

# Scientific Network on Female Sexual Health and Cancer

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## Message from the Chair



Welcome to the first Scientific Network on Female Sexual Health and Cancer Newsletter!

I am excited about this new format for communication with our members, and understand that communication and networking is one of the most valued aspects of the Network. Until now, this has been limited mostly to our national meetings and phone conferences. This newsletter is the first step towards expanding communication in a way that will be useful and tangible for members. The current plan is to publish quarterly – focusing on one of our critical goal areas in each volume: Membership, Research, Sustainability/Infrastructure, and Writing.

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## Save the Date! – 2017 Conference

Calling all researchers, educators and clinicians working with or interested in women's sexual health in the context of cancer. Join your Network colleagues for networking and education at the 2017 Scientific Network conference!

**When:** 1:00 PM Thursday, April 6th – 12:00 PM Friday, April 7th (programming continues through dinner on Thursday evening)

**Where:** Courtyard by Marriott Sacramento Midtown, 4422 Y Street, located on the UC Davis Sacramento campus near UC Davis Medical Center

The call for abstracts will go out in early October. Additional details regarding the agenda will be posted on the Network website as they become available.



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Sexual Health and Cancer



### Vision

*All women and girls affected by cancer will have timely access to evidence-based education and care to promote sexual well-being and optimize sexual outcomes.*

### Mission

*To accelerate rigorous science, promote evidence-based education and practice, and advocate for informed policy.*

### Core Values

*Collaboration, Diversity, Excellence, Integrity and Scholarship*

## Membership

**Renewal** notices will be sent in the next few months.

## Message from the Chair, continued

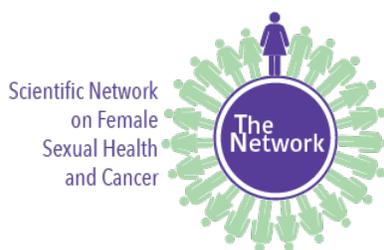
The next few months will bring an overhaul of our website, including a feature-packed “members-only area” which will exponentially expand the ability for Network members to reach out to one another and find mutual interests/opportunities. We welcome input into this process, as the goal is to serve members and increase knowledge and research in this critically understudied area.

Since I run the sustainability/infrastructure effort, I would love to update you on progress in that area. Many thanks to everyone who has worked on these multiple projects—particularly our Network Coordinator, Aimee Tobin. As many of you know, the past year has been busy establishing creating the bylaws and framework necessary to apply for 501c3 status. We were granted this nonprofit status on April 16th, 2015! This has allowed us to work as an independent entity in opening back accounts, insurance coverage, etc. More importantly, this now opens the way to accepting donations from individuals, foundations, and industry (more on that topic to come). In addition, our branding initiative created a logo and color scheme that better represents our mission.

As we look ahead to the next few months, there are some important dates I would like to highlight:

- Steering Committee elections will take place fall 2016
  - Jeanne Carter, PhD will assume her position as the next Network Chair January 2017.
  - There will be a spring 2017 conference April 6th-7th hosted at UC-Davis -- registering details coming soon!
- Please enjoy this first Network Newsletter!

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