Agenda: SPAN Leadership Committee/Training Core Leaders Teleconference

March 5, 2015 (1:00 – 2:00 p.m. Eastern Time)

- **Introductions**
- **Annual Meeting**
  - Northeaster, November 18-20, 2015, San Juan, Puerto Rico
    - Venue
    - Registration and Meeting Info
    - Updates from Tom Sheahan, Kristin Hicks, Melanie Smith
  - **Northeastern 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).
    - Laura Johns from U Michigan; Colleen Murphey from UPR-MSC
    - For comments about training activities at annual meeting, contact Melanie Smith (m.smith@neu.edu) and Kristin Hicks (k.hicks@neu.edu)
    - Northeastern Trainees will be highlighted in the e-posted notes newsletter
    - Northeastern Trainees will be handling updates on Linked-In
  - **Name Badges:** will have SPAN Leadership Committee Member on them
    - Northeastern Trainees will have designation on their badges
  - **Trainee Events**
    - Trainee Activity (usually occurs the day before the scientific sessions)
      - NE trainees have mentioned to Dr. Heather Henry that they are interested in a webinar about “how to write a paper” and combatting writer’s block and some pointers on writing a good research paper (or a review). Question: should this be a webinar or something conducted at annual meeting?
      - Other ideas included: Mock Interviews
      - Activity with Trainees and RTC/CEC
    - Wetterhahn Award Presentation (winner to be announced at meeting; 30 min seminar; 15 min questions) (Dr. Gwen Collman (NIEHS) to moderate)
    - Poster Session/Poster Competition and Awards;
      - NIEHS Contractor MDB, Inc. usually helps with poster session
      - Posters left up during duration of meeting
      - Poster awards will be awarded to biomedical and environmental science and engineering projects
      - Dr. Gwen Collman (NIEHS) typically announces all the winners SRP’s
    - KC Donnelly Award Presentations (2014 Awardees) and announcement of 2015 KC Donnelly winners
    - Wetterhahn and KC Donnelly Winners to have lunch with Dr. Gwen Collman
    - Training Core Leader Lunch or Breakfast with Danielle Carlin
      - Opportunity for the Training Core Leaders to meet and greet each other, discuss any topics with NIEHS staff
      - Discussion of CareerTrac: evaluation of your Training Core and Training Programs
      - Discussion workshops/short courses/activities that the Training Cores could offer to all SRP trainees
      - Discussion of IDPs and tying into CV development
- Trainee Social Events at Annual Meeting
- Trainee Breakfast or Lunch with Center Directors/PIs

- **Other announcements/items for discussion**
  - SRP trainee gathering at National Meetings (i.e., SOT, ISEE, AIChemE, AAAS, smaller meetings)
    - Dan Brown (SRP Trainee from Duke University Superfund Center) to make announcement: Laura Macaulay (SRP Trainee from Duke University Superfund Center) who is organizing this year’s Society of Toxicology SRP Trainee Gathering in San Diego. We will meet around 6:30pm on Monday March 23rd in the Lobby of Conference Hotel (San Diego Marriot Marquis and Marina) and then walk to a nearby restaurant for dinner. Current thought for location (flexible!): Tin Fish Gaslamp, 170 6th Avenue, San Diego, CA 92101; ~0.2 miles from convention center. Laura will try to send out another reminder email at the start of SOT. If you are interested and have questions, please send a message to laura.macaulay@duke.edu. Laura would like a headcount.
    - Thanks to Brad Newsome (Post-Doc at UK Superfund Center) for organizing trainee gathering at AAAS
  - 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 Webinars for Trainees:
      - Should be archived soon.
    - For more information, please contact Dr. Michelle Heacock (HeacockM@niehs.nih.gov)
    - 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 Risk Assessment and Health Assessments are conducted at Superfund sites – Practitioners’ perspectives
      - How critical is Exposure Assessment at Superfund sites and how it has been conducted at Superfund sites
      - PPRTV
      - Risk Management
      - Other ideas that came up: Epidemiology 101, Bioinformatics/Big Data, Mixtures (Cynthia Rider – NTP)
      - NCEA also has modules that discuss exposure assessment
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)
  - Justin Crane has sent the list around.

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

Northeast SRP Research and Training Workshop, April 2-3, 2015, Boston, MA.
  - Includes Dartmouth, Northeastern, Boston trainees; each Center will be introducing themselves and what they are doing; workshop will consist of leadership and career building; Day 2 will be at the Alan Alda Center and will consist of talks about how to communicate science to the public.

Other items/open discussion

Additional Information:

- SRP Website – for SPAN/Training
  - [http://www.niehs.nih.gov/research/supported/srp/training/index.cfm](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.).