

## Letter From the President

ACTS has always prioritized research, career development, and education of our junior colleagues, many of who are members of their ACTS member CTSA's. I am pleased that ACTS has a junior member on the board of directors, previously Karen Martinez-Gonzalez (who remains on the board as a Director-at-Large) and starting this year, Rajpreet Chahal, from my own University of California, Davis (on to Stanford to complete a post-doctoral fellowship in translational neuroscience). The core values of ACTS are embodied and communicated by junior constituents. Trainee engagement is now a year-round activity that complements the annual meeting.



The National TL1 Trainees (NTT) Committee, a group of pre- and post-doctoral trainees selected by the National TL1 directors, interacted with the Translational Science 2019 planning committee to increase trainee engagement. The committee has used in person meetings, social media, a quarterly newsletter, and a webinar that provided TL1 Trainees with professional insight from an expert panel on "[Networking Up](#)" at academic conferences. The NTT committee established the 1st Annual Peer Choice Poster Competition at TS19. We hope to see multi-year trainee participation in ACTS and encourage any trainee reading this to serve on the NTT committee. My hope as President is to see increased engagement at Translational Science 2020 and for the scholars to develop into an [ACTS Special Interest Group](#).

There is a big picture of training and career development to strengthen research capacity that extends well beyond ACTS and the CTSA's with organizations who are our natural partners, some of whom are already very active in our CTSA's:

- The American Physician Scientists Association (APSA) represents the training of the MD-PhD scholars.
- New programs are testing the MD-only-degree model of physician scientist training that complements the MD-PhD track.
- The members of the 23 state and Puerto Rico NIGMS sponsored Institutional Development Award (IDeA) programs prioritize mentoring, training, and career development.
- [NIGMS](#) sponsors important individual and institutional awards, for example MARC, RISE, BUILD, and IMSD, and is home to the National Research Mentoring Network (NRMN). This career development pipeline is filled with remarkably diverse, engaged scholars who benefit from expert and committed mentors.

Many of those diverse scholars will eventually work in our CTSA's and other advanced training programs including T and K programs. I hope those trainees understand that our

annual meeting is open to them to attend and submit abstracts and become members of the translational science learning community.

Research education and career development is our core mission. Our journal, *The Journal of Clinical and Translational Science* (JCTS), is one of the few journals to publish research education outcomes. Our scholars will be critical to our continued success. We should be cognizant of the larger context and strive to partner with those who share our value of expert mentorship, personalized career development including personal and professional development, and the urgent need for a diverse workforce to advance basic sciences, health care improvement, and population health sciences.

*This column was co-written by ACTS President Fred Meyers, MD, and Dr. Rajpreet Chahal, member of the ACTS Board of Directors.*

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