

Agenda: SPAN Leadership Committee/Training Core Leaders Teleconference

August 1, 2016 (2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. Eastern Time)

- **Introductions/Roll Call**
 - **Boston University**– Mike McClean, Ruthy Rickenbacker, Jean Van Seventer
 - **Brown University** – Agnes Kane, Christina Erga, Jennifer Guelfo
 - **Columbia University** – None
 - **Dartmouth College**– None
 - **Duke University**– None
 - **Louisiana State University** – Elizabeth Feld
 - **Michigan State University**- None
 - **Northeastern University** – Kristin Hicks, Melanie Smith, Lauren Johns, Jonathan Toro, Luis Rivera
 - **Oregon State University** - Ivan Titaley, Craig Marcus, Stacie Harper, Courtney Roper,
 - **University of Arizona** – Rocío Estrella, Linnea Honeker
 - **UC Berkeley** – Bill Brockett
 - **UC Davis** – None
 - **UC San Diego** – Bob Tukey
 - **University of Iowa** – Gabriele Ludwig, David Purdy
 - **University of Kentucky**- Jennier Moore, Bernie Hennig, Angela Gutierrez, Mike Petriello
 - **University of North Carolina** - None
 - **University of Pennsylvania** - None
 - **University of Washington** – None
 - **SRP R01 grantees** -None
 - **NIEHS Staff** – Danielle Carlin
 - **MDB Inc.** – Justin Crane

- **SRP trainee gathering at National Meetings (i.e., SOT, ISEE, AIChE, AAAS, smaller meetings)**
 - Received email from Ivan Titaley from OSU Center.
 - Trainee Gathering at SETAC in Orlando, FL: Jamie, another SRP Leadership trainee, is handling this event
 - Tuesday, Nov. 8, 2016, 6-8 PM
 - Yard House Restaurant (<http://www.yardhouse.com/locations/fl/orlando/orlando-i-drive-360/8352>)
 - OSU-SRP will cover some of the appetizers for the mixer.
 - The mixer is open for all SRP trainees who are attending SETAC.

- **SRP Annual Meeting in conjunction with NIEHS Environmental Health Science FEST Meeting**
 - <http://www.niehs.nih.gov/about/anniversary/index.cfm>
 - Hold the date of Monday, Dec. 5, 2016
 - Data Science Panel Discussion (Dr. Michelle Heacock is organizing this session)
 - CEC Speaker at Lunch
 - Lightening Talk Sessions: 20 min – Intro talk from PI that can set the theme followed by 5 Trainees giving 3 min presentations based on posters at larger BAM meeting; summary slide of other similar posters by same PI
 - **Action Item: Please send Danielle names of trainees that will be coming to the annual meeting.**

- Wetterhahn Award Seminar
- Introduction of New KCD Winners
- KC Donnelly Winner Presentations (10 min each)
- Reception at Tyler's Speak Easy (located in the Durham Bulls Park) for trainees from 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm
- **NIEHS Environmental Health Science FEST**
 - December 6-8, 2016 at the Durham Convention Center in Durham, NC.
 - Poster Session: The poster session will be a great opportunity for you, your trainees, collaborators, and/or community partners to highlight your environmental health science projects. We are seeking poster submissions that cover a wide range of environmental health topics. The on-line form will be open until **August 19, 2016**. TBD = poster competition.
 - Film Festival at the Historic Carolina Theatre: The film festival presents a unique occasion to share videos (no longer than 15 minutes) that explain, discuss, and raise awareness about environmental exposures and how they relate to human health. The on-line form will be open until August 19, 2016.
 - Sensor Fair: The EHS Sensor Fair is a great opportunity for sensor developers funded by NIEHS and other agencies, to showcase their cutting-edge technologies and meet with leading scientists and end-users. The on-line form will be open until August 19, 2016.
 - Visit the NIEHS Environmental Health Science FEST webpage to stay informed about meeting developments. Registration will open around August 1. More information on the agenda and hotels will be posted in the coming weeks.
- **KC Donnelly Applications**
 - Applications were due Feb. 1st
 - Program Lead: back to Danielle Carlin
 - Awards have been made and winners are posted to our website
- **SRP Webinars for Trainees**
 - NSF funding opportunities for trainees - August 15 from 2-3 pm ET. Speakers: Carol Van Hartesveldt (NSF), David Kaeli (Northeastern Superfund Center), and Staci Simonich (Oregon State University Superfund Center)
 - How to apply for a AAAS fellowship. Speakers: Wendy Heiger-Bernays (alumni of BU Superfund Center) and Brad Newsome (alumni of UK Superfund Center)
 - Additional Topics:
 - What is the NIEHS Superfund Research Program and what do SRP staff do on a daily basis? (idea from long ago)
 - How to apply and interview for an academic position? (idea from below)
 - Seminar presentation skills (idea from recent SOT-NIEHS Meeting)
- **SRP/NIEHS now on Linked In:**
 - Would like to create a subgroup for SRP Trainees
- **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 its Training Cores, its mandate for training, and will help determine future of training and opportunities for trainees.
- SRP Staff will begin checking for completion of data on trainees and will be following up with grantees to complete entries.
- Questions that arose during the phone call:
 - Why should the trainees provide their information to the Center Administrators who enter this information into CareerTrac?
 - Answer: CareerTrac is a system that enables effective evaluations of health research training programs, funded by various institutes/centers at the National Institutes of Health (NIH). CareerTrac also enables ICs and Extramural Principal Investigators to track trainees over time. The ability to capture a broad range of long-term outcomes is essential for showing the success of trainees. CareerTrac fosters this type of tracking by allowing data entry of a wide variety of accomplishments such as employment, funding, publications and patents. The system also captures narrative stories of how grants assist trainees in their career trajectories. NIH Staff use CareerTrac to evaluate the effectiveness and impact of its health research training programs and also to help NIH in overall coordination of its various research training programs. Principal Investigators and their staff also use CareerTrac to help track their trainees. The system produces information required for progress reports and renewal applications. CareerTrac also serves as a repository that can be used for the purpose of self-evaluation of training programs.
 - Why not have the trainees update their own information?
 - This would require a higher level of security and resources which are not available at this time.
 - Why can't publications from trainees be entered using PMCIDs?
 - CareerTrac allows for publications to be entered using PMCIDs.
- **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)
 - Please email your nominations to danielle.carlin@nih.gov and indicate the current status of the new member (e.g., graduate student or Post-Doc)
 - From the phone call: the group decided that membership on the SPAN Leadership Committee would be a two year term.
- **Training Core Activities**
 - Update from LSU Superfund Center: Dr. Maud Walsh (RTC Leader) was an invited panelist at a session for students entitled Academia 101: How to Apply for and Get a Faculty Position at the Air & Waste Management Association Annual Conference and Exhibition, held in New Orleans June 20-23, 2016.
 - This might make a good topic for our SRP Webinars for Trainees; Elisabeth Feld said she would follow up with Maud that this was mentioned.
 - BUSRP trainees are getting ready to lead lab days with Upward Bound Math Science at BU. Upward Bound Math Science is part of a national college preparatory program for low income and first generation students to recognize and develop their potential for careers in

STEM fields. Our trainees will give an introduction into public health and environmental health, which will include a data collection exercise on air and noise pollution. Trainees met with Allison Cox, Upward Bound Math Science Project Director, to discuss strategies for talking with students about public and environmental health.

- Jean Van Seventer provided this update.
- The Dartmouth Superfund Research Program co-sponsored three separate workshops in March on writing NIH and NSF proposals. The workshops were presented by John Robertson of Grant Writers Seminars and Workshops Session 1 March 22, 8am-5pm, Write Winning NIH Research Grant Proposals for faculty, postdoctoral researchers & graduate students Session 2 March 23, 8am-noon, NIH Career Development Awards , for Career Development Award (CDA) candidates and their Mentors Session 3 March 24, 8am-5pm, Write Winning NSF Research Grant Proposal , for faculty, postdoctoral researchers and graduate students
- Other updates
 - Northeastern University is planning another training workshop (with Boston University and Dartmouth; it will occur in March or April 2017; the theme will be more research focused (Kristen Hicks have this update)
 - Staci Harper from Oregon State University have an update that the local SOT chapter is hosting a “Work Shadowing” event for trainees where they follow toxicologists (Sept 29 and 30th); OSU Trainees will be participating in this event.
 - Gabriele Ludwig announced that the University of Iowa is hosting a PCB workshop which will support up to 4 trainees to travel to this meeting.

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.).
 - SRP e-posted: Trainee Highlights