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Academy 2020 Action Plan for the Council of Early Career Investigators in Imaging (CECI²)

With our Spring 2020 events canceled, the Academy has an unprecedented opportunity to spend the next year developing virtual opportunities for each of you, refining our materials and revisiting the structure of our NIH and Congressional meetings to be more impactful to you and to connect you to one another. We will re-design our annual Medical Imaging Technology Showcase based on feedback from our past Council members and from you, who will serve as both our 2020 and 2021 class. Additionally, we will focus on materials which you will be able to share with colleagues in your Department and Society. It's our goal that your experience with the Academy over the next year of preparation will be valuable and enjoyable, and constructed in such a way that you can share with your colleagues. Please mark your calendar for our events next year:

SAVE THE DATES!

Academy Spring Advocacy Events & 11th Annual Medical Imaging Technology Showcase Sunday June 20th through Tuesday June 22, 2021

Below is an outline of opportunities we are working on for you to take place over the next 12 months. **Please note that on May 4th, 2020 we have CONFIRMED a webinar between you all and Dr. Bruce Tromberg, Director of NIBIB, and his program staff.** Please see below for details and RSVP [here](#).

Current Resources:

- [**The Academy MedTech11 Resources Webpage**](#)
- [**CECI2 MedTech Resources Webpage**](#)

Resources we are developing:

- A platform where you can all connect with one another.
- A directory of the 2020 Council, including photos and the focus of your current research, to enable easier connections based on:
 - Region
 - Society
 - Research area
- All Academy CECI² communication, stored in one place so you do not need to search for our past correspondence.
- Please suggest additional resources we can develop that would be beneficial to you as a group.

Timeline of Upcoming Opportunities for 2020 CECI² Class:

Beginning April 1, 2020: Each of you will be highlighted as an Academy #ImagingInnovator of the week.

- The Academy will feature each of you on our website and social media platforms, two at a time in alphabetical order, starting on April 1.
- If you have not already done so, please connect with us on the following social media platforms and engage with our postings.
 - Twitter: follow us [@Acadrad](#)
 - Facebook: [Like our page!](#)
 - LinkedIn: [Connect with us!](#)

May 4, 2020: Academy webinar with the National Institute of Biomedical Imaging & Bioengineering Leadership (NIBIB), including Director Bruce Tromberg, PhD

- The goal is to facilitate connections between you and NIH program staff as many of you begin or continue grant applications through the upcoming season.
- There will Q & A during this session, Academy staff will collect your questions for NIBIB in advance.
- We will be sending out more detailed information to ensure all of you are able to engage in this important opportunity! Again, please RSVP [here](#) to let us know of your availability and to submit questions for NIBIB staff and Dr. Tromberg.

May, 2020: Academy webinar for 2020 CECI² on NIH meetings best practices.

- Academy staff will host a training webinar, incorporating information and feedback from our Co-Chairs and prior CECI classes to better prepare you for your upcoming individual virtual meetings with various NIH Institute and Center program staff. This will also provide a forum to answer any questions outstanding from the NIBIB webinar.

May, 2020: Additional possible webinars from other NIH Institutes and Centers to provide the opportunity for you to be informed on the Institutes' priorities and focus, as well as any Institute-specific information you need to be aware of.

May, June, July, 2020: Individual one-on-one virtual meetings with your Institute and program staff of your choice, in order of preference.

- Academy staff will schedule meetings with your choices of Institute and program staff. The format of these virtual meetings will depend on what you and the NIH program officer is most comfortable with and/or what is available to you both.
- After each meeting, Academy staff will be following up with you to provide assistance in ensuring you have received what you needed, answer questions and encourage follow-up with the program staff, particularly a thank you.

Summer, 2020: Academy CECI² Advocacy Training Program Webinar.

- Even in a time of pandemic, your Members of Congress still need to hear from you!
 - How your departments managing the crisis
 - The vital role of imaging and COVID-19
 - Continue to maintain focus on research needed in other areas as well
- We will be in contact to find a date when you are available for this webinar.
- View the Academy [Take Action](#) webpage to see our current Advocacy materials.

Development of Congressional Advocacy Opportunities for all 2020 CECI².

- Academy staff will help you determine what level of engagement you're comfortable with, and provide assistance, preparation and training.
- An election year provides even more opportunities in your individual Districts.
- Academy staff will continue to connect with you regarding social media posts, local meetings or Town Halls that are scheduled, along with requests for letter writing opportunities, District office meetings and tours available to you.
- 2020 CECI² successes, positive experiences and research milestones will continue to be highlighted in Academy social media, on our website and in our newsletters to our greater membership throughout the year.
- **On our Take Action page:** Your individual and collective advocacy efforts will be highlighted throughout the year. The Academy will include quotes and photos you approve and testimonials about your experiences. We hope you will share these within your institution and society!

Fall Webinars with Academy Leadership: This program is currently evolving, but the Academy is looking to host monthly online seminars for 2020 CECI² on subjects ranging from grant-writing and the NIH process, professional networking opportunities and Q & A sessions with Senior Researchers, Academic Chairs and previous mid-level career CECIs. Please feel free to tell us what YOU want to hear about most!

I very much appreciate the time spent speaking to each of you and I look forward to continuing to develop this program with your input. Please direct any questions you may have to Academy Operations Manager Emily Townley, etownley@acadrad.org. And as I mentioned to each of you, I welcome you to forward your suggestions and ideas directly to me, rcruea@acadrad.org. We send you our continued wishes for good health and safety and are very excited to be working with you all throughout the year!

Warmest regards,



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