

**COBRE Transformative Research in Metabolism (TRiM)  
Internal Steering Committee Meeting (ISC)  
Friday, August 28, 2020  
12:00 to 1:00 p.m. by Zoom**

- 12:00 p.m. Welcome: Dr. Khrys Duddleston, ISC Chair
- 12:05 p.m. Review and request action on ISC draft meeting agenda, 8.28.2020
- 12:05 p.m. Review and request action on ISC draft meeting minutes, 6.26.2020
- 12:10 p.m. Review and request action on draft TRiM Vision, Mission, and Values Statement (Please see page 2 and posting on the ISC google folder)
- 12:15 p.m. External Advisory Committee Recommended Action Items and Discuss Progress Made to Date: Kelly, Denise, All
- 12:25 p.m. Discussion on “Chilkoot Retreat for Chechakos:” Proposed idea for a summer workshop focused on hibernation clinical training
- 12:35 p.m. Update on UA Request for Center Designation for TRiM
- 12:40 p.m. Strategic Advisory Committee Report: Kelly and Denise
- 12:50 p.m. Old Business Items
- 12:52 p.m. New Business Items
- 12:55 p.m. Other discussion
- 12:55 p.m. Schedule next meeting: Friday, August 28, 2020, 12:00 to 1:00 p.m.
- 1:00 p.m. Adjourn

Upcoming ISC meeting by Zoom:  
Friday, October 30, 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m.

## Transformative Research in Metabolism *Draft* Vision, Mission and Values

Vision: Translating hibernation research to improve human health

Mission: To seek fundamental knowledge about the nature and behavior of hibernating mammals and the translation of that knowledge to enhance human health, lengthen life, and reduce illness and disability.

Value Statement: “TRiM”

- **T for Team Science:** Multiple, diverse perspectives and expertise empowers great and innovative science.
- **R for Respect:** Respecting each person for their unique perspective, expertise, and contribution to the overall effort.
- **I for Integrity:** Helping people to be the best at what they do best and keeping a high ethical standard.
- **M for Motivation:** Motivating oneself and others to do the job better than it has been done before in order to create a cycle of empowerment and accomplishment for both the scientific community and the Institute.

**COBRE Transformative Research in Metabolism (TRiM)  
Internal Steering Committee Meeting (ISC), Draft Minutes  
Friday, June 26, 2020, 12:00 to 1:00 p.m., Virtual Meeting by Zoom**

**Call to order:** ISC Chair Dr. Khrys Duddleston welcomed all and called the meeting to order at 12:00 noon.

**I. Attendance:** UAA representatives present included Dr. Brandon Briggs (AIMS Core Leader) and Dr. Khrys Duddleston (ISC Chair and Project 2 PI). UAF representatives present were Dr. Kelly Drew (TRiM PI), Dr. Vadim Fedorov (Project 1 PI), Dr. Anya Goropashnaya (Project 1 & Admin Core), Dr. Cory Williams (HaMR, Core Leader), Dr. Carl Murphy (HaMR), Dr. Oivind Toien (HaMR), Scott Jerome (HaMR, post doc), Brittany Wilhite (Admin Core), Jen Danielson (TRiM external evaluator, Goldstream Group), and Denise Daniello (Admin Core).

**II. Agenda, 6.26.2020:** The meeting agenda was accepted with no changes. Motion to approve was made by Oivind and seconded by Brandon.

**III. Draft Minutes, 4.24.2020:** A motion to approve the minutes was made by Bahara and seconded by Carl.

**IV. 2020 Hibernation Symposium Report (6.19.2020):** Kelly reported that she received much positive feedback about the Symposium from participants which was attended virtually by persons representing UAF, UAA, outside institutions, and even a person living in Japan. Kelly also noted that people who did not originally plan to attend the conference were now able to do so because the virtual symposium did not require travel.

Goldstream Group, TRiM's evaluator, conducted an evaluation of the Symposium. Denise highlighted a few key points from the report. The report cited at least 65 individuals participated throughout the day. The Symposium featured 13 presentations which included 1 one-hour keynote and twelve 20-minute presentations. According to the evaluation, 100% of the participants felt that the symposium was somewhat valuable with 53% reported it to be "very valuable." Denise offered to send the evaluation report out to the group and post it on the ISC google doc folder.

The group discussed the possibility of hosting another Symposium. The International Hibernation Symposium (IHS) held in the Netherlands was scheduled for this year, but was cancelled due to COVID19. The next IHS is tentatively rescheduled for May 9-14, 2021, pending COVID travel safety. This conference is typically held every 4 years.

We discussed the option of hosting the TRiM symposium every 2 years or, as Cory noted, participate in the IHS Symposium next year as there is a special space travel conference included. If we explore that route, Khrys suggested, we could possibly have a COBRE-sponsored workshop at the IHS. Oivind noted that the cost of a virtual conference is significantly less and allows more people to participate. Kelly and Khrys suggested that we should form a working group to brainstorm development of another conference. Khrys noted the EAC's recommendation of using the NIH R03 funding mechanism to fund

the conference. (Note: R13 and carry forward are other NIH funding mechanisms.) Bahareh noted that a future conference could focus more on the translational aspect of hibernation research. Denise suggested that we could consider hosting a hybrid conference in the future that allows for face-to-face and virtual attendance. All agreed that hybrid conferences are the wave of the future.

**V. EAC and UA Administrator Meeting Outcomes (6.23 and 6.24.2020):** Kelly commended the group's presentations offered at the EAC meeting and that the EAC were impressed with the quality of work being conducted. If the EAC had met in person, they would have produced an EAC report on-site. Instead it came a few days after the meeting. Kelly also noted that the EAC will want to see progress made on their recommendations at their next meeting. She highlighted #2 recommendation concerning the NIH Career Development Awards (K-Awards) as a funding mechanism to develop/retain research investigators. She noted that K awards require mentors, who are individuals achieving NIH R21 awards. Kelly noted the "mentors with borders" idea from Brian Barnes as a possible strategy to address this challenge and that Trey Coker has experience with K-awards. Kelly said that she will ask Trey to give a talk at an upcoming Journal Club meeting about K-awards. Cory added that post-docs could apply for F22 awards and be eligible for research funding.

Khrys noted the EAC's suggestion for the COBRE PIs to brainstorm a project where they could apply for a Multi-PI NIH grant. She noted that this interest would need to be organic among the project PIs in order to work. Cory noted that the application is complex. Kelly added that a multi-PI grant could be a strategy to engage our project leaders to work more closely together. Many of TRiM's PIs and Cores are already working together in various aspects of their projects.

Brandon asked that we send the EAC report to the new Provost, Denise Rutge, as John Staley moves on July 1. Khrys recommended that the report be sent to all of the administrators, including those not in attendance.

**VI. Old Business – Review and act on the draft Revised TRiM Vision Statement.** This matter was raised at the end of the meeting and there was not sufficient time for discussion. Khrys asked that we put this item up front in the next agenda.

**VII. New Business** – Kelly asked Jen Danielson, Goldstream Group, to add the Animal Research Center in TRiM's next evaluation and ask others for their feedback about ARC and the care of squirrels they provide.

**VIII. Schedule Next ISC meeting** – The next meeting is scheduled for August 28, 12:00 noon to 1:00 p.m.

**IX. Adjourn** – The meeting adjourned at 1:10 p.m.