

Agenda: SPAN Leadership Committee/Training Core Leaders Teleconference

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

- **Introductions**
- **Annual Meeting**
 - **Northeastern, 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-MSU
 - 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)
 - a. 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?
 - b. Other ideas included: Mock Interviews
 - c. 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;
 - a. NIEHS Contractor MDB, Inc. usually helps with poster session
 - b. Posters left up during duration of meeting
 - c. Poster awards will be awarded to biomedical and environmental science and engineering projects
 - d. 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
 - 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
 - d. 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, AIChE, 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:
 - R2RA Mutual Learning Webinars:
 - http://www.niehs.nih.gov/research/supported/dert/programs/srp/about/partnerships/research_to_risk/riskassessmentwebinar/index.cfm
 - 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>
- 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.).