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Dear SSCI Members and Fellows,

In this newsletter, I wanted to highlight the Early Career Council (ECC) which is one of our newest committees for the SSCI. The past chair of the council was Jess Howard-Anderson from Emory University, and the current chair is Mohamed Shoreibah from UAB. The purpose of the council is to increase SSCI member engagement among early career faculty. Some of the new initiatives include the following:

1. **New SSCI Early Career Awards** - These new awards will recognize one SSCI member for research and one SSCI member for clinical education or service. Please forward this opportunity to early career faculty members. To be eligible, applicants must be an SSCI member in good standing. Deadline is October 15. <https://www.ssciweb.org/early-career-awards.php>
2. **SSCI Educational Exchange Program** - The Educational Exchange Program (EEP) is a new initiative sponsored by the SSCI. The EEP matches skilled early career internal medicine specialty speakers with community internal medicine residency programs in need for specialty lectures. The lectures are provided synchronously in a live virtual format allowing for interaction between the speaker and the audients. Since its launch in 2022, the feedback has been overwhelmingly positive from the speakers and the receiving programs alike. Please contact Dr. Shoreibah for this unique educational opportunity at [mshoreibah@uabmc.edu](mailto:mshoreibah@uabmc.edu). More information will be posted on the SSCI website at [www.ssciweb.org](http://www.ssciweb.org)
3. **Early Career Listserv** - The ECC is developing a listserv as a resource for early career SSCI members. SSCI members who are less than 6 years of training are welcome to join the listserv for peer mentoring, opportunities for reviewing abstracts, mentoring posters, and chairing sessions at SRM as well as opportunities for career advancement for early career faculty. Please contact Ms. Joan Kemp to be added to the listserv. [jkemp5@tulane.edu](mailto:jkemp5@tulane.edu)
4. The ECC is eager to expand its group and create more programming focused on early career faculty. The committee welcomes new members. Please contact Dr. Shoreibah at [mshoreibah@uabmc.edu](mailto:mshoreibah@uabmc.edu).

Please don't forget to save the date for the 2024 Southern Regional Meeting February 22-24, 2024 in New Orleans as well as the abstract deadline of October 6, 2023. The program committee is finalizing the plenary speakers this summer and the call for abstracts will be sent out in early August. This next year's program is shaping up to be an outstanding!

Finally, congratulations to new R01s to SSCI members in 2023. Dr. Colleen Kelly (MPI with Dr. Stacey Smith) for "Defining Sex Specific Systematic and Gut Inflammatory Profiles in People Living with HIV" and Dr. Viranuj Sueblinvong for "Alcohol Mediated Clock Genes Interfere with Lung Injury and Repair".

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Vin Tangpricha".

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President, SSCI