

Agenda: SPAN Leadership Committee/Training Core Leaders Teleconference

October 16, 2014 (1:00 – 2:30 p.m. Eastern Time)

Call Information:

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- **Introductions**
- **Annual Meeting**
 - **University of California-Berkeley, November 12-14, 2014, San Jose, CA**
 - Venue: <http://www.hayesmansion.com/>
 - Registration and Meeting Info: <http://www.srpannualemeeting.org/>
 - Updates from Bill Brockett and Berkeley Trainees
 - **Berkeley SPAN Leadership Committee Representatives** to serve as points of contact for other trainees to address questions pertaining to the trainee events scheduled at the meeting (badges at meeting will designate representatives).
 - Berkeley Trainees will be highlighted in the e-posted notes newsletter
 - Berkeley Trainees will be handling updates on Linked-In
 - **Name Badges:** will have SPAN Leadership Committee Member on them
 - UC Berkeley Trainees will have blue “ASK ME” ribbons on their badges
 - **Trainee Events**
 - **Wednesday, November 12**
 - 8:30 am Breakfast (separate dining area for Trainees Training Core Leaders)
 - 10:00 AM Welcome, Announcements
 - 10:30 AM “Career Panel: Stories from the Trenches”
 - a. For the career panel, early-career PhDs who could speak to real-world research applications.
 - b. Jay James will discuss bringing the sensor they developed with the UC Berkeley SRP to production: <http://picoyune.com/>
 - c. Kristin Robrock, a licensed civil engineer who works on environmental forensics and the effectiveness of remediation, will discuss her transition after graduation
http://www.exponent.com/kristin_robrock
 - d. Michele La Merrill, post-UNC graduation and her fellowship at Mt. Sinai, is an environmental toxicologist at UC Davis, will speak to remaining in the academia and institutional research
<http://www.caes.ucdavis.edu/about/directory/fsd/michele-la-merrill>
 - e. Still seeking a speaker who can address working in the policy arena (had hoped to get someone from EPA Region 9). The Committee has sent invitations to other potential speakers for this slot, but seeking suggestions for a transitioning graduate working with policy issues.
 - 12:00 AM Lunch
 - 01:00 PM “The Science of Communication: A Ph.D.’s Guide to Selling Your Skills and Yourself”
 - a. Peter Fiske, a nationally recognized author and speaker on the subject leadership and career development for scientists and

engineers. He has written extensively on this and has a regular column in Nature.

- 3:00PM Trainee Sessions Adjournal
- 3:30PM Trainees Join Main Meeting
- 3:45 PM Science Session 1: Results by SRP Trainees. Moderators: Andrea Knecht (OSU) and Thomas Bruton (Berkeley) - 12 min talks with 3 min for questions
 - a. 3:50 PM Jordan Bailey (Duke) – Using zebrafish to study neurobehavioral impairment caused by flame retardants
 - b. 4:05 PM Michael Petriello (Kentucky) – Anti-inflammatory properties of nitro-fatty acids
 - c. 4:20 PM Candace Spier Bever (UC Davis) -- Immunoassays for small molecules
 - d. 4:35 PM Linnea Anderson (Brown) -- Novel molecular biomarkers of testicular injury induced by environmental toxicants
 - e. 4:50 PM Daniel Gusenleitner (Boston) – Bioinformatics for predicting carcinogenicity
- 5:30 PM Poster Session/Poster Competition
 - a. First Poster Session and Reception (likely all posters will be accepted) There will be two poster sessions. Those assigned an odd number will stand by their posters from 5:30 to 6:45
- 7:00 PM Dinner for all participants onsite (arranged by UCB) with live bands and dancing afterwards
- **Thursday, November 13**
- 2:40 PMPM Wetterhahn Award Presentation (winner to be announced at meeting; 30 min seminar; 15 min questions) (Dr. Gwen Collman (NIEHS) to moderate)
- 5:30 PM Poster Session/Poster Competition and Reception
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- 7:00 PM Trainee dinner on-site; BBQ weather permitting or alternate indoor venue. \$20 cost payable on-site at the Registration Desk by noon on 11/13.
- 9:00 PM Pool/game room with bar available until midnight
- **Friday, November 14**
- 11:00 AM KC Donnelly Award Presentations (2013 Awardees) – 6 in total at 10 min each
 - a. Vanessa De La Rosa (Graduate Student at the UC Berkeley)
 - b. Audrey Bone (Graduate Student at Duke University)
 - c. James Rice (Post-Doctoral Research Associate at Brown University)
 - d. Leah Chibwe (Graduate Student at Oregon State University)
 - e. Shohreh Farzan (Post-Doctoral Researcher at Dartmouth)
 - f. Erin Madeen (Graduate Student at Oregon State University)
- 12:10 PM Poster Awards and closing comments
 - a. Dr. Gwen Collman (NIEHS) typically announces all the winners
 1. Announcement of 2014 KC Donnelly winners
- SRP's contractor MDB, Inc. usually helps with poster session

- a. Poster awards will be awarded to biomedical and environmental science and engineering projects – winners will present in Jan/Feb 2015 using EPA’s Clu-In to reach a broader audience (TBD)
 - b. Posters left up during duration of meeting
 - Training Core Leader Lunch with Danielle Carlin (Thursday, 12:20 PM, location TBD)
 - a. Opportunity for the Training Core Leaders to meet and greet each other, discuss any topics with NIEHS staff
 - b. Discussion of CareerTrac: evaluation of your Training Core and Training Programs
 - c. Discussion workshops/short courses/activities that the Training Cores could offer to all SRP trainees
 - Wetterhahn and KC Donnelly Winners to have lunch with Dr. Gwen Collman (TBD)
- **Other announcements/items for discussion**
 - CareerTrac
 - All trainees need to establish an eRA commons account; their eCommons information will automatically updated in CareerTrac.
 - SRP Administrators still have to enter in trainee information specific to SRP. Trainees cannot enter their own information.
 - Information about trainees is now required; this information will be used by SRP staff to continue evaluating it’s Training Cores, its mandate for training, and will help determine future of training and opportunities for trainees.
 - SRP Training Webinars; examples include (for more information, please contact Dr. Michelle Heacock (HeacockM@niehs.nih.gov):
 - R2RA Mutual Learning Webinars:
 - http://www.niehs.nih.gov/research/supported/dert/programs/srp/about/partnerships/research_to_risk/riskassessmentwebinar/index.cfm
 - Wednesday, November 5, 1:00–3:00 Eastern.
 - Overview of Human Health Risk Assessment
 - Xabier Arzuaga, Ph.D.: Former SRP-funded graduate student and post-doctoral researcher at the University of Kentucky, Risk Assessor and Toxicologist Integrated Risk Information System
 - How Toxicology Research Is Used in Human Health Risk Assessment: Study Design and Evaluation
 - Geniece M. Lehmann, Ph.D., Toxicologist, National Center for Environmental Assessment
 - Webinar Information:
 - Adobe Connect Meeting Room: <https://webmeeting.nih.gov/research2risk>
 - Other Topics for Webinars:
 - So... "What IS a Superfund Site Anyway?" What makes a site a Superfund site (What triggers an HRS NPL listing) IRIS (should be archived soon)
 - How critical is Exposure Assessment at Superfund sites and how it has been conducted at Superfund sites

- How Risk Assessment and Health Assessments are conducted at Superfund sites – Practitioners’ perspectives
- PPRTV
- Risk Management
- SRP trainee gathering at National Meetings (i.e., SOT, ISEE, AIChE, AAAS, smaller meetings)
- Updates to SPAN Leadership Committee – these will be taken September/January of each year (please limit to 1 – 2 graduate students/Post-Docs per Center to keep up with the listserv)
- Future On-line Meetings/Teleconferences – idea: highlight trainees that have played a role in the RTC or CEC
 - Action Item: Danielle to look into developing a webinar with the RTC/CEC and trainees that have conducted RT/CE activities
- Other items/open discussion

Additional Information:

- **SRP Website – for SPAN/Training**
 - <http://www.niehs.nih.gov/research/supported/srp/training/index.cfm>
 - Training Core Leaders, please send Justin Crane (cranej2@niehs.nih.gov) any news items of interest to trainees (e.g., trainee success stories, pictures, job announcements, etc.).