



Committee Call Notes

Scientist Mentoring & Diversity Program for Medical Technology (SMDP MedTech) Outreach & Planning Committee

Conference Call: Wednesday, September 15, 2021

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The following Committee members were in attendance:

- Theresa Bjorsen, Johnson & Johnson Medical Device Companies
- Orlando Guillory, Edwards Life Sciences
- Alison Keefe, Smith & Nephew
- Erin Leahy, AdvaMed
- Scott May, ICPD
- Dustielyn Savage, ICPD
- Sunny Tan, Johnson & Johnson Medical Device Companies
- Elisabeth Valerio, ICPD

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 May welcomed the committee members to the meeting of the Scientist Mentoring and Diversity Program for Medical Technology (SMDP MedTech) Outreach & Planning Committee. Scott mentioned the agenda was sent via email. Scott reminded the committee members that 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. Scott reviewed the agenda for the meeting.

Planning for the 2021 SMDP MedTech Training Session (Sept 25-29 in Minneapolis, MN)

- Training Session – (September 27-28, virtual) **Program details and updates are posted here:** <https://smdp.icpdprograms.org/medtech-attendee-info>; the year-long mentoring program will begin October 2021 and end September 2022, as originally planned. All 2021 SMDP MedTech scholars will attend the 2022 MedTech Conference (dates to be announced) Toronto, Canada; it is requested that all 2021 Mentors attend too, including a half-day in-erson training session prior to and in conjunction with the 2022 MedTech Conference. ICPD will provide each mentor with full convention access, should they wish to attend The MedTech Conference. The Virtual 2021 SMDP MedTech program will be on September 27 and 28. The agenda is available on the attendee info page. The scholars and mentors will be invited to join SMDP for the 2022 The MedTech Conference in person. Scott asked Erin Leahy to give an update.

Erin mentioned that she is finalizing the details for the upcoming conference. It will be a hybrid event this year. There will be an entire week of virtual sessions as well as an in-person sessions in DC on Sept 27th and in-person sessions in Minneapolis on Sept 29 & 30. Erin shared that the registration is a significantly lower than they anticipated due to the delta variant.



Pre pandemic numbers would be around 3,500 people in person but in DC they will have 125-150 and Minneapolis around 350. Scott thanked Erin for providing registrations for the SMDP MedTech Scholars.

- **Scholars - thanks to the selection committee; scholar cohort demographics; the scholar orientation session was 10-10:45am PT, September 9**

Scott thanked all of the selection committee members. We had great representation from all the sponsor companies. Each reviewer had 20 students to score. Scott asked Dustie to provide the demographics. Dustie shared that the cohort is comprised of 50% female, 50% male with 50% Hispanic American and 50% African American. Scott and Dustie both stated that we are always looking to find Pacific Islander and Native American SMDP applicants. Scott thanked Dustie and her team for a job well done on outreach and recruitment. Elisabeth added she excited to introduce the new cohort of SMDP Scholars. Scott stated that we are compiling the "Bio Book" of scholars and should have it completed by the end of the week. Allison asked if we had a breakdown of degrees. Dustie answered that 40% are undergrad, 20% masters and 40% PhDs.

- **Mentors - Thanks for the help with mentor nomination; the mentor orientation session was September 9 at 11-11:45 am PT and session II (for those who were not able to attend session I) will be September 17, 11-11:45am PM**

We have already had one mentor orientation call on September 9 and will be having a second one for those mentors who could not attend on September 17. Scott thanked everyone for mentor nominations.

- **Program agenda, speaker needs;**

Elisabeth noted there are some gaps for the speakers on the agenda because we are waiting to make sure we have representation from a range of sponsor companies. Elisabeth invited the committee members to join the SMDP MedTech training sessions. She added that she is looking forward to 2022 when there will be 3 cohorts attending. (2020, 2021, 2022)

- **Celebration of Mentoring & Diversity Reception - Event postponed until the 2022 MedTech Conference**

2020 SMDP MedTech

- **Reunion call October 13, 2021**

The reunion call for the 2020 SMDP MedTech cohort will be on October 13. The scholars will join the call and share what their SMDP experience was like and describe their work and school status.

- **Virtual keynote meetings – Sessions are being planned**

- **2022 The MedTech Conference - The 2020 SMDP MedTech scholars and mentors will attend the MedTech Conference in 2022 (dates to be announced), Toronto, Canada**

Scott reminded everyone that the 2020 SMDP MedTech cohort will attend in-person at the MedTech Conference in 2022.

Scholar Updates

Dustie provided updates on the following scholars: Krystal Rogerson from SMDP MedTech 2019 has accepted a position in Product Development Safety at Genentech; Brandon Anjuwon-Foster from SMDP Biotech 2019 has started working at the FDA as a Microbiologist; Joshua Usoro from SMDP MedTech 2020 is a Sr. Biomedical Engineer at Medtronic; Shana Hardy from SMDP Biotech 2016 is so excited to finally enter industry as an Associate Director in Regulatory Affairs at Gilead/Kite Pharma.



Scott added that at 6 months after SMDP most of the SMDP MedTech Scholars are ready for hire and 94% go to work in industry.

Sponsor Updates

There were no updates at this time.

- **SMDP related announcements**
- **Diversity and Inclusion activities**

Current programming:

- **Virtual support for the Scholars - Virtual Career Fairs; Project Pages; smart phone app for the portal; SMDP Gateway membership program; Dynamic content on the SMDP home page;** Scott mentioned ICPD will host a virtual career fair for the sponsor companies to interact with the scholars from the 2020 and 2021 cohorts. He will discuss more at the next meeting.
- **CONFABS/Webinars - Update on CONFAB sessions; contact Elisabeth Valerio to produce a CONFAB or webinar featuring senior leaders from your company speaking on topics aligned with the SMDP mentoring curriculum**
- Elisabeth shared that we have a new resource for scholars and mentors. CONFABS are an opportunity for virtual networking. We want to ensure that the SMDP scholars have a way to continue to interact and stay connected, meeting people they don't know. The CONFAB format begins with 10 minutes with a dynamic speaker focusing on their career. They will be "priming" a mentor moment and then everyone will be placed in randomly assigned breakout rooms where discussions center around a mentor moment and network. Elisabeth asked the committee members to please share any potential speakers with her. Elisabeth asked the committee members to please share any potential dynamic speakers with her. Alison asked Elisabeth to send her a description of the CONFAB to share with some potential speakers.

Partner Support: - This will be postponed until the next meeting due to time constraints

- **2021 Sponsorship ICPD currently has 30 sponsored scholar/mentor pairs for SMDP MedTech**
- Sponsorship page on www.icpdprograms.org
- **Outreach & Planning Committee - let Scott May know for changes in committee membership from your organization for 2022**

ICPD Updates

- **2022 SMDP Biotech training session will be June 11-15, San Diego, CA; applications for scholars re here: <https://smdp.icpdprograms.org/>**
This was postponed to the next meeting due to time constraints.
- **Gallus and ELISA – Online tours and briefings about ELISA and Gallus available by contacting Scott May**

Other & Action Items:

Scott and Elisabeth thanked everyone for their participation on the committee and reminded everyone the next meeting will be Wednesday, November 10, 2021 at 2pm EST. We will start with the current programming section.

Upcoming Calls:

Wednesday, November 10, 2021, 2:00 PM Eastern / 11:00 AM Pacific

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