



Collaborating for the Advancement of Interdisciplinary Research in Benign Urology

Internal interactions newsletter. My purpose in creating this monthly newsletter is to enhance communications between NIDDK-funded investigators from U54s, P20s, and K12s working in the area of benign urology, facilitate sharing of knowledge and accomplishments, and provide timely and relevant research-related news, announcements, and updates. – Kristina (Kris) Penniston, PhD

**MISSION STATEMENT**

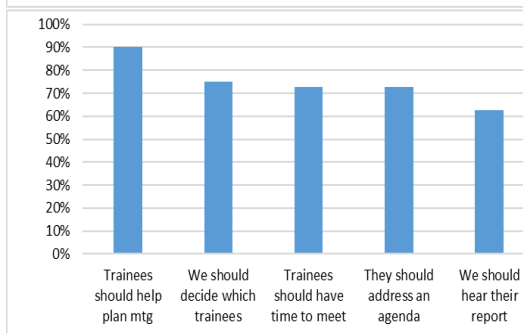
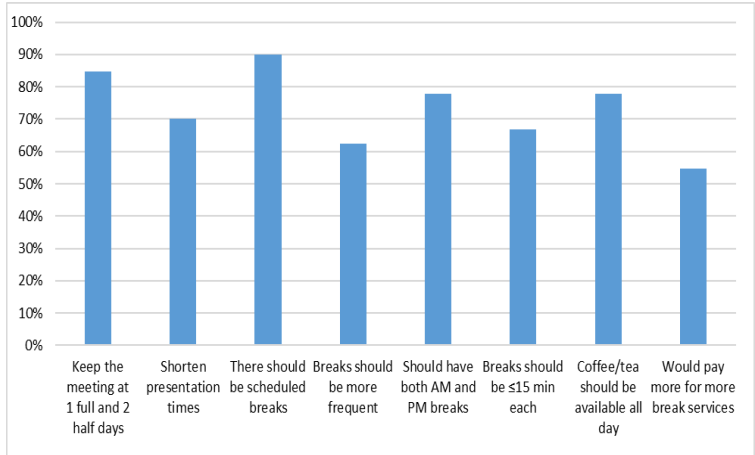
As a collaborative network of transdisciplinary research centers, investigators within the CAIRIBU community consortium will **foster collaboration across multiple basic science and clinical disciplines to identify and address gaps in knowledge related to the biology, physiology, biochemistry, genomics, genetics, and metabolism of benign urologic diseases.** Our overarching goals are to (1) **support the next generation of urologic researchers** by providing meaningful education and mentoring; (2) **enhance knowledge of mechanisms** associated with normal development, function, and disease pathology related to the urinary tract, kidney, and prostate; (3) **cultivate new research tools and ideas** by expanding the collaborative network within and outside of the traditional urologic research field; and (4) use the knowledge and tools generated from our collaborative work to **reduce the burden of benign urologic illness and disability** by developing and testing new therapies to effectively treat, manage, and prevent these diseases. TRIBU aims to create a transdisciplinary infrastructure to promote benign urologic research collaborations – including those that integrate social, behavioral, and biological sciences – encourage and embrace new investigators into the field, train and mentor the next generation of benign urologic basic scientists and clinician scientists, and develop and share resources and new tools to enhance urology research.

**MEETINGS & OTHER REMINDERS**

- Mar 29-30 **Research on Calculus Kinetics (ROCK) Society annual meeting** (Cleveland, OH)
- Mar 14 CAIRIBU COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP (CCL) Webex meeting, 4:00 PM EASTERN TIME** – Agenda forthcoming
- April 11-12 **UW-Madison O'Brien Center Spring Symposium** (University of Wisconsin-Madison)
- April 26 **Multidisciplinary Benign Urology Research Day 2019** (Duke University)
- May 3-6 **AUA annual meeting** (Chicago, IL)
  - May 3 - SUFU at AUA 2019
  - May 4 - SBUR at AUA 2019
  - May 6 - ROCK at AUA 2019
- June 7 O'Brien Centers (U54) External Expert Panel meeting** (Bethesda, MD)
- Oct 29-Nov 2 **World Congress of Endourology meeting** (Abu Dhabi, UAE)
- Nov 7-11 **SBUR annual meeting** (New Orleans, LA)
- Dec 4-6 CAIRIBU annual meeting** (Kansas City Marriott Airport Hotel, Kansas City, MO)

**CAIRIBU MEETING PLANNING**

THANK YOU to those who responded to my Qualtrics survey with questions stemming from our JANUARY 2019 CAIRIBU COMMUNITY leadership (CCL) meeting. We will continue discussion about meeting planning at our Webex meeting on THURS., MARCH 14. Here are some results:



**WHAT AM I MISSING?**

*Do you have an upcoming meeting or event that you would like help promoting? Let me help.*

**REMEMBER...**

- **CAIRIBU Community Leaders (CCL) mtgs,**  
2<sup>nd</sup> Thursdays of odd-numbered months, 4pm EST
- **O'Brien Centers Steering Committee (SC) mtgs,**  
2<sup>nd</sup> Thursdays of even-numbered months, 4pm EST



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