



# **Committee Meeting Summary**

## **Scientist Mentoring & Diversity Program for Medical Technology (SMDP MedTech)**

Outreach & Planning Committee

### Conference Call

Wednesday, January 13, 2016

2:00PM Eastern / 11:00 AM Pacific

Conference Line: 712 775-7100

Access Code: 1071934#

The following Committee members were in attendance:

- **Fernando Cruz-Guilloty, Immucor**
- **Todd Fonseca, Medtronic**
- **Elisabeth Freeman, ICPD**
- **Orlando Guillory, Edwards Life Sciences**
- **Erin Leahy, AdvaMed**
- **Alice Martin, Barnes & Thornberg**
- **Scott May, ICPD**
- **Roberto Monseratte, Amgen Manufacturing Limited**
- **Angela Reeves, Abbott**
- **Dustielyn Savage, ICPD**
- **Laurie Trauhill, St. Jude Medical**
- **Margaret Zachman, Medtronic**

### **Welcome remarks & introductions:**

Scott May welcomed the committee members and directed everyone to find the committee agenda online. He explained the role of the committee. Scott then invited each of the committee members to introduce themselves.

### **Current Programming:**

Scott reminded everyone that ICPD has been hosting webinars for the alumni of SMDP MedTech and SMDP Biotech program. Last year we started asking our supporting companies to present webinars. St. Jude Medical, Amgen, Janssen Pharmaceutical and J&J Medical Devices and Diagnostics hosted webinars this past year. ICPD is currently in the process of scheduling the upcoming webinars. Scott referred everyone to the committee page where they could find a document that includes webinar topics.

Elisabeth added that we also have alumni who have successfully made the transition from academia into industry. We are going to host a webinar that includes the alumni sharing success stories.

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Elisabeth explained that ICPD is expanding the online resources that will be available to the SMDP Scholars and alumni. Elisabeth encouraged the committee to suggest resources that can be shared on the portal. We now have a job opportunities feature on the portal and can demonstrate that for anyone who is interested in using this tool.

Scott explained the End of the Year Reunion Call. This is a call set up for the prior year's participants. We are planning on having a reunion call for Biotech in April and MedTech in September.

### **2016 SMDP MedTech Training Session:**

Scott informed everyone that the upcoming SMDP MedTech training session will be held October 15-19 in Minneapolis. Medtronic and St. Jude are based out of Minneapolis, so we are excited to be in their "home town".

Elisabeth let everyone know that the SMDP MedTech Scholar application form is already up on the program website. Elisabeth took a moment to thank the companies that helped fine tune the criteria for the applicants. August 1, 2016 is the deadline for the 2016 applicants.

Scott added that spring is our busy season for recruiting. He asked the committee to please share the program information with any students or institutions that may be interested.

We are working on a draft agenda that will be available soon. Scott mentioned that the venues have not yet been selected and asked the committee members that are in Minneapolis if they could offer any suggestions for the casual dinner and reception ideas. Laurie Trousil and Todd Fonseca commented that they will be more than happy to make some suggestions. Elisabeth thanked Laurie and Todd and added that we would also welcome any speaker suggestions.

Scott asked Erin if there was anything she wanted to share regarding the upcoming *AdvaMed: The Medtech Conference* to be held in Minneapolis. She shared that the website should be launched soon and she will keep the committee updated on any new information.

Site visits have always been an important aspect of the SMDP MedTech training session when available. Scott thanked Laurie at St. Jude and Todd at Medtronic for considering having the scholars visit their sites. He then asked the committee to please make recommendations for a keynote speaker at the opening night reception. He reminded everyone that the keynote does not have to be ethnically diverse. The speaker should be someone who has made a significant impact on diversity in the technical fields or has experience in the industry.

**Partner Support:** Scott mentioned some of the companies have already hired some scholars from the last cohort of SMDP Scholars. Scott invited the committee to share any success stories about scholars. Elisabeth added that we are looking forward to sharing updates on the scholars.

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Scott asked the committee to inform ICPD if they need assistance for recruitment staff interested in engaging scholars on the SMDP Portal. ICPD staff is happy to provide a demonstration.

Scott reported that ICPD hopes to have 25 scholars participate in the upcoming program. A total of 19 scholars participated in the 2015-2016 program.

**Other/Action Items:**

Committee to share any offers to partner with ICPD on webinars and if there are job opportunities or reference material they would like to share

Laurie & Todd will receive specific needs for the reception in Minneapolis

Next meeting is March 2, 2016 at 2pm Eastern

Scott thanked everyone for their time and participation on the SMDP MedTech O&P committee.