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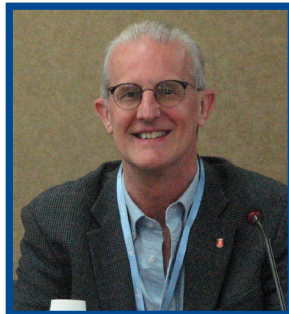
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President's Report

Anne Joseph, MD, MPH

It has been an honor to serve as President of SRNT this year. It has been a busy time for the organization and I am proud to report on a number of initiatives.

As part of the strategic planning process we identified that the organization could do more by providing strong research and expert guidance to policy makers. Several efforts this year contributed to that goal. In conjunction with the Tobacco Control Legal Consortium and Tobacco Free Kids we sponsored a training webinar to help individual members learn how to participate in the docket process. With support from the Policy Network, SRNT, as an organization, also provided comment on the menthol docket. We sponsored travel for speakers at the Joint TPSAC/Risk Communication Advisory Committee in August 2013, to help bring scientific voices to the debate. The Board of Directors is currently conducting a membership survey to inform an upcoming SRNT comment on a FDA docket requesting comment on the Other Tobacco Product Citizen's Petition regarding regulation of all tobacco products, including cigars and electronic cigarettes. The Treatment and Policy Networks, in collaboration with ATTUD, have again commented on liberalizing restrictions on NRT use and the Networks are submitting a manuscript on this important policy issue.

We also identified that SRNT could better serve early career and aspiring researchers. To that end the Treatment Network hosted a wonderful webinar on SMART designs and the Trainee Network held one on writing scientific articles and one on grant writing.

A number of exciting changes in the field of nicotine and tobacco research face our organization. Tobacco regulatory science continues to develop as a new discipline. SRNT will participate in this initiative through structure of the annual meeting and enhancing training opportunities. There is exciting work to do in the field of new products, especially electronic cigarettes, but also challenging considerations for the society. Over the course of this year SRNT has had to deal with complex questions regarding electronic cigarette manufacturers' status as organization members, exhibitors, and presenters.

Some wonderful new leaders have come on board. Nicotine and Tobacco Research has a new editor-in-chief – Marcus Munafo. During the coming year he will shadow David Balfour in preparation for taking over in 2015. New Network and Committee leaders include Melissa Blank and Mariella De Biasi (Basic Science), Patricia Nez Henderson and Joanna D'Silva (Tobacco-Related Health Disparities), Jonathan Foulds and David Hammond (Public Policy), Jennifer McClure and Benjamin Toll (Treatment), Robert West (Publications Committee), Saul Shiffman (Awards Committee), Scott Leischow (Development Committee), and Edin Evans (Nominations Committee). We are very fortunate to have such dedicated scientists volunteer their time.

I very much appreciate the hard work of the Seattle 2014 Program Co-Chairs (Sean David, Jody Prochaska, and Angela Atwood) and our Executive Director, Bruce Wheeler. There are also many others to thank for our successes. It has been a privilege to be SRNT President this year and I look forward to continuing our work together.

Treasurer's Report

David Drobos, PhD

2013 Year-End Financials

As has become our custom, SRNT will end 2013 in the black, with an expected net income of \$130,000. This is due to several factors:

- 1) Conference registration and membership income surpassed expectation;
- 2) The SRNT board put on hold a large market research project planned for 2013; and
- 3) In keeping with historical practice, expenses were carefully controlled.

Notes: The 2013 year-end financials are preliminary, as SRNT hasn't yet received the 2013 journal royalties from Oxford University Press or the invoice for member journal subscriptions. Therefore, year-end net is based on estimates that include outstanding budgeted income and expenses. In addition, interest income (or loss) will be determined based on December 31 actuals and added to the financials by our audit firm at the time the books are formally closed. As the stock market had a relatively positive year, it is expected SRNT will see an increase in interest income that is not reflected in this report.

Revenue and Expenses

SRNT's main sources of revenue are (a) membership dues, (b) conference registration, and (c) journal royalties. Financial support from the pharmaceutical industry in the form of unrestricted educational grants represents less than 10 percent of SRNT's 2013 revenues.

Our two largest areas of expense are (a) management of SRNT by The Rees Group, and (b) the Annual Meeting.

Assets

The following is a breakdown of SRNT's assets, including cash, CDs, money market accounts, and investments, which totaled more than \$1.5 million at year-end:

- SRNT has approximately \$450,000 in cash/checking and money market accounts. This represents SRNT's operational fund.
- SRNT has approximately \$360,000 in the general fund, which will be used in coming years for projects and activities related to the strategic plan. For instance, \$150,000 will be set aside to cover anticipated increased costs of the 2017 Annual Meeting, which will be held in Europe.
- SRNT has Board- and donor-restricted funds for awards, treatobacco and international activities totaling approximately \$93,000.
- Reserves are currently just under \$625,000. As per policy, 25 percent of 2013 net income will be moved to SRNT's reserves once the books are closed. The Reserve Policy calls for the equivalent of one year's operating expenses in reserve. Based on the 2014 budget we are at 62 percent of that goal. Reserves are managed by a professional investment firm and are invested in long-term instruments that have no connection to the tobacco industry.

2014 Budget

We currently project a budget deficit between \$25,000 and \$35,000 for 2014. The largest contributor to this deficit is Networks, which will cost SRNT approximately \$38,000 in 2014 (travel awards, webinars, and other projects). However, note that the SRNT Finance Committee and staff budget very conservatively. If history is any guide and investments continue to do well the deficit will likely be smaller. Plans for 2014 include the seating of a Development Committee to identify new sources of revenue and/or revenue generating projects, which may also impact the projected deficit. Despite the projected deficit budget for 2014, SRNT is in a very strong financial position.

Journal Editor's Report

Editor-in-Chief: David J. K. Balfour, PhD

2013 was a successful and eventful year for the journal. Most notably, we received more submissions than we have ever received. The final count is 687 submissions for standard issues of the journal. In November alone we received close to 80 submissions. This figure compares with approximately 350 submissions 8 years ago. Thus, the popularity of the journal as the place to publish work on nicotine and tobacco has continued to grow and I think we are entitled to say that the journal has become the principal vehicle for papers in the field. It is pleasing to see papers from the journal increasingly cited in both our own journal and other journals. All of this raises the profile of the journal and the Society that sponsors it. So far, this has not resulted in an increase in our impact factor, currently 2.48, although, hopefully, this will happen in due course. In the Social Science Citation Index, the journal is rated as 2/30 among journals in the Substance Abuse category and 19/136 in the Public, Environmental, & Occupational Health category. Thus, we are in the top quartile of both categories.

Our contract with Oxford University Press stipulates that we have 1500 pages per year available to us in standard issues of the journal. The journal now receives so many submissions that we could easily fill many more pages than this. During the year the senior editor team discussed the possibility of requesting a larger page allocation to accommodate the increase in submissions. However I and the senior editors unanimously agreed that it is far better to focus on improving the quality of the papers we accept for publication even if this means that we reject a higher proportion of the papers submitted. It seemed to us to be the best way of enhancing the standing of the journal. In 2013, our acceptance rate for standard submission was close to our target of 30% and this may have to go lower in future if we maintain or increase our current the number of submissions.

Another way of attracting good quality papers is to provide a good quality of service. My team of editors do an excellent job and the turnaround time for papers is now as short as I think we can get it. A major problem is the recruitment of referees. This is proving increasingly difficult and editors spend a considerable amount of time recruiting the minimum of 2 referees' reports for each article we try to provide. I think we have taken all the steps we can to address this – we triage as many papers as I think we can without damaging the reputation for fairness of our review process. I know that a number of journals experience the same problems and I think there is little more we can do.

A majority of the papers we publish are submitted as standard submissions. However, for the last few years, we have introduced themed issues or sections of issues dedicated to a particular topic. We anticipate that these themed issues/sections may attract new readers to the journal. In 2013, we published one themed issue on FCTC policy research which was guest edited by Michael Cummings. We have several more at various stages of development for 2014 and 2015. We also publish supplements to the journal which are additional to the standard 12 issues of the journal and are sponsored financially, generally by government agencies or not for profit foundations. There are several of these at various stages of development. Supplements are “money spinners” for both the publisher and the journal. Furthermore, they often focus on issues that are contemporary, of significant interest to people in the nicotine and tobacco field and may be widely read. However, I think it only right to point out that the editorial team have some concerns about supplements. Although all the papers in supplements are peer-reviewed, the editorial team feel that the quality of some of the papers accepted for supplements are of lower quality than those we now accept for standard issues of the journal. Potentially this could adversely influence the perceived quality of papers in the journal as a whole. For this reason, we are cautious about those we accept and currently limit the number of supplements in any one year to two.

The journal allocates a few pages in each issue to “Society Matters”. In previous years the Society has made very little use of this page allocation. I am pleased to report that in 2013 the Society made increasing use of these pages to disseminate information and in 2014 I see this becoming a more regular component of each issue.

Each year, the Editor has one or two disappointments to record. We have tried to introduce a policy of commissioning reviews from influential members of the nicotine and tobacco community, including those the Society seeks to honour as plenary or award-winning speakers at the annual conference. Potentially these reviews could raise the profile and impact of the journal. A number of the invitees agree in principle, but the review drops to the bottom of their “to do list” and too many do not finally deliver. I know that the speakers at the 2014 conference will be asked to contribute a review to the journal and that our Editor-in-Chief to be, Marcus Munafò, is very keen to follow up on this idea. Hopefully in years to come this policy will be more successful. It is my impression

that we are beginning to receive more papers related to basic science, including some from what I would describe as major and influential laboratories. I find this pleasing and consistent with the Society's and journal's policy of promoting basic science with our portfolios. However, the journal still does not publish many papers on this aspect and we would like to receive more good quality basic science papers. Commissioning good quality reviews from influential basic scientists is one approach we have tried to pursue in this regard but for the reasons highlighted above, this has not proved as successful as we would like.

Finally, I would like to record my thanks to all the members of the Editorial Board for 2013. Without their sterling efforts the journal would not run as efficiently as it does. I must also mention Margaret Searle, in

the OUP editorial office whose contribution to journal truly is invaluable. As in every year, there are some changes to the board. Jean-Francois Etter resigned as a Deputy Editor. From the Associate Editors, Jon Ebbert, Henri-Jean Aubin and Stephen Heishman resigned. The journal is very grateful for their contributions over a number of years. Richard Edwards from the University of Otago in New Zealand was "promoted" from our team of Associate Editors to become a Deputy Editor. Marc Steinberg, Yves Martinet, Roberta Ferrence and Jim Thrasher were recruited to the team of Associate Editors. Perhaps the most significant change is the appointment at the end of the year of Marcus Munafo as Editor-in-Chief elect. During 2014, he will be shadowing me and increasingly taking over the reins before he formally becomes the Editor at the beginning of 2015.

Treatobacco Manager's Report

Manager: Jacques Le Houezec

2013 was a very successful year for www.treatobacco.net, with almost a doubling of users (+95%) compared to last year.

The number of downloaded documents from the website almost tripled (+282%), with 281,367 downloads. The most downloaded documents were treatment guidelines from Japan, Chile, Australia, Uruguay, USA, Malaysia, and Italy, as well as the 2010 ITC report on treatment in relation to Article 14 of the FCTC. It should be noted that the FCTC Article 14 guidelines, officially adopted policy on treatment for – currently – 176 countries, include a resources document that mentions just two resources: The Cochrane Library and www.treatobacco.net. The top sections visited are the Safety, Health economics, and Efficacy sections, as well as the Resource Library (where the treatment guidelines from numerous countries are downloadable). After English, the pages in other languages most used are French, Chinese, and Spanish. After the USA (51% of the pages viewed on [treatobacco.net](http://www.treatobacco.net)), most users are coming from China, Great Britain, Germany, Ukraine, France, Japan, and Brazil (representing about 35% of the pages viewed). We are currently updating the different sections, and a new section on e-cigarettes is on its way, with a probable launch before the SRNT Annual conference.

SRNT-Europe President's Report

Marcus Munafò, PhD, MSc

In 1998 a meeting of European members of SRNT was held in Copenhagen, which stimulated regular SRNT meetings in Europe. At the 2010 SRNT-E meeting in Bath a "chapter" of SRNT, with independent status under the SRNT organizational umbrella, was formally established. The chapter affiliation agreement was signed on September 5th 2010 by SRNT-E president Christian Chiamulera and SRNT president Caryn Lerman. Following extensive discussions and preparations, the chapter was registered as a charitable organization in the United Kingdom.

The mission of SRNT-E is to stimulate the generation of new knowledge concerning nicotine and tobacco at any level of research, from molecular to societal, with the following aims:

- 1) To organize scientific meetings and publications fostering the exchange of research information on nicotine and tobacco.
- 2) To encourage scientific research on public health efforts for the prevention and treatment of tobacco use and dependence.
- 3) To educate and train researchers and clinicians to be able to conduct such research and apply its results.
- 4) To provide a framework by which legislative, governmental, regulatory and other public agencies can obtain expert advice and consultation on nicotine and tobacco.

Governance

SRNT-E represents SRNT members residing in Europe, defined as EU Member States and countries associated to the science and technology agreements of the EC (Switzerland, Israel, Norway, Iceland, Liechtenstein, Turkey, Croatia, the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and Serbia, Albania and Montenegro, Bosnia & Herzegovina, Faeroe Islands). Membership is voluntary, based on

payment of annual dues that are supplementary to main SRNT dues. Any member of SRNT may join SRNT-E, and all SRNT-E members must be members of SRNT. SRNT-E members receive a discount on registration for SRNT-E's annual meeting, and can take part in the Chapter activities.

The SRNT-E board has six members elected by SRNT-E members, with two positions becoming vacant each year and being taken up in the September of each year (to coincide with the annual meeting). In addition, the SRNT Member Delegate for Europe and the Honorary Secretary hold ex officio positions on the SRNT-E board. The board members for 2013-2014 are Marcus Munafò (President, Member Delegate for Europe, and Honorary Secretary), Jacqueline Vink (Secretary), Sally Adams (Treasurer), Mohammed Shoaib (Programme Committee Chair), Ivan Berlin (Programme Committee Co-Chair), Outi Salminen (Communications Officer) and Marc Willemsen (Ordinary Member).

Activities

In 2013 SRNT-E did not organize a meeting to avoid competing with the international SRNT meeting in Boston. The next SRNT-E meeting will be in Santiago de Compostela, Spain, from 18th to 20th September 2014. We warmly invite all SRNT members to attend what promises to be an excellent meeting. Further details are available on the conference website: <http://2014srnt.sergas.es/Default.aspx>

In 2012 SRNT-E applied to join the Federation of European Neuroscience Societies (FENS: www.fens.org), in order to strengthen links with basic scientists in the neuroscience area. SRNT-E membership was approved by the FENS Governing Council on July 14th, 2012. SRNT-E members are eligible to receive FENS membership benefits. Mohammed Shoaib currently acts as SRNT-E's representative on the FENS Governing Council.

Network Reports

Basic Science Network Report

Network Chairs: Mariella De Biasi, PhD and Melissa Blank, PhD

- 1) Member survey: Basic Science Network (BSN) members were asked to complete a survey (open from 05/09 to 06/12/13) so that we could characterize our current members and determine their interest in network activities. The response rate was 32% and results were compiled and posted on the BSN webpage.
- 2) Scientist Spotlight: Based on feedback from the survey, members expressed interest in the network spotlighting BS researchers. Thus, Christie Fowler, a BSN advisory committee member, developed a series of questions for future interviews. She also conducted the first interview with Darwin Berg, which has since been posted on the BS webpage. Our goal is to conduct one interview every 3 months.
- 3) Network meeting at the 2013 SRNT Conference: The meeting attracted a small but motivated group of mostly young members. Interestingly, their backgrounds and interests broadly cover different areas (as subsequently observed with the member survey, see above). Future activities were discussed in accordance to the SRNT Strategic Plan 2013-2017. Areas of implementation have been suggested such as joint activities with other SRNT networks, EU chapter, and other scientific societies.
- 4) Discussion of the make-up of the BSN advisory board: Ideas included subcommittees such as Communications (e.g., webpage), Program (e.g., pre-conference meetings and symposia), Scholarship (e.g., funding, training), and Collaborations/Partnerships (e.g., inside and outside SRNT). Each group might consist of 4 members.
- 5) The Basic Science Network would like to acknowledge the outstanding volunteer efforts of Christian Chiamulera and Marina Picciotta, the Networks founding co-chairs, who stepped down in 2013.

Genetics Network Report

Network Co-Chairs: Andrew Bergen, PhD, and Nancy Saccone, PhD

- 1) The Genetics Network sponsored a Pre-Conference Workshop on Wednesday March 13th, 2013 entitled "Nicotine Dependence Genetics and Beyond", with 11 speakers, and with morning and afternoon sessions. The morning session with Ming Li, Laura Bierut, Nancy Saccone, Neal Benowitz and Rachel Tyndale was especially well attended. We invited a domain expert in genome-wide methylation analyses, Ite Laird-Offringa, from the University of Southern California, to speak in the afternoon.
- 2) A dozen members of the Genetics Network met on Friday March 15th, 2013 at the 2013 Annual Meeting. We discussed the SRNT Board's interest in the Networks initiating projects, and generated a list of topics that could be included in a future white paper. Jaakko Kaprio stepped down as network co-chair and Nancy Saccone was nominated to serve for two years as network co-chair.
- 3) The Genetics Network has sponsored a PreConference Workshop to be held on Wednesday, February 5, 2014, with seven invited speakers. The themes to be covered include: The role of the cholinergic/nicotinic system and metabolism in the genetics of smoking; Next-generation sequence data; Collaborative genetic studies.
- 4) The Genetics Network SRNT Annual meeting will be held from 2:30-3:30 pm on Tuesday afternoon, February 4th, 2014 and will feature five to six short presentations on collaborative projects by Genetics Network members interested in collaboration or to report progress on meta-analyses. To encourage continuity from year to year, during planning for this meeting we circulated a list of topics that had been generated during the 2013 Genetics Network meeting and encouraged network members to be prepared to lead discussions on topics of their choice.
- 5) The Genetics Network would like to acknowledge the outstanding volunteer efforts of Jaakko Kaprio, the Network's founding co-chair. Jaakko Kaprio stepped down as co-chair in 2013.

Global Health Network Report

Network Chairs: James Thrasher, PhD, and Lekan Ayo-Yusuf, PhD

At the Global Health Network (GHN) meeting in Boston we began discussions around short and long-term goals for the network. We established an advisory committee with representatives from Africa, Asia, Southasia, Middle East, US, Latin America. We have had two conference calls to refine short- and long-term goals and define what the GHN can reasonably offer people in LMICs and/or HIC researchers who want to do research in LMICs. We will have one more call in late January to review candidates for the co-Chair position that Lekan will vacate (we are already soliciting candidate names) and to finalize the GHN meeting agenda for Seattle, including the volunteers to chair subcommittees oriented around key GHN activity areas:

- **GHN Listserv:** We have been defining the aims, audience & functionality of a GHN listserv, so as to provide a listserv that is maximally useful for GHN network members. 195 SRNT members are interested in the network and we plan to invite them to sign up. Through the Listserv, we aim to communicate GHN activities, proving members with a summary following each quarterly network meeting with the advisory committee and subcommittee chairs. We are considering monthly communications about some GHN-relevant topic. We also want to work with NTR editors to forward abstracts from articles that are relevant to GHN. We are also in communication with the people who run Globalink, which had a Listserv for people interested in global tobacco control. They are currently reconfiguring their services, and we may be able to coordinate with them. At the Seattle meeting, we aim to designate a Listserv subcommittee chair to coordinate these efforts and launch the Listserv.
- **Research dissemination:** We aim for SRNT to be present at regional tobacco control conferences to raise awareness of the organization and its mission. We want to enhance the relevance and awareness of SRNT by translating into Spanish, French and Arabic the FCTC implementation issue and abstracts from the most-cited NTR articles. Ideally, we could bring these materials to regional conferences, host this material on the SRNT website, and find other ways to make these available to researchers in LMICs. We have discussed possibilities for translation, including low cost strategies such as using volunteers to either fully translate or to review text that results from Google translate. At the Seattle meeting, we aim to designate a dissemination subcommittee chair to coordinate these efforts.
- **Research capacity building:** We have been identifying opportunities to engage in research capacity building through developing workshops and partnering with organizations that are also engaged in capacity building. We view regional conferences as a prime venue for conducting pre-conference workshops, and will conduct our first pre-conference at the 4th Latin American Conference on Tobacco or Health, in San José, Costa Rica, March 25, 2014. This will involve: an overview of the research funding environment; presentation of different case studies for building tobacco research capacity in the Latin American region in order to identify lessons learned; and how to write research for publication. Although SRNT is the primary workshop sponsor, NCI, CDC, and the editors from the journal Tobacco Control will also participate. This experience will inform future workshops, but we are also considering what is possible with different amounts of time (e.g., 2 hours, 1 week), topics (e.g., writing proposals for funding), modalities (e.g., online), audiences (e.g., research 101 for advocates). At SRNT Seattle, we are sponsoring a symposium on tobacco research capacity building, so that we might better understand effective models of research capacity building. We are also in conversation with the Institute for Global Tobacco Control at Johns Hopkins to see how SRNT can make a meaningful contribution to their tobacco research training program for people from LMICs. At the Seattle meeting, we aim to designate a dissemination subcommittee chair to coordinate these efforts.
- **Longer-term goals:** We have identified a number of other goals for the network:
 - Develop a Mentoring structure and processes that would allow SRNT members to be matched with researchers in LMICs who share their interests. We have spoken with some people who were engaged in similar effort (Global Tobacco research Network) in order to determine lessons that could inform our efforts in this area. This could involve a network mapping survey to determine who is doing what, where, and with whom
 - Increase funding for the GHN to support capacity building efforts, perhaps through seeking funding (e.g., Fogarty & NCI) and partnership with other organizations (e.g., Hopkins, CDC, WHO)
 - Develop ties to other networks by meeting with people in other networks who have GH interests.
 - Develop an Online journal, perhaps open access, so that access and publication is easier for people in LMICs

Tobacco-Related Health Disparities Network Report

Network Chairs: Joanne D'Silva, MPH, Patricia Nez Henderson, MD, MPH

Program Workgroup: Co-chairs Donna Shelley and Jennifer Cantrell worked closely with members to develop abstracts and symposia for the 2014 SRNT annual conference. They provided information on abstract and symposia criteria and helped researchers develop symposia themes; they also helped identify and organize researchers across institutions who could be part of a symposia. Of the three symposia that were submitted, the following was accepted for presentation: "Targeted Marketing? Cigar Use among African American Youth and Young Adults and Tobacco Industry Advertising."

Evaluation Workgroup: Co-chairs Norval Hickman and Shadi Nahvi have re-assessed transcripts from past focus groups with travel scholars to determine the role of the scholarship on research training and networking opportunities with senior disparities researchers and research training. The re-evaluation revealed that the travel scholarship helped recipients connect with investigators and exchange research ideas with other TRHD Network members. The workgroup is gearing up to do an online survey of past TRHD travel scholars. The goals and objectives for the survey evaluation have been articulated in a proposal which was reviewed with the advisory committee (AC). With stakeholder input they will move forward with preparation of sample survey questions for review with the AC. Intended release of the online survey is mid-February 2014.

Communications Workgroup: Chair Monica Webb Hooper has been focused on increasing correspondence and engagement among TRHD Network members. The workgroup has reinvigorated our Facebook page, by increasing membership (now 59, versus 23 in September 2013) and by regular postings of announcements, questions, and relevant abstracts/articles. The workgroup is also planning to develop the TRHD Network's website, with the first round of development going live in January 2014.

Scholarship Workgroup: It was a very competitive year for the 2014 SRNT TRHD Increasing Diversity Scholarship Program lead by Co-chairs Steve Fu and Jack Burkhalter. 67 applications were reviewed by expert reviewers from the Network. A total of 16 scholarships were awarded

to a diverse and highly qualified group of junior investigators, fellows and graduate students who are conducting ground-breaking research to ameliorate tobacco-related health disparities. In addition, two TRHD travel awards were presented to one international researcher and one US-based researcher. The scholarship program was made possible through the generous support of the American Legacy Foundation, the Tobacco Related Disease Research Program, ClearWay Minnesota, and SRNT.

In addition to the activities outlined above, following is a list of other TRHD Network activities in progress.

- The annual in-person meeting of the AC will be held on February 4th, prior to the SRNT annual conference in Seattle. Topics for discussion include nomination of new AC members, the special journal issue (below) and planning for the 2014-2015 year.
- The Network has issued a call for papers for a special themed issue to Nicotine & Tobacco Research on tobacco-related health disparities, with a focus on intervention research. Guest editors for the themed issue are Kola Okuyemi, Pebbles Fagan, and Lorraine Reitzel.
- Members of the AC are in the process of reviewing the Network's Strategic Plan to ensure that it aligns with the SRNT Strategic Plan. A revised Strategic Plan will be discussed at the annual AC meeting.
- Planning is underway for the Network meeting and Network breakfast which will take place during the annual SRNT meeting. The Network meeting will be an opportunity for Network members to provide input into the proposed activities for the upcoming year. The Network breakfast will highlight the 2014 travel award recipients.
- Lastly, a mentorship program to pair travel scholars with senior faculty mentors is under development.

Trainee Network Report

Network Chairs: Jessica Cook, PhD, Bryan Heckman, and John Hughes, MD

Consistent with services requested by SRNT's trainees (Heckman et al., 2013), we aim to enhance networking opportunities and career development. The advisory board collects feedback throughout all activities, and integrates this information into subsequent planning.

To address networking:

- 1) We hosted a trainee/senior investigator mixer event at SRNT 2013 which drew attendance from over 100 members.
- 2) We created a trainee recruitment resource to help connect trainees with training sites.
- 3) We have an active listserv, which **grew in membership from 101 to 176 members** over the course of the year.

2014 Goal: Host another mixer event for the upcoming SRNT 2014 (underway), and maintain items 2 and 3 listed above.

To address career development:

- 1) We have launched the Trainee Network webinar series.
 - a) 48 trainees attended *Understanding Scientific Review of Clinical Tobacco-Related IH Research Applications*, hosted by John Hughes and Robert Schnoll.
 - b) 89 trainees attended *An Introduction to Writing Scientific Articles on Tobacco Use*, hosted by John Hughes and Saul Shiffman.
- 2) We maintain an active webpage that provides advertising for upcoming events and access to past events.

2014 Goal: Host a pre-conference workshop entitled *Developing a Successful Line of Research Across Early Career Stages*, hosted by Bryan Heckman, Erika Bloom, Jessica Cook, Thomas Brandon, Richard Brown, Michael Fiore, Ron Borland, Stephen Heishman, and John Hughes (underway), and maintain item 1 and 2 listed above.

Additional 2014 Goal: We plan to launch a Past Presidents Interview Series over the course of 2014, to be published in Nicotine and Tobacco Research.

Treatment Network

Network Chairs: Jennifer McClure, PhD, and Benjamin Toll, PhD

1) The Treatment Network Advisory Committee (Jennifer McClure, Ben Toll, Nancy Rigotti, Tom Glynn, Lisa Fucito, and Megan Piper) continue to meet monthly to provide high level guidance for all Treatment Network activities. A major focus of our work has been planning a pre-conference workshop for the 2014 SRNT meeting. This workshop will bring together leaders in the field of nicotine and tobacco treatment research to address several emerging issues of interest to those conducting nicotine dependence treatment research. In addition, we published a summary of our 2013 pre-conference workshop in the N&TR Society Pages and posted the slides from those presentations online for SRNT members. Later this month, we've been asked to review and select a member of the newly approved travel awards for the 2014 SRNT meeting in Seattle.

2) **ATTUD/SRNT Synergy Committee.** With the Board's prior approval, we convened a joint committee focused on building synergy between SRNT and ATTUD. As a result of the efforts of this committee, ATTUD will be co-sponsoring a pre-conference workshop with the Treatment Network at the 2014 SRNT annual meeting (see below), and the ATTUD leadership is considering pairing their in person meeting with our SRNT annual conference in Philadelphia in 2 years.

3) To further expand the influence of the Treatment Network within SRNT and consistent with direction from the board, we decided at the 2013 annual meeting to create four new subcommittees, each tasked with identifying and implementing additional strategies to increase engagement within the Network, grow the Network's membership, and enhance our member's understanding of issues relevant to nicotine dependence treatment and research.

i) **Communications:** This subcommittee is focused on building membership within the Treatment Network listserv, which we created 2 years ago, and facilitating active discussions on the listserv. To achieve these aims, the subcommittee first conducted a survey of all SRNT members to increase awareness of the listserv and better understand members' interests for the listserv. The group has also been regularly posting to the

Network listserv, to promote more ongoing discussion. As a result of these efforts, listserv membership went from ~50 people last spring to 89 members at present. Plans for the near future also include posting on the SRNT Facebook page, to potentially increase our visibility and assess if this is a viable strategy for engaging our members.

ii) **Education:** The goal of this subcommittee is to host educational webinars of interest to the Treatment Network and broader SRNT membership. The inaugural webinar was conducted in mid-September and focused on novel research design methods (e.g., SMART designs). The slides for this webinar are posted to the SRNT members only website, and a write up of the webinar will be submitted to the Society Pages of N&TR for the November 2013 deadline. Plans are underway to host a second webinar in January 2014, which will likely focus on the use of technology in nicotine dependence treatment.

iii) **News:** The goal of this subcommittee is to keep our membership abreast of breaking news in the tobacco world. They plan to publish a series of short articles each year in the Society Pages of NTR on topics identified as of interest by our members in a recent survey (e.g., e-cigarettes, health care coverage, etc). The first publication, which will introduce the planned series, is set to be submitted to N&TR in November with a target publication date in January.

iv) **Writing:** The goal of this subcommittee is to publish one peer-reviewed paper per year related to important tobacco treatment scientific content. This year, the groups is focused on the newly announced changes to nicotine replacement therapy (NRT) labeling and are co-sponsoring a paper with the Policy Network. A first draft of that paper is complete and is being circulated among that subcommittee. The final draft will go to the SRNT Board to vote on for approval prior to being submitted to N&TR..

As a result of these activities, the Treatment Network membership has grown to 358 people at present, making it the largest of SRNT's Networks.

Committee Reports

Awards Committee Report

Chair: Sharon Hall, PhD

The Awards Committee, Chaired by Sharon Hall, met late last winter to review the nominations for the 2014 Awards: John Slade; Jarvik-Russell Young Investigator; and Doll-Wynder. As usual, the Committee received many outstanding nominations from the membership and after lengthy discussion selected the following recipients:

John Slade Award, Richard Hurt
Jarvik-Russell Young Investigator Award, Megan Piper
Doll-Wynder Award: Michael Thun

This was Dr. Hall's last year serving as chair of the SRNT Awards Committee. Saul Shiffman will take over the role of committee chair in 2014.

Finance Committee Report

Chair: Judy Andrews, PhD

Please see the 2013 Treasurer's Report

Nominations Committee Report

Chair: Edin Evins, MD

The annual call for nominations of officers was sent to SRNT members in October. The Committee, chaired for the second year by Edin Evins, reviewed nominations for the positions of President-Elect; Secretary/Treasurer; and Member Delegate representing Africa, Asia, Oceana and Latin America (AAOLA). The membership responded with outstanding nominees, which were discussed by the Committee and the final slate of candidates was presented to the Board of Directors before opening the election process.

The candidates for the office of President-Elect are Jaakko Kaprio, Robin Mermelstein, and Kola Okuyemi.

For the office of Secretary/Treasurer, the candidates are Eric Donny, David Drobos, and Megan Piper.

For the office of Member Delegate representing Africa, Asia, Oceana and Latin America, the candidates are Zahira Quinones and Naowarut Charoenca.

The election was not completed at the time this report went to print. Election results will have been communicated with the membership by the time the 2014 Annual Meeting takes place, and will be reported during the 2014 Members Meeting in Seattle.

Program Committee Report

Chair: Sean David, MD, SM, DPhil

The 2014 Program Committee is chaired by Sean David and co-chaired by Jodi Prochaska and Angela Attwood. This year's meeting is focused on the future of nicotine and tobacco research, building on the legacies of the 20-year history of SRNT and the 50th Anniversary of the Surgeon General Report on Smoking and Health. The meeting seeks to illuminate the future frontiers in nicotine and tobacco science from cell to society with special emphasis on science-based policy, including the role of electronic cigarettes in the tobacco endgame and tobacco control in lower-middle income countries and the Asia-Pacific region. The 2014 plenary sessions are:

Keynote Lecture

From Tobacco Research to Policy in the Asia-Pacific Region, Judith Mackay

Epidemiology and Public Health Theme Lecture

Tracking a Slow-Motion Tsunami: Epidemiological Lessons from the Evolving Tobacco Epidemic, Michael Thun

Policy Theme Lecture

50th Anniversary Surgeon General Report on Smoking and Health

- 50 Years of Surgeon Generals' Reports: Evolution of Methods and Findings, Jonathan Samet
- 50 Years of Tobacco Control: Impact on Smoking Behavior and Health and Implications for the Future, Ken Warner

Basic Science (Pre-Clinical) Theme Lecture

New Insights into the Mechanisms of Compulsive Nicotine Intake, Paul Kenny

Clinical Theme Lecture

MPOWER: A Moral and Ethical Imperative to Emphasize the O, Richard Hurt

New this year will be a special plenary session addressing the timely issue of e-cigarettes, Shifting the Tobacco Paradigm: Will E-Cigarettes Lead to the End of a New Beginning for Combustible Cigarettes in the US? Tom Glynn will chair the session, which will include Scott Leischow, Tim McAfee, Craig Weiss and Mitch Zeller.

Eighteen state-of-the-science symposia will address a wide variety of topics from various perspectives including: International research and perspectives on electronic cigarettes, the role of genetics in influencing tobacco dependence and cessation, third-hand cigarette smoke and its effects on health, toxicity and policy, anhedonia and its role in tobacco dependence and treatment, a transdisciplinary investigation of tobacco use among Alaskan natives, understanding non-daily smokers, psychiatric comorbidity and tobacco dependence, and mindfulness as tobacco dependence treatment.

In addition, the Committee has selected eighteen exceptional paper sessions that will cover a diversity of topics spanning varenicline, adolescents, dopamine, tobacco packaging, the process of quitting, behavioral cessation treatments, second-hand smoke, intermittent smokers, the genetics of nicotine addiction, the biology of dependence and withdrawal, and the impact of tobacco control policies, and many others. There will also be a paper session with abstracts submitted through the rapid response mechanism representing the most recent and exciting research in our field.

Finally, the tradition of the Early Career Awards Session will continue with talks by Drs. Ware, Shahab, and Pearson, and 2014 Jarvik-Russell Young Investigator Award recipient, Megan Piper.

As always, four poster sessions will serve as the core of this year's meeting. These sessions will cover a wide range of topics and offer a more personal and interactive format in which to learn about the latest developments in tobacco research.

The Committee has planned a meeting filled with high-quality science and timely topics. Additional information will be presented during the Members' Meeting in Seattle.

Publications Committee Report

Chair: Robert West, PhD

Historically, the primary role of the Publications Committee, currently chaired by Robert West, has been to identify candidates for the position of Editor-in-Chief of SRNT's journal, *Nicotine & Tobacco Research*. The role of the Committee is being expanded to include development of an SRNT publications strategy, proposing specific publication project to the Board, and negotiating with publishers and other service providers on behalf of the Board.

David Balfour will conclude his second term of service as Editor-in-Chief at the end of 2014. Therefore, the Publications Committee engaged in a nomination and review process in order to identify candidates for Board consideration. Several high-caliber nominations were received and discussed by the Committee before a recommendation was made to the Board of Directors. The Board, in conjunction with members of the Publications Committee, selected Marcus Munafo to become the journal's next Editor-in-Chief. His term will begin with the first journal issue of 2015.

Web Committee Report

Chair: Judith Gordon, PhD

SRNT's Web Committee, chaired by Judith Gordon, continued to review website content and update the site's home page Late Breaking News on a weekly basis. A special thanks goes to Committee member Ty Schepis for identifying and posting pertinent articles every week for the past two years.

In an effort to promote *Nicotine & Tobacco Research* and to provide monthly updates on the home page, the journal's table of contents is now posted each month, with each title linked directly to the abstract on Oxford University Press's website, where SRNT members can access full text. The Treatment Network continues to take full advantage of the website, and we have made efforts to encourage other SRNT Networks to also use the website.

In 2014, the Committee will review the current website and look at options for upgrading the web platform. Upgrades to the SRNT website will allow for easier navigation, faster integration with our membership and conference registration databases, and will allow for secure storage of credit card information. The Web Committee will be reorganizing, adding new members, and rotating off several members in 2014.

Executive Director's Report: A 10-Year Retrospective on SRNT's 20th Anniversary

Bruce Wheeler

It's hard to believe, but I have been with SRNT nearly 10 of its 20 years in existence! It seems like only yesterday that I traveled to Michigan to meet with then-President Ken Warner (as well as founding President Ovide Pomerleau) to find out what the heck this organization was about. Having spent the previous 12 years working with credit union associations at both the state and national levels, SRNT represented an entirely new career challenge.

And what a happy/exciting/rewarding challenge it has turned out to be! Here are some highlights of the growth SRNT has experienced over the course of its second decade:

In response to the divergent needs of SRNT's member-constituent groups, the SRNT Board of Directors created six topical Networks in 2009 (a seventh has since been added). Following the model of Professional Sections and Special Interest Groups (SIGs) found in similar societies, the three main functions of Networks are: to provide networking, educational, and professional growth opportunities to SRNT members according to area of research interest; to look at SRNT, organizationally, through their respective network lenses and recommend improvements, new programs, or activities to the Board; and to be the eyes and ears of SRNT, identifying external opportunities for organizational comment, outreach, or other involvement. With the recent addition of staff to support the Networks, I believe these groups represent the Society's future, providing invaluable guidance and input to the Board—and a more meaningful membership experience for Network participants—that will result in a stronger, more vibrant association across all research disciplines.

In 2010 SRNT began a new tradition—presidential visits with key stakeholders in Washington, D.C. Early each summer the SRNT president and I attend a series of meetings with groups that have included FDA, NIDA, NCI, American Legacy Foundation, Schroeder Institute for Tobacco Research, American Cancer Society, and Campaign for Tobacco-Free Kids. These meetings are beneficial for all involved. SRNT gets to hear about the new projects and priorities of its partners, and they get to learn a little more about SRNT and how we might work together to achieve mutual goals. SRNT has also joined the Friends of NIDA and Partners for Effective Tobacco Policy, a coalition that includes Cancer Action Network, American Heart Association, and American Lung Association, as well as other organizational friends in Washington.

One of SRNT's longer-term goals—to expand its role in informing public health policy—was advanced in partnership with the National Cancer Institute several years ago when NCI commissioned two series of white papers. The first identified research gaps related to FDA's new role in regulating the tobacco industry in the U.S., and the second identified research gaps in Article 14 of the World Health Organization's Framework Convention on Tobacco Control. Both groups of papers were published in *Nicotine & Tobacco Research* and have been widely cited, guiding funders as well as academic/scientific institutions looking for new areas to expand research. Also in the public policy arena, SRNT co-sponsored a Citizen's Petition asking FDA to review packaging and labeling requirements for, and retail availability of, NRT. More recently, SRNT has been engaging with FDA's Center for Tobacco Products, responding to requests for information on topics such as menthol, NRT, and non-combustible tobacco products. SRNT has also actively encouraged member participation in the FDA's docket process.

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With members in more than 40 countries around the world, perhaps the area in which I've seen the most growth has been international, an organizational priority when I came on board in 2004. Since that time SRNT has:

- Assisted with the "birth" of its first formal chapter (SRNT-Europe, which is now an independent organization chartered in the UK);
- Seated two presidents from Europe and appointed two European members as Editor-in-Chief of Nicotine & Tobacco Research;
- Elected Board members from Brazil, Canada, Finland, France, India, South Africa, Switzerland, and the two Uniteds (Kingdom and States);
- Sponsored three nicotine/tobacco conferences in Latin America (and a fourth this coming March);
- Sponsored one nicotine/tobacco conference in Asia;
- Participated in three World Conferences on Tobacco OR Health;
- Held the Annual Meeting once in Canada and twice outside North America, the latter in partnership with SRNT-Europe (Prague in 2005 and Dublin in 2009). The Annual Meeting will return to Europe—Florence, Italy—in 2017;
- Created the Global Health Network to more effectively respond to the needs of researchers in lower- and middle-income countries;
- Revised its dues and conference fee structures to recognize income disparities in nations around the globe;
- Received recognition from WHO for www.treatobacco.net, the multi-language online resource for the international treatment community, as one of only two such resources specifically mentioned in the FCTC Article 14 guidelines (it should also be noted that the number of users has increased from 14,338 to 104,551 over the past decade); and
- Committed to the long-term growth of its membership in underrepresented regions, including Africa, Asia, Latin America, and the Middle East.

Looking ahead at the next 10 years, SRNT will continue on the path of growth and expanded programs, services, and organizational activities thanks in large part to a fully engaged membership and leadership team that, during 2011 and 2012, undertook a comprehensive strategic planning process. In addition to recommitting to its primary role as a scientific society and professional home for nicotine and tobacco researchers around the world, SRNT reconfirmed its commitment to the next generation of researchers and its organizational goal of becoming a truly global society. As the landscape begins to change with the FDA's regulatory authority over the tobacco industry in the U.S. and as countries in middle- and lower-income regions of the world start to tackle anti-tobacco legislation, SRNT will take a much more active role in both informing and influencing tobacco regulation. Not only will SRNT be home to our scientific community, we aim to become its collective voice.

With 29 years in association management under my belt, the past (almost) 10 years at SRNT are unquestionably the highlight. It continues to be my honor—and my sincere pleasure—to work with the dedicated volunteer leaders and members of this outstanding organization, which will impact public health on a global scale for many years to come.

Happy 20th anniversary, SRNT! Here's to the next 20 years!

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