



Committee Call Notes

Scientist Mentoring & Diversity Program for Biotechnology (SMDP Biotech) Outreach & Planning Committee

Conference Call

Tuesday, April 11, 2023

12:00PM Eastern / 9:00 AM Pacific

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The following Committee members were in attendance:

- Richard Besingi, Kenvue
- John Bullen, AstraZeneca
- Sarah Charland, Pfizer
- Eileen Engelberg, Amgen
- Francisco Fields, Kenvue
- Jennifer Gonzalez, Janssen
- Bill Heath, Lilly
- Jerome Irudayanathan, Genentech
- Scott May, ICPD
- Patrick O'Brien, Arrowhead Pharmaceuticals
- Reilly O'Connell, Trinity
- Yusef Oni, BMS
- Shakima Perez, Pfizer
- Bill Richards, 23andMe
- Janae Ruhl, IGM Biosciences
- Angel Santiago Lopez, Amgen
- Dustielyn Savage, ICPD
- Courtney Tobin, Trinity
- Elisabeth Valerio, ICPD
- Tamisha Vaughan, Arrowhead Pharmaceuticals
- Brittany Witherspoon, Janssen

Welcome & introductions: BOLD ITEMS WILL BE COVERED DURING THE CALL.

For a more in-depth briefing contact Scott May at smay@icpdprograms.org or +1 (202) 441-7370

Scott welcomed the committee members to the Scientist Mentoring and Diversity Program for Biotechnology (SMDP Biotech) Outreach & Planning Committee meeting. Scott mentioned the agenda was sent via email and reminded the committee members they can locate the agenda, past meeting notes and supporting documents for the meeting on the website www.icpdprograms.org, select "Committees" from the "Select an ICPD site" drop-down menu at the top right side of the page.

Scott then invited everyone on the call to introduce themselves before reviewing the meeting agenda.

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Planning for the 2023 SMDP Biotech training June 3-7 in Boston

- **Mentors - review April 6 "2023 SMDP Biotech mentor confirmation" email; plan to select the mentors by April 21; request mentors or surrogate mentors from the sponsor companies be available in-person at the training program; partner companies select their own mentors; guidance for mentors is here: <https://smdp.icpdprograms.org/mentoring/>**

Scott reminded the committee members that mentor confirmations was sent out. It is a two-stage process. The first stage is to send a list of mentors to ICPD, including name, title and email address. This is due on April 21. The second stage is to send the "green text" that is included in the mentor confirmation email to each confirmed mentor. The email requests that each mentor responds to that email and include Scott, Elisabeth and Dustie. This is a step we have to ensure our future communications clear email firewalls. ICPD requests that all mentors attend that training in-person or provide a surrogate mentor to be there on site.

- **Scholars - Selection committee names should have been sent to ICPD by Friday April, 7, but can receive by COB Tuesday, April 11; send committee member names and email addresses to evalerio@icpdprograms.org and smay@icpdprograms.org**

Scott advise the committee that SMDP has had a tremendous response from students across the country and Puerto Rico. He thanked Dustie and her team for their outreach efforts. Scott noted that ICPD has extended the deadline for the Selection Committee names until today, April 11 by close of business. Each Selection Committee member will review 25 applicants.

- **Program Agenda, Speaker needs - Review draft agenda and discuss speaker needs, virtual primers for the scholars in advance of the in-person training; concurrent breakout groups**

Elisabeth stated that a final draft agenda has been posted on the "attendee info page" on the SMDP Portal. Dustie shared screen to provide the committee with a preview of the final draft agenda. Elisabeth pointed out that there are 2 virtual "primer" sessions for the scholars prior to the training program in Boston. She also highlighted that we still have some sessions that need speakers. She encouraged anyone interested to send names to her by Friday, April 28. Scott additionally showed the committee members where they could find the speaker needs list on the committee page.

- **Venues - Opening even the evening of Saturday, June 3, will be at a Boston Red Sox game at Fenway Park; SMDP Biotech training session June 4 and June 5 will be at the University of Massachusetts Boston Campus Center, Campus Center Building; the Celebration of Mentoring & Diversity Reception, June 4, will be on-board the Odyssey Ship; two site visits are being confirmed for 12:30 - 2:30pm, June 5**

Dustie shared information on the venues in Boston. The host hotel for the SMDP Scholars will be The Colonnade Boston. Instead of a casual dinner, we will be attending a Boston Red Sox game at Fenway Park on Saturday evening, June 3. The SMDP Training Session will be at UMass Boston, Campus Center Building both days, June 4 and 5. The Celebration of Mentoring & Diversity will be on a yacht called The Odyssey. The ship will leave promptly at 7pm. All current mentors and scholars are already on the guest list, anyone else needs to RSVP by May 5. We will be arranging 2 site visits and those are still being confirmed.



Partner Support

- **Currently 106 scholar/mentor pairs are confirmed; Sponsorship opportunities are now closed for 2023 SMDP Biotech**

Scott shared that we have 107 scholar/mentor pairs confirmed. Sponsorship is now closed for 2023 SMDP Biotech.

- **Accepting sponsorship for 2023 SMDP MedTech, October 7-11, Anaheim, CA, please contact Scott May regarding sponsorship by May 15; sample of academic focus areas for SMDP MedTech**

Scott encouraged anyone that who still wants to get involved with SMDP, to consider sponsoring the 2023 SMDP MedTech. We will be able to accept additional sponsorships through the end of May. Scott shared a document that showed the academic focus areas for SMDP MedTech.

- Sponsorship information available here: <http://www.icpdprograms.org/sponsorship/>
- Portal orientations for recruiters at partner companies - schedule with Scott May

Proposed Alumni program

- **Plan to launch it in conjunction with 2023 SMDP MedTech and 2024 SMDP Biotech; overview of the proposed program and feedback from the committee; alumni will be engaged in program planning and running the program.**

We are planning to launch the SMDP Alumni program at the 2023 SMDP MedTech program in Anaheim. ICPD will provide more updates about this during the July committee meeting. The program will also be held in conjunction with 2024 SMDP Biotech which will be in San Diego.

Virtual Programming

- **SMDP Biotech Career Networking virtual event - April 20 features Genentech, IGM Bioscience, Kenvue/J&J Consumer and Trinity; each event is limited to four companies**
Scott explained ICPD will host another SMDP Biotech Career Networking Event on April 20 and the companies presenting we will be Genentech, IGM Bioscience, Kenvue and Trinity.
- Project pages; Smartphone app for the portal; SMDP Gateway membership program

Sponsor Updates

- SMDP related announcements
- Diversity and inclusion activities

Scholar Updates

Other ICPD program updates:

- ELISA - Online tours and briefings about ELISA are available by contacting Scott May
- SMDP MedTech - 2023 SMDP MedTech training will be October 7-11, Anaheim, CA

Other & Action Items

Upcoming Calls:

Tuesday, July 18, 2023, 12:00 noon Eastern / 9:00 AM Pacific

Tuesday, September 12, 2023, 12:00 noon Eastern / 9:00 AM Pacific

Tuesday, November 7, 2023, 12:00 noon Eastern / 9:00 AM Pacific