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Laurence Boitet is an IRACDA-MERIT postdoctoral fellow at the University of Alabama at Birmingham (UAB). Dr. Boitet graduated from UAB with her PhD in Cell Biology in 2019, though she is currently completing a postdoctoral fellowship in the field of organizational behavior. Her research aim is to inform the development of interventions and educational programs that aim to retain and support the success of individuals in biomedical research.

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Elise manages the research programs at the PKD Foundation, including their Scientific Advisory Panel and Research Grant and Fellowship programs. She led the launch of two novel and impactful programs in ADPKD – the patient-centered ADPKD Registry and the Centers of Excellence in ADPKD. Elise holds a bachelor's degree from New York University and a master's degree in Public Health from Boston University.

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Christine Maric-Bilkan is a Program Officer in the Division of Kidney, Urologic and Hematologic diseases at the National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases (NIDDK)/National Institutes of Health, where she oversees a portfolio of grants related to research on sex and gender differences in renal diseases, diabetic and polycystic kidney disease. She also oversees early career training programs in kidney and urology research fields. Christine received her PhD from the University of Melbourne, Australia in renal physiology in 1997. Following post-doctoral training at the University College London, UK, she joined Georgetown University Medical Center in 2001 as an Assistant Professor and then as Associate Professor in the Department of Physiology and Biophysics at the University of Mississippi Medical Center in 2008. She concluded her academic research career in 2013 after joining the NIH as a Program Officer.

**Eryn Dixon, Ph.D.**

“Eryn Dixon is participating in her personal capacity.”

**Rachel Gallagher, Ph.D.**

My career started in Europe where my graduate work was on kidney development. Staying with the kidney, I transitioned to studying the molecular mechanisms underlying ADPKD. This

opened up opportunities to move to the States to work with Stefan Somlo at the Yale School of Medicine studying the function of the newly discovered ARPKD gene, PKHD1. During my latter years at Yale, I became more interested in translational approaches to treating PKD. Late 2020, I transitioned to biotech, and joined Goldfinch Bio, a small kidney disease focused company as principal scientist. My experience there led to my current position as Director of Biology at a venture backed new company that enables me to build a company with the focus on developing therapies for ADPKD.