, PhD
No. of Members: 210

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

ADMINISTRATIVE STRUCTURE
In 2020, Drs. Sven-Eric Jordt and Brandon Henderson continue to as Co-Chairs of the BSN Network. Theresa Patten stepped down following the 2020 SRNT Annual Meeting and Skylar Cooper began to serve as the Operations Coordinator for the BSN. The members of our Advisory Committee are: Adriaan Bruijnzeel, PhDM; Imad Damaj, PhD; Valeria Lallai, PhD; Rick Bevins, PhD; Shannon Kozlovich, PhD; Melissa Herman (PhD), Merideth Addicott, PhD; and Sairam Jabba, DVM, PhD. Drs. Herman and Addicott are new additions to the Advisory Committee in 2020.

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

WEBINARS
In 2020, the BSN sponsored a Basic Science Webinar:
- Cigarette Smoke Exposure and Inflammatory Signaling Increase the Expression of the SARS-CoV-2 Receptor ACE2. Presented by Dr. Jason Sheltzer (Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory).

SRNT 2020 ANNUAL MEETING SYMPOSIA SUBMISSIONS
The BSN network submitted multiple symposia for the 2020 Annual Meeting and 3 were presented at the 2020 annual meeting despite numerous presenters being restricted due to institution-mandated travel restrictions:
1. Beyond the ‘Lock and Key’ Conceptualization of Nicotinic Signaling: Novel Modulators of Nicotinic Receptors. Presenters, Henry Lester (Caltech), Paul Whiteaker (Barrow Neurological Institute), Christie Fowler (UC Irvine), Julie Miwa (Lehigh University).
3. Advancing our Understanding of Understanding of Nicotine Self-Administration (Paper Session)

WEBSITE
Content is continually updated by the BSN. We are currently working on how we should update the website to better communicate with BSN members and reflect the interests and activities of the network. In keeping pace with the growth among younger BSN members, much of our efforts have shifted to social media (primarily Facebook and Twitter). Chiefly, we intend to update the website to maintain records of critical papers for the field and upcoming training/webinar events.

NICOTINE TOBACCO RESEARCH SPECIAL ISSUE FOR 2021
The BSN is sponsoring a special issue in Nicotine and Tobacco Research focused on Poly-drug use involving nicotine and tobacco. Drs. Sven-Eric Jordt, Imad Damaj, and Jill Turner will be serving as guest editors. Currently, the submission deadline for this special issue is May 2021.

Link for special issue.

CHANGE IN COMMITTEE MEMBERS
Change in Advisory Committee:
Drs. Melissa Herman and Merideth Addicott were added to the Advisory Committee in 2020.

New BSN Coordinator:
Theresa Patten stepped down at the culmination of the 2020 annual meeting. Our new operations coordinator is Skylar Cooper.

UPCOMING EVENTS FOR 2021 - 2022
- Bi-monthly Network Newsletters
- Basic Scientist Spotlight
- SRNT Journal Club Meetings in Collaboration with the Trainee Network
- Professional Development Initiatives in Collaboration with the Trainee Network
- Virtual Event: Flavors in Tobacco Products: Basic Science Approaches Examining Chemistry, Toxicology and Disparities in Nicotine Self-Administration
- Webinars: Potential topics: Juul; Smoking, vaping & Covid-19

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Genetics & Omics Network
Network Chairs: Laurie Zawertailo, PhD and Li-Shiun Chen, MD, MPH, ScD
No. of Members: 139

OVERVIEW
The goal of the SRNT Genetics and Omics Network is to capture the broader spectrum of clinical and translational omics research represented in our field. Our network has had a dynamic year that has generated several transdisciplinary and collaborative products in 2019. The Genetics and Omics Network is continuing to grow its membership and recruiting additional new leaders and young investigators, while promoting cross-collaborations with other networks.

LEADERSHIP
The leadership of the Genetics and Omics Network has transitioned in 2019 with Laurie Zawertailo and Li-Shiun Chen as Co-Chairs and Yadira Pérez Páramo as Operations Coordinator. Dr. Perez completed her training and resigned earlier this year. Dr. Zawertailo tendered her resignation at the end of January 2021. Replacements have not yet been named. Dr. Chen plans to step down in 2021 and we need to identify next leaders.

2020-2021 PROGRESS
1. Pre-Conference Workshop: Our network was also scheduled to host a pre-conference workshop at the 2030 Annual Meeting entitled 'Polygenic Risk Scores for tobacco dependence and treatment: Promises and Pitfalls.' Unfortunately, this workshop needed to be cancelled due to widespread COVID-related travel restrictions imposed by many academic institutions. The aim of the workshop was to synthesize the current state of knowledge regarding the use of polygenic risk scores in prediction and treatment of tobacco dependence and will discuss potential future research topics to inform evidence-based tobacco treatment guidelines for eventual implementation into clinical practice. This workshop will outline both the pros and cons of PRS based on current research evidence. The workshop will include presentations and discussion on the following: A) Etiology and PRS. We will describe and summarize current state of knowledge regarding PRS for predicting smoking behaviours (with talks by Drs. Robyn Wootten, Scott Vrieze, and Ramina Sotoudeh) and nicotine metabolism (with talks by Drs Andrew Bergen and James Baurley ). B) PRS x environment interactions and how PRS can be used to reveal causal pathways to tobacco dependence and potential relationships to co-morbid conditions (with talks by Drs Laura Bierut and Lauren Schmitz). C) PRS as a prognostic indicator and to guide treatment. We will present evidence synthesis regarding polygenic risk prediction for smoking cessation (with presentations by Drs Li-Shiun Chen and Laurie Zawertailo). D) Finally, this workshop will conclude with an expert panel made up of both researchers and clinicians to discuss the challenges of advancing translation PRS into clinical practice for tobacco treatment. Led by panelists Drs. Blanco, Tindle and David, the panel will address: 1) how to conduct impactful research, 2) what works in the real healthcare system, 3) translational research, and 4) proactive regulation in the era of precision medicine.

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

3. Conference Symposium: The SRNT Genetics and Omics Network will host a symposium at the 2021 Annual Meeting still entitled “BIOMARKERS FOR TOBACCO DEPENDENCE AND TREATMENT: PROMISE AND PITFALLS”. This symposium aims to synthesize the current state of knowledge regarding the use of biomarkers in prediction, treatment of tobacco dependence and future research topics.
to inform evidence-based tobacco treatment guidelines for eventual implementation into clinical practice. Building the foundation for precision medicine, we propose a symposium that focuses on the potential role of biomarkers in improving patient care and tobacco treatment outcomes. The limited efficacy of “one-size-fits-all” pharmacotherapies for smoking cessation necessitates development of predictive biomarkers that might better match the right drug for the right patient at the right time and duration – and thereby enhance therapeutic efficacy. Furthermore, with the current understanding of the multigenic nature of tobacco dependence, polygenic risk scores (PRS) has the potential to both predict disease risk, including associated co-morbidities and other traits, as well as act as a biomarker. Genomic techniques that allow for the calculation of PRS are becoming increasingly widely available and affordable. However, while biomarkers including PRS holds great promise in advancing our understanding of the etiology of tobacco dependence and treatment, there are pitfalls to be aware of. This symposium will outline both the pros and cons of biomarkers based on current research evidence. The symposium will include: A) Phenx and biomarkers. Dr. Bierut will describe and summarize current state of knowledge inform Phenx for predicting smoking behaviours and treatment outcomes. B) Smoking cessation and use of biomarkers. Dr. Zawertailo will present how biomarkers are used in smoking cessation trials evaluate severity and outcomes. C) Dr. Chen will discuss use of genetic markers and PRS as a prognostic indicator and a possible decision guide for treatment. D) Dr. Benowitz will discuss biomarkers and their utility for tobacco treatment and researching etiologic pathways. Finally, this symposium will conclude with an expert discussant. Dr. Kay Wanke will discuss the opportunities and challenges of advancing translation biomarkers into clinical practice for tobacco treatment. Learning Objectives: This symposium aims to synthesize 2) the current state of knowledge regarding the use of biomarkers in prediction, 2) treatment of tobacco dependence and 3) future research topics to inform evidence-based tobacco treatment guidelines for eventual implementation into clinical practice.

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

- Continue to collaborate with other networks, recruit young investigators, and mentor future network leaders.
- Publish a concept paper entitled ‘Roadmap to precision smoking cessation: patients, providers, guidelines, and more’ that also highlights our recent workshop discussion points and horizon scanning for the field.
- Leverage the collaborative research relationships within our network to foster research projects, team science, and grant generation.
- Liaise with the SRNT-U leadership to promote dissemination of educational products for the Society.
Global Research Network
Network Chairs: Irina Stepanov, PhD, and Monika Arora, PhD
No. of Members: 315

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

LEADERSHIP STRUCTURE

Co-Chairs
Current co-chairs are Irina Stepanov, who began serving in this capacity in 2019, and Monika Arora, who stepped in as co-chair in 2020.

Advisory Committee
The GRN Advisory Committee includes representatives from major regions around the world. In 2019, our Advisory Board consisted of 8 members, including Ryan Kennedy, Frank Chaloupka, Carla Berg, Scott McIntosh (who joined the AC after stepping down as the GRN co-chair), Radha Shukla (joined in 2020), Geoff Fong (joined in 2020), Mira Aghi (joined in 2020), and Chris Bullen (joined in 2020).

Subcommittees
Activities of the GRN are facilitated through four subcommittees with strong leadership:
- Education (Chair: Ryan Kennedy)
- Assessment (Chair: Scott McIntosh)
- Communications (Chair: Radha Shukla)

Network Coordinator
Aleksandra Alcheva stepped in as the Network Coordinator in 2020. She has been involved with GRN as the Education Subcommittee coordinator before operations in 2019: Thulasee (Tulsi) Jose and Irene Pericot-Valverde.

NETWORK MEETINGS
Over the past year, we had one network-wide web conference meeting in the Spring. It was decided that the full-membership meetings will occur once a year, at Annual SRNT Meetings, and newsletters and email communications will serve as a way to stay connected throughout the year.

We had two meetings of the Advisory Committee to discuss the activities, future goals, and potential virtual events of the network. The GRN co-chairs communicated regularly throughout the year to discuss specific issues related to the network operations.

The full-membership GRN meeting will take place via Zoom in March 2021. We will review our annual progress report and discuss on-going and new initiatives and ideas to increase the vibrancy and visibility of our network.

NETWORK COMMUNICATIONS

Newsletters
The Communications Subcommittee continued to disseminate newsletters to SRNT members. The newsletter includes information about the GRN spotlight, webinars and other activities of the GRN, announcements, opportunities to engage with the network and recent NTR publications related to global health. The newsletter has also added a publication highlight section to feature a relevant global article or study in the field of nicotine and tobacco.

GRN Spotlight
Last year, we featured two GRN spotlight members (Aleksandra Alcheva and Thulasee Jose). The spotlight now also highlights the views of the nominee related to SRNT, GRN and their contribution towards nicotine and tobacco research. Furthermore, the subcommittee has simplified the nomination process by requesting applications via email and further, contacting the nominees for their input.

Global Publication Highlight
This is a new addition to the newsletter. Previously, we featured Prof. Geoffrey Fong’s commentary on the importance of smoking reduction in China and its relevance to COVID-19 and Prof. Kamran Siddiqi’s study on estimates of smokeless tobacco disease burden. The subcommittee reaches out to network members for their contribution towards this element of the newsletter.

Website
The Communications Subcommittee is in the process of 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.
WEBINARS AND WORKSHOPS

SRNT 2020 GRN pre-Conference Workshop: Research Methodologies in the Context of Global Tobacco Research: Challenges and the Importance of Harmonization

The workshop was targeted towards new and established investigators involved in a broad range of international tobacco research, from laboratory science to behavioral, surveillance, and intervention studies. Despite the limited in-person participation due to COVID-19 pandemic, the workshop was well attended, panelists were able to arrange and deliver in-person and virtual presentations, and attendees actively participated in the discussions. GRN workshop was a success.

Webinar: The impact of COVID-19 pandemic on global tobacco research

On September 4, 2020 the GRN hosted a webinar titled "The Impact of COVID-19 Pandemic on Tobacco Research in Global Settings". The webinar presented examples of how the pandemic and the measures to slow its spread have affected the ability to conduct tobacco research studies in global settings. Dr. Geoffrey Fong (University of Waterloo) presented preliminary data from the International Tobacco Control Policy Evaluation Project (ITC) surveys of adult smokers and e-cigarette users across Canada, United States, England, and Australia. Dr. Carla Berg (George Washington University) presented on her research program in the Republic of Georgia and Armenia. Dr. Samir Khariwala (University of Minnesota) discussed his experience with tobacco research capacity building efforts in India. Dr. Irina Stepanov, GRN co-Chair, made concluding remarks and led a discussion. The webinar content will be available on SRNT-U.

SRNT 2021 GRN Workshop: Global Nicotine and Tobacco research in the era of COVID-19

GRN proposed a workshop to be included in the SRNT 2021 Annual Meeting program. Due to the all-virtual format of the meeting, the workshop will take place in late spring of 2021. The workshop will be co-chaired by Drs. Geoffrey Fong (University of Waterloo) and Chris Bullen (University of Auckland), with additional panelists being Drs. Irina Stepanov (University of Minnesota), Monika Arora (Public Health Foundation of India), and Ryan Kennedy (Johns Hopkins University). Using examples from on-going global efforts, the workshop will present and discuss various aspects of nicotine and tobacco research lifecycle, from building capacity for laboratory and clinical/intervention research, to surveillance and data dissemination.

OUTREACH

The GRN plans to continue developing partnerships with other global tobacco control stakeholder organizations to increase the visibility of SRNT as an asset for LMIC researchers and practitioners. We are also planning to actively promote SRNT-U by including informational materials in the conference presentations.
Health Disparities Network  
Network Chairs: Kelvin Choi, PhD, MPH and Christi Patten, PhD  
No. of Members: 552

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

ADVISORY COMMITTEE STRUCTURE  
Co-chairs:  
- Kelvin Choi, PhD, MPH, National Institute on Minority Health and Health Disparities  
- Christi Patten, PhD, Mayo Clinic

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

PROGRAM SUBCOMMITTEE  
Co-chairs:  
- Juliet Lee, PhD, Pacific Institute for Research and Evaluation  
- Shyanika Rose, PhD, MA, University of Kentucky College of Medicine  
- Jennifer Cantrell, DrPH, MPA, New York University

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

Operations Coordinator:  
- Sarah Cha, MSPH, The Truth Initiative

SCHOLARSHIP & DEVELOPMENT SUBCOMMITTEE  
Co-chairs:  
- Jennifer Unger, PhD, University of Southern California  
- Minal Patel, PhD, The Truth Initiative Schroeder Institute

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

EVALUATION SUBCOMMITTEE  
Co-chairs:  
- Andy Tan, PhD, University of Pennsylvania  
- Yessenia Castro, PhD, University of Texas, Austin

Operations Coordinator:  
- Danielle Davis, MS, University of Vermont

2020 NETWORK GOALS  
1. Advisory Committee  
   - Advocate for health equity
2. Program subcommittee  
   - Organize two webinars on intersectionality  
   - Facilitate SRNT symposium and pre-conference workshop submissions
3. Scholarship & Development subcommittee  
   - Administer the Health Disparities Network Travel Scholarship  
   - Administer the It’s Just Coffee mentoring program  
   - Organize the Travel Scholar Award Ceremony at the 2021 annual meeting
4. Evaluation subcommittee  
   - Evaluate the impact of pre-conference workshops

ORGANIZATIONAL ADVOCACY AND SUPPORT  
2020 was a challenging year. In January 2020, the World Health Organization confirmed the outbreak of a novel coronavirus, SARS-CoV-2, that causes COVID-19 in China. The virus quickly spread to the rest of the world, with the first confirmed case in the US on January 21, 2020. As of January 28, 2021, the COVID-19 pandemic has resulted in more than 101 million cases and 2 million deaths worldwide, and disproportionately affected racial/ethnic minority and disadvantaged populations across the globe. On May 25, 2020, the killing of George Floyd by law enforcements, and other racial injustices that occurred since then revealed the persistent social injustice in the society. As a Network, we engaged in several activities to support our members and advocate for health equity.

SRNT ANTI-RACISM STATEMENT  
In response to social injustice issues including, the killing of George Floyd, the Network collaborated with the SRNT Board to create an SRNT statement on anti-racism. The statement highlighted the solidarity of our Network with communities and SRNT members affected by racism. It also included research to inform actions that the Network recommended for members and the Society to consider implementing. The Network also developed resources which are posted along with the statement on the SRNT website (https://www.srnt.org/page/positions).
SRNT POSITION ON US HEALTHCARE RIGHTS LAW
In 2020, the US Department of Health and Human Services enacted an executive order to remove nondiscrimination protections for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer/questioning (LGBTQ) individuals under Section 1557 of the Affordable Care Act. A group of proactive Network members facilitated the development and dissemination of an SRNT position on this executive order along with resources that included an infographic; both are posted on the SRNT website (https://www.srnt.org/page/positions). The statement highlighted SRNT shared values, including respect for the worth and dignity of individuals, inclusiveness and social justice, respect for pluralism and diversity, and respect for all persons, regardless of race, religion, gender, sexual orientation, abilities, age or national origin. The statement emphasized the SRNT belief that the HHS regulations to weaken nondiscrimination provisions in Section 1557 are inconsistent with the Society’s core mission and shared values and widen tobacco-related health disparities among vulnerable populations, including LGBTQ individuals. We thank the group of Network members, led by Dr. Andy Tan, for this important effort.

SUPPORTING NETWORK MEMBERS’ COVID-19 RELATED RESEARCH
The COVID-19 pandemic prevented many of Network members from attending the SRNT 2020 Annual Meeting, and also interrupted many research projects conducted by members. On March 15, 2020, the Advisory Committee sent out an email to acknowledge this missed opportunity, and informed Network members on our plans for the remainder of 2020 given the pandemic. We subsequently provided information to support our members related to survey items that could be used to study the impact of COVID-19 pandemic on tobacco use and disadvantaged populations. In May 2020, the Network created and updated 2 online inventories (funding and measures resources) to facilitate research on COVID-19 and tobacco use disparities.

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

Program Subcommittee Report
Goal #1: Organize two webinars on intersectionality

Webinar #1: Applying Intersectionality to Achieve Health Equity for Marginalized Groups
• Date: June 30, 2020
• Presenters:
  • Dr. Tres Hinds
  • Dr. Pebbles Fagan
  • Julian Collins
  • Dr. Philip Smith
  • Co-hosts: Drs. Andy Tan, Philip Smith
  • Discussant: Dr. Juliet Lee
• Outcomes:
  • The webinar was originally accepted as a preconference workshop for SRNT 2020 Annual Meeting but was cancel due to COVID-19 pandemic affecting the travel of many speakers. Dr. Andy Tan and Dr. Philip Smith led the effort in converting the preconference workshop into a two-part webinar series. Over 120 attendees joined this webinar.
  • The attendees were invited to anonymously contribute to a document proposing actionable ways for SRNT and the broader nicotine and tobacco research community to act on issues of power dynamics and representation which are raised in intersectional approaches: https://drive.google.com/file/d/1ZqtQm7Ou9XpTrRj1b4jBnpYVQ68t9zs/view?usp=sharing
  • The Network co-chairs shared these comments with the SRNT president and requested a discussion with the SRNT Board for actions. The president replied that these issues would be discussed as part of the SRNT 2025 strategic planning. Subsequently, and following nationwide calls for racial justice, SRNT appointed a Racial Equity Task Force which includes Network co-chair Dr. Kelvin Choi and advisory committee member Dr. Yessenia Castro.
  • Since some of these comments were related to the Annual Meeting, they were also shared with the SRNT 2021 Annual Meeting Program Chairs for consideration during program planning.
  • The webinar is now available to members on SRNT-U.

Webinar #2: Applying Intersectionality to Achieve Health Equity for Marginalized Groups: Research and Practice Implications
• Date: September 24, 2020
• Presenters:
  • Dr. Tamar Antin
  • Dr. Andy Tan
  • Drs. Christine Sheffer and Jamie Ostroff
  • Dr. Pebbles Fagan
  • Co-hosts: Drs. Philip Smith and Andy Tan
  • Discussant: Dr. Philip Smith
• Outcomes:
  • This webinar was Part 2 of the previous planned SRNT 2020 Annual Meeting preconference workshop. It served as a forum to discuss the importance of and the practical challenges with incorporating an intersectional framework into tobacco-
related research and clinical and public health practice. The webinar was joined by 56 participants.

- The webinar will be uploaded to SRNT-U to be available to members at a later date.

Goal #2: Facilitate SRNT 2020 symposium and pre-conference workshop submissions

The Program Subcommittee co-chairs hosted a program call on June 26, 2020 to coordinate submissions. Several ideas were proposed and discussed. Two symposia submissions were submitted (“COVID-19 and impact on tobacco use behavior”—submitted by Dr. Jin Kim-Mozeleski; and “Culturally tailored interventions for health equity”—submitted by Dr. Dana Carroll) and one pre-conference submission (“Racial equity and social justice: An open conversation about the past, the present, and the future”—submitted by Dr. Kelvin Choi). The Network also jointly sponsored a preconference workshop with the Policy Research Network, titled “Spatial analysis of tobacco retailers: Implications for regulation and reducing disparities.”

The “Culturally tailored interventions for health equity” symposium submission was accepted as a symposium at the SRNT 2021 Annual Meeting. The “COVID-19 and impact on tobacco use behavior” symposium was not accepted, but several of the segments were accepted as individual poster presentations. Because SRNT 2021 Annual Meeting will be entirely virtual, SRNT decided not to hold any preconference workshop. Alternatively, SRNT invited the Network to convert our preconference workshop into a preconference event to be held on February 17, 2021.

Additionally, the Network led an effort to update and expand the health equity related keywords used for abstract submission to the SRNT 2021 Annual Meeting.

SCHOLARSHIP & DEVELOPMENT SUBCOMMITTEE REPORT

Goal #1: Health Disparities Network Travel Scholarship

For the 14th year in a row, the subcommittee led the 2020 Health Disparities Network Travel Scholarship Program. The program provided funding for early career investigators working in health disparities research or from an underrepresented population to travel to the SRNT annual meetings and was generously supported by, SRNT, the Truth Initiative and the Oklahoma Tobacco Research Center at the Stephenson Cancer Center. We received 36 applications and worked with 24 reviewers to evaluate the applications to select high-quality, early-career scholars for these awards. Through this rigorous selection process, 13 scholars were selected and supported by the Scholarship to attend the 2020 SRNT Annual Meeting. Unfortunately, because of the COVID-19 related travel restriction imposed by some institutions, not all scholars were able to attend the meeting. We appreciate that SRNT waived the membership fee for all new scholars and the conference registration fees for all scholars. Due to the pandemic, it was unclear what SRNT 2021 would look like. The committee hosted an information session via Zoom on June 4 2020, which was recorded and uploaded to SRNT-U, 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. Unfortunately, due to the pandemic and the virtual meeting format, we were unable to secure funding for travel scholarships for SRNT 2021 Annual Meeting. We hope to bring the Health Disparities Travel Scholarship back in future years.

Goal #2: The It’s Just Coffee mentoring program

This professional development program facilitates meetings between senior and junior investigators during the SRNT annual meetings. The committee recruited mentors and paired them with junior researchers within the Network to meet in person during the 2020 SRNT Annual Meeting. However, these mentoring meetings were interrupted by the pandemic.

At the time of this report, the co-chairs and operations coordinators of the subcommittee are organizing the program for the 2021 SRNT virtual annual meeting. The subcommittee is currently gathering offers of mentorship from senior SRNT members and plan to matched as many as possible with junior researchers. Each matched pair will schedule a virtual meeting on their own, and mentors will have a maximum of two mentees during the 2021 SRNT Annual Meeting.

Goal #3: The Travel Scholar Award Ceremony at the 2021 annual meeting

SRNT will be held virtually in 2021 and we will not be having a formal ceremony as the travel scholar award will not be distributed due to a lack of travel and funding.
EVALUATION SUBCOMMITTEE REPORT

Goal #1: Evaluate pre-conference workshops. The subcommittee developed a Pre-Conference Workshop Attendee Survey. This survey aims to evaluate the perceived impact of attendance at Network-sponsored SRNT pre-conference workshops on fostering health-disparities related collaborations and research among workshop attendees. We expect the brief survey will take about 10 minutes to complete. The information collected will be used to guide the Network’s planning of future workshops. The survey is completely voluntary. We have received ethics approval for this survey from the University of Texas at Austin (PI: Dr. Yessenia Castro). The next step is to obtain approval for the survey from SRNT and this is intended to be fielded between February-March 2021.

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 (bios, headshots) and travel scholarship information on the public page.

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

Research Spotlights
We continue to highlight, via email listserv and network webpage, the work of Network members who are advancing the field of tobacco-related health disparities through our quarterly Spotlight series. On May 6, 2020, we featured Dr. Virmarie Correa-Fernandez, whose research focuses on generating knowledge and evidence-based practices (EBP) that contribute to understanding and reducing tobacco-related and behavioral health disparities, particularly among Latinx ethnic groups. On June 24, 2020, we featured Jaimee L. Heffner, whose research focuses on testing new intervention approaches and using new methods to increase reach to improve quit rates among tobacco-related disparities populations. On September 15, 2020, we featured Dr. Julia Chen-Sankey, whose research focuses on the social and behavioral risk factors of tobacco use disparities among racial and ethnic minority populations. And, on November 17, 2020, we featured Dr. Anuja Majmundar whose research is at the intersection of data science and public health with a specific focus on youth vaping behaviors and tobacco regulatory science.

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 2020 a meaningful and 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. We also wish that all of you stay well and safe, and we will overcome this pandemic and strive for health equity, together.
Policy Research Network  
Network Co-chairs: Paula Keller, MPH and Olivia Maynard, PhD  
No. of Members: 458

The Policy Research Network's mission is to:
- Provide networking, educational and professional development opportunities for SRNT members working in the area of policy research.
- Provide guidance to the SRNT Board and committees as necessary to better inform programs and/or discussions that address policy research.
- Undertake projects that contribute to the evidence base on policy research.

LEADERSHIP
- Co-Chairs: Paula Keller, Olivia Maynard  
  Advisory Committee: Andrew Barnes, Richard Edwards, Martin Dockrell, Shannon Gravely, Sara Hitchman, Barbara Schillo, Elise Stevens  
  Education Subcommittee: Barbara Schillo (co-chair), Shannon Gravely (co-chair), Allison Glasser, Richard Edwards, Kristina Hunter-Mullis, David Colston, Pete Driezen, Janine Ouimet, Karin Kasza  
  Communications Subcommittee: Elise Stevens (chair), Emily Donovan, Minal Patel  
  SRNT-U liaison: Shannon Gravely  
  Operations Coordinator: Allison Glasser/Katie East

NETWORK ACTIVITIES
Network Management
- Held a full network meeting (in-person in New Orleans in March). During this meeting, we reported on our activities for the previous year, requested and received input from network members on their ideas for network activities, and recruited Advisory Committee and Subcommittee members.
- Held bimonthly Network Advisory Committee meetings to discuss emerging issues or opportunities, provide input into subcommittee activities, monitor progress and discuss ideas for the upcoming year.
- Began to implement SRNT’s recommendations for recruiting volunteers.
  - Recruited for multiple positions:
    - Recruited Allison Glasser to replace Olivia Maynard as Co-Chair.
    - Recruited Barbara Schillo and Shannon Gravely to serve as Education Subcommittee Co-Chairs.
    - Recruited Andrew Barnes, Richard Edwards, Martin Dockrell to serve as Advisory Committee members.
    - Recruited Katie East to replace Allison Glasser as Operations Coordinator.
    - Recruited Kristina Hunter-Mullis, David Colston, Pete Driezen, Janine Ouimet, Karin Kasza to serve on Education Subcommittee.
- Polled current Advisory Committee and Subcommittee members to assess ongoing interest in participating and to identify recruitment needs for 2021.

Education Subcommittee Activities
- Reviewed the Network’s member survey results (conducted in 2019) and identified priority educational topics for 2020.
- Held a webinar in May entitled “Emerging NonCombustible Nicotine and Tobacco Products: A Global Policy Perspective.” Since the Network canceled its planned 2020 conference symposium presentation because of the pandemic, we were pleased to be able to present it as a webinar. The webinar was recorded and is available at https://www.pathlms.com/srnt-u/courses/9496/sections/13430/video_presentations/160639
- Held a webinar in December entitled “Restricting the Sale of Menthol Tobacco Products: A Policy Evaluation Webinar.” There were 128 registrants. The webinar was recorded and will be posted on SRNT-U’s website.
- Coordinated the submission of a symposium proposal for the 2021 SRNT annual meeting entitled “Paving the Road with the Best Intentions Still Lead Us Here: (Negative) Unintended Consequences of Tobacco Regulatory Policies Across Products and Populations.” The symposium was accepted for presentation at the 2021 Annual Meeting.
- Coordinated the re-submission of our 2020 preconference workshop proposal for the 2021 Annual Meeting. This was not accepted for presentation.

Communications Subcommittee Activities
- Disseminated the Policy Research Network bulletin: Communications Subcommittee members Minal Patel and Emily Donovan prepared and circulated this monthly digest with policy-related information. As a network, we work to ensure that the bulletin’s content reflects activities across the world.
- Began an assessment of the Network’s bulletin to identify level of use and which sections are used most frequently.

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PLANNED 2021 ACTIVITIES

- Complete 2021 activity planning process with Advisory Committee in February. Preliminary ideas include improving and fostering diversity and inclusivity in Committee leadership, membership and activities; identifying ways to use technology to engage members and support networking; writing briefs to educate Network members about ways to translate their research to inform policymakers; working more closely with the Trainee Network to support early career researchers, and adding member spotlights to the Network newsletter. As plans are developed, identify ways to engage with other networks in planned activities.

- Recruit new Advisory Committee and Subcommittee members as needed.

- Identify and host at least one virtual education event for SRNT members.

- Propose a symposium and/or pre-conference workshop for the 2022 Annual Meeting. As part of this activity, assess whether there are opportunities to collaborate with other networks on these proposals.
The Trainee Network Advisory Committee (TNAC) has been actively working throughout 2020 to develop and plan programs offered to trainees throughout the year and during the virtual 2021 SRNT Conference. Our programs focus on increasing opportunities for professional development, collaboration, as well as consumption and dissemination of scientific knowledge. To facilitate these tasks, TNAC meets monthly via teleconference, and via e-mail and teleconference to discuss projects as needed. Our projects reflect our mission to support an emerging generation of tobacco scientists. We have focused on cross-network collaboration and increasing access to leaders in the field who provide mentoring on research, authorship, and grantsmanship.

ADMINISTRATIVE STRUCTURE
This year Maria Parker, PhD and Jesse Kosiba, PhD served as Co-Chairs. Suchitra Krishnan-Sarin, PhD served as our Senior Advisor/Co-Chair. Rachel Rosen served as our Network Operations Coordinator.

Our committee members for 2020 were:
• Allison Borges, Omar El-Shahawy, Asti Jackson, Nancy Jao, Juhan Lee, Matthew Olonoff, Carrie Rosario, and Rachel Rosen

COMMUNICATIONS
We have continued our e-mail communications with trainees throughout the year via the SRNT trainee listserv. We utilize this platform to distribute career development opportunities as well as promote SRNT trainee achievements that may include original articles or essays on topics relevant to career development, trainee awards, accomplishments, and research findings. We also produced and distributed our annual Trainee’s Guide to the Annual Meeting for our virtual 2021 conference.

MENTORSHIP MINUTE
The Trainee Network Continued the Mentorship Minute in collaboration with SRNT-University to feature professional career advice from leaders in the field of nicotine and tobacco research. Topics include grantsmanship, staying competitive on the job market, and developing new research questions, and managing professional work and research during the COVID crisis. Recordings of the interviews are available to members via SRNT-University.

2020 ANNUAL CONFERENCE EVENTS
• Mentored Poster Program: Our reoccurring Mentored Poster Program matches trainees with senior investigators to facilitate mentorship and networking at the annual meeting. A group of selected trainees presenting a first-authored poster is matched with a senior investigator, who provides feedback on the research study and presentation during the poster session. We continue to offer guidelines for trainees and mentors participating in this program to facilitate the interaction. This year we have identified mentees and mentors through the conference registration portal. This event occurs throughout the conference.
• Mentoring Roundtable: We will be continuing our successful Mentoring Roundtable event for its third installment. Mentors are selected from across the SRNT networks to participate in discussions and exchange ideas with trainees on current topics in the discipline, methods currently being used, publications of interest, and career paths of the investigators. This event occurs on Thursday evening.
• SRNT-U Workshop: We will be hosting didactic meeting originally developed as a preconference workshop entitled, “Mentorship and Establishing Collaborations for Early-Career Researchers: How Can You Leverage Your Career Options by Making the Right Decisions?” This event will cover important areas of professional development integral to early-career investigators. The presenters will highlight successful strategies that can be utilized over the course of a trainee’s career trajectory. Presenters will include:
  • Christie Fowler, PhD, Assistant Professor, Department of Neurobiology and Behavior, University of California, Irvine
  • Stephanie O’Malley, PhD, Professor of Psychiatry, Director of the Division of Substance Abuse Research, Yale University
  • Minal Patel, PhD, Director, Schroeder Institute, Truth Initiative
  • Scott Sherman, MD, Professor, Department of Population Health, Department of Medicine, and Department of Psychiatry, New York University Langone Medical Center
  • Andrea Villanti, PhD, Associate Professor, Department of Psychiatry and Psychology, University of Vermont
  • Emily Zale, PhD, Assistant Professor, Binghamton University, the State University of New York
ADMINSITRATIVE STRUCTURE

Advisory Committee
Treatment Research Network Advisory Committee Members in 2020 were Janice Blalock (co-chair), Andrea Weinberger (co-chair), Steven Bernstein, Erika Bloom, Michael Businelle, Audrey Darville, Stuart Ferguson, Darla Kendzor, and Anna-Marie Marshall (Operations Coordinator). The Treatment Research Network Advisory Committee continues to meet monthly to provide high-level guidance for all Treatment Research Network activities.

- Janice Blalock will end her term on the Advisory Committee in February 2021
- Michael Businelle will be the new Co-Chair for the Advisory Committee starting in February 2021
- Krysten Bold will be joining the Advisory Committee in February 2021

Treatment Research Network Subcommittee and working group members for 2020 were:

Subcommittees:
- Education Subcommittee: Jessica Cook (co-chair) and Virmane Correa-Fernández (co-chair). Jessica Cook will end her term on the Education Subcommittee in February 2021.
- Communications Subcommittee: Krysten Bold (chair), Erika Bloom, Sharon Cox, Audrey Darville, Omar Dogar, Jaimee Heffner, Eli Klemperer, Christine Sheffer, Gemma Taylor, and Sabrina Kastaun (Operations Coordinator). Audrey Darville will end her term on the Communications Subcommittee in February 2021.

Manuscript Working Groups:
- Reappraising Choice in Addiction: Novel Conceptualizations and Treatments for Tobacco Use Disorder. Amanda M. Palmer, PhD, Benjamin A. Toll, PhD, Matthew J. Carpenter, PhD, Eric C. Donny, PhD, Dorothy K. Hatsukami, PhD, Alana M. Rojewski, PhD, Tracy T. Smith, PhD, Mehmet Sofuoglu, MD, PhD, Johannes Thrul, PhD, Neal L. Benowitz, MD, PhD

Special Interest Groups:
Two special interest groups were active in 2020. A Facebook page has been established for each group.
1. SRNT mHealth Interest Group: Michael Businelle and Bryan Heckman (chairs), 108 Facebook members
2. SRNT Financial Incentives Interest Group: Darla Kendzor and Allison Kurti (chairs), 44 Facebook members

SRNT PRE-CONFERENCE WORKSHOP

The Treatment Research Network Advisory Committee sponsored the following pre-conference workshop at the 2020 SRNT Annual Meeting:
- mHealth Interventions for Tobacco Cessation: Engaging Diverse Users and Innovative Technologies. Presenters: Michael Businelle, PhD; Jennifer Cantrell, PhD; Ana Paula Cupertino, PhD; Gillian Gould, PhD; Emily Hebert, PhD; Jaimee Heffner, PhD; Darla Kendzor, PhD; Roger Vilardaga, PhD; Monica Webb Hooper, PhD. Moderators: Michelle Bovill, PhD; Francisco Cartujano-Barrera, MD; Lisa Sanderson Cox, PhD

COMMUNICATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE

The Communications Subcommittee focuses on building membership within the Treatment Research Network and using the Network Listserv and social media to share tobacco treatment-related content to members. Key 2020 activities included:
- Listserv communication: Continued to focus on sustaining engagement with the listserv. Subcommittee members encouraged communication by posting NTR treatment
related papers, other treatment-related papers published by network members, and questions to generate discussion.

- Social Media communication: SRNT Treatment Network twitter handle: @TreatmentSRNT, used for sharing posts related to tobacco treatment and new research. Maintaining a google doc with twitter handles and over 65 treatment network members have added their twitter handle.

- Continued Treatment Research Network Member Spotlights, to introduce and spotlight different treatment researchers. In 2020, three Treatment Research Network spotlights were completed which were sent out in the listserv and will be posted on the Treatment Research Network webpage.

EDUCATION SUBCOMMITTEE

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

Webinars:

- 2/25/20—Dr. Lorraine R. Reitzel & Mr. Bryce Kyburz: Taking Texas Tobacco Free: An Academic-Community Partnership to Increase the Implementation of Tobacco Dependence Treatment within Behavioral Health Settings Across Texas (Dr. Virmarie Correa-Fernández moderated).

- 10/22/20—Dr. Chris Kotsen and Dr. Diane Beneventi: Telehealth and Tobacco Dependence Treatment (Dr. Virmarie Correa-Fernández moderated).

- Scheduled for 03/2021—Dr. Grace Kong and Dr. Jessica Barrington-Trimis: E-Cigarette Use and Potential Treatment Approaches in Adolescents (Dr. Jessica Cook moderating)

PUBLISHED MANUSCRIPTS

The following manuscript was published this year by the 2020 working groups:


SERVICE

Members of the advisory committee provided support and content to SRNT-U.

PLANS FOR 2021

For the upcoming year, the Treatment Research Network will continue to provide educational webinars for the members and continue to sponsor papers relevant to treatment research. Additionally, the Treatment Research Network will continue to run 2 special interest groups as well as support the working groups which will work towards publishing manuscripts in 2021 and engaging likeminded members. The Treatment Research Network will continue to offer pre-conference workshops at the annual conference.