Translational Research Evaluation Topical Interest Group (TRE TIG)
Feb. 15, 2017, 1:00 PM ET

AGENDA
1. TRE TIG Announcements
2. TRE TIG proposed panels
3. Think Tank session at AEA
4. Cross-TIG Panels

TRE TIG announcements:

1. TIG members should subscribe to discussion posts to make sure that they are receiving all communication from the TIG. Information about the subcommittee and steps to subscribe was recently sent out in an email by Keith, can be found in the newsletter, and is listed in the discussion post section.

2. Reviewer for TIG abstracts - please contact Kristi P. or Clara.

3. Belinda and Keith are looking for communication subcommittee members

Let’s Work Together: Call for Communications Subcommittee Members

Being a member of the Communications Subcommittee gives you the opportunity to provide service to AEA and the field of translational research. This year, members of the subcommittee will work toward:

1. developing two AEA365 blog posts;
2. developing criteria to determine what tools should be added to our website; and
3. providing periodic feedback/ideas on how to boost visibility and receptivity of the TIG and the field, largely.

Members have the option to participate in one or more of the activities.

If you are interested in joining the Communications subcommittee, please e-mail Belinda at kyp3@cdc.gov

4. Next TRE TIG call: April 19, 2017 at 1 PM ET.
   “Exploring Drivers of Scientific Collaboration.” Douglas Luke and Bobbi Carothers will be presenting on measuring change in multidisciplinary collaborations over time.

5. Other announcements?

Call for TRE TIG Evaluation 2017 Abstracts!
**DEADLINE:** Proposal Submissions must be received by **March 16, 2017.**

The TRE Program Committee is working hard this year to encourage a wide variety of translational research related panels and presentations. Possible panels might include:

1. **CTSA Retrospective**— where are we after 10 years? (Kristi Holmes, Northwestern University)

2. **Exploring the Intersection of Prevention and Translation** (Isabel Bradburn, Virginia Tech)

3. **“Think Tank” Session on the NCATS Common Metrics** [SEE BELOW] (Clara Pelfrey – *still needs discussion facilitators*) (Boris suggested cross-listing with Internal Evaluation TIG)

4. **Tools for Translational Story Telling? Translational Research Stories – Qualitative Methods and Research Technology** (Kristi Pettibone)

5. **Translational Territories** – an opportunity to identify translation in non-traditional settings (dentistry, vet med, citizen science, how humanities and social sciences play a role…etc.)

6. **Credit where Credit is Due** – attribution models and non-traditional outputs and the impact they have on how we measure “success”

7. **Translational Research Evaluation – Emerging Methods and Strategies**

8. **Temporality or How to Track Translation Over Time**

9. **Case studies and examples of translational research evaluation**

10. **What’s next for the field of Translational Research Evaluation?**

11. **Beyond Bench to Bedside: Evaluating Non-Clinical Translational Research**

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**Proposal: “Think Tank” Session at AEA 2017 on the NCATS Common Metrics**

**What’s a “Think Tank” session?**

A Think Tank is a 45- or 90-minute session focusing on a single issue or question. Initially, a chairperson orients attendees to the issue or question and relevant context. Then, attendees break into small groups to explore the issue or question and finally reconvene to share their enhanced understanding through a discussion facilitated by the chairperson. The abstract should succinctly identify the question or issue to be addressed, the relevant contextual factors, and the roles of the individual breakout groups.

**Examples of possible questions:**

1. What changes has the Common Metrics project facilitated at your CTSA hub?
2. What barriers/challenges have you faced with Common Metrics project at your hub? **Lisle Hites**
3. How has the Common Metrics project affected communication/collaboration within your hub or between CTSA hubs?
4. How would you change/improve the CM project and its implementation? Bill Trochim
5. What other strategic management systems work successfully at your hub? Linda Scholl
6. How do we integrate common metrics into ongoing evaluation efforts at the hubs?
7. How do we conceptually locate these metrics in the former evaluation models (e.g. Process Tracking model, CTSA logic model, NCATS aims) and how do the Common Metrics help address the issue of shortening the time from bench to bedside? Arthur Blank (tentative as of 2-7-2017)

Notes:

Boris Volkov would like to be a facilitator/discussant, will contact later.

More facilitator/discussants are needed.

Bill T. suggested inviting Samatha Jonson at NCATS to participate/disseminate to hubs via CTSA Evaluators Group. Samantha was contacted and is consulting with NCATS about this.

Proposed Cross-TIG panels

Research, Technology and Development TIG:
Brian Zuckerman, bzuckerm@ida.org, 202-419-5485
Betsy Hsu, hsuel@mail.nih.gov, 240-276-5733

- Research evaluation in a translational setting, tech transfer at research agencies - panel on tech transfer and moving technology through the pipeline – NASA, DOD, etc. NIEHS might be able to contribute something about tech transfer/SBIR work as a component of translational research – and how to evaluate
- Connection between education and translational research evaluation – STPI is working on mechanism for scaling up pilot studies to nationwide studies, NSF Includes initiative.
- Meta assessments, clinical trials, similarities, differences, implications; also assessing when basic science is ready to be pushed to new translational phase – into clinical trials – clinical readiness (possible interest from Bill and Clara on this?)

Costs, Effectiveness, Benefits, and Economics (CEBE) TIG:
Ron Visscher, ron.visscher@gmail.com, 616-422-7760
Brian Yates, brian.yates@mac.com, 301-775-1892

- Overlap of Translation Evaluation with Policy, Advocacy and Economics, bidirectionality of Translational research; (Ron/Brian are planning to list this panel topic in our call for proposals, but remain open to suggestions on how best to handle this.)
- Application to social investment, return on investment – translational research translated to actual practice; method to prepare for commercialization
- Supporting translation science with multi-perspective meta-evaluation of cost/benefit inclusive impact evaluation. Our TIG has collaborated with Research on Evaluation (ROE) TIG in Meta-eval. of evaluation of the past; methods –focusing on translational aspects of our research. Presented a roadmap last year for how to do that.
Experiment of last presidential administration taking evidence based practices to the public. Can we have a panel on taking evidence-based practices to the real world – and what is the evaluation connection?

Cost/benefit inclusive evaluation as a means and end (of translation evaluation)