ICP and you

ICP - Innovate, Collaborate, and Push the Science forward - that is the mantra that is espoused across the country. It is one of a few mantras that will make or break your grant submissions. As each of you prepares for upcoming submissions we ask you to take up this charge and find someone on the other side of campus or at other institutions to work with on your projects. This will not only make your submissions more compelling to the grantee but indeed push the science forward.

Currently the CFAR has a few tools that can help investigators in this process. Two of these tools are the SBSRN, a network of social and behavioral scientists across institutions available to offer expertise in various areas; and CNICS, a database that combines primary care data with electronic medical records to understand trends in the HIV epidemic.

It is the hope that future examples of the ICP mantra will include you and your successful grant submission. Contact the BSS Core for more info on these programs.

Changing of the Guard

On April 27, 2007 the Penn CFAR CAB Chair, Dale Grundy, passed away. He was a founding member of the CFAR CAB and instrumental in setting a national standard of how and what Community Advisory Boards can do. As a representative of the CFAR CAB, Dale served as our local spokesperson for the CDC’s National Medical Monitoring Project. Under his leadership the Annual CFAR Red Ribbon Awards were established to honor individuals making great strides in the fight against HIV. He will continue to serve as an example of strong leadership and commitment. It is in his memory that the CAB has decided to name the Community Member Red Ribbon Award after him this winter. Dale and his indomitable spirit will be missed; yet we look forward to the leadership that will be provided by newly elected CAB Chair, D. Rick Britt.

SBSRN National Meeting

October 3-4, 2007 the Social and Behavioral Sciences Research Network will host its Second National Scientific Meeting in Birmingham, AL. The meeting promises to be stimulating and allow you to network with individuals with shared interests and goals. There is a registration fee of $150. Registration is filling up so don’t miss this opportunity to be a part of a network connecting social and behavioral scientists across the country. For more information please contact: Scott Batey, UAB CFAR, Project Coordinator at sdbatey@uab.edu or 205-996-7984.

Protocols to Watch

- PATH Plus (MB Blank) - HIV & SMI prevention. Contact: Julie Tennille 215.746.6716
- THIP (C Cook) - Transgender Health Info Project
- Modafinil (C. Dackis) - substance abuse tx as HIV prevention. Contact: Linette Fontroy 866.HIV.PENN
- Pave 100 (I. Frank) - HIV vaccine study. Contact: Deb Dunbar 215.746.3713
- Partnership for Capacity Building Botswana HIV & Adolescents (JB Jemmott)
- HPTN 058 (DS Metzger) - drug tx intervention/phase 3
- C2P (B. Rudy) - YMSM prevention. Contact: Marne Castillo 267.426.5109

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