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SCT President's Corner

By Bob Byington, 2010-2011 President



There has been a lot of activity going on in SCT since the Fall newsletter!

First and foremost, a lot of people have been busy (and continue to be busy!) pulling together the program for our **32nd Annual Meeting to be held May 15-18 in Vancouver, BC**. Dean Fergusson chaired the SCT Program Committee this year and the committee has done a fantastic job assembling a very full program. We received a record number of submitted abstracts from which the committee was able to identify a broad range

of excellent clinical trial presentations and posters. When the dust settled, we ended up with 100 contributed talks (compared to 70 last year), 30 invited talks (compared to 15 last year), and 120 posters (compared to 108 last year). There is something for all trialists, including sessions on information technology, regulatory issues, international issues, trial and statistical methodologies, trial coordination, industry issues, issues pertinent to CRAs and physicians, and safety issues, to name just a few!

In addition to the main meeting activities, on Sunday May 15 we once again will have a full day of Pre-Meeting Workshops. Chris Coffey chaired the SCT Education Committee and they have put together a very exciting program containing sessions that are geared to people new to clinical trials and to those who have worked on trials for a while, but may want to learn new skills or be exposed to topics outside of their usual areas.

Whew! We all need to thank Dean and Chris and the members of their committees for their hard work in developing the 'big picture' for the meeting. Thanks, people!

In addition to what I have outlined above, parts of the meeting will include special presentations and activities. For example, and described in this newsletter, SCT and Project ImpACT will once again present the Trial of the Year (ToTY) award. I thank Dave Sackett and the ToTY Committee for their work soliciting, reviewing, and selecting this year's winner. Jim Dignam and the Scholarship Committee have selected finalists for the Thomas Chalmers Student Scholarship Award and have selected a winner of the Sylvan Green Physician Scholarship Award. Thanks, people, for your hard work. Thanks also go to Marian Fisher and the Fellows Committee, which has selected the 2011 Class of SCT Fellows, as described in this newsletter, and to be announced on site in Vancouver.

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REGISTER BY APRIL 1

for "Early Bird" rates for the SCT 2011 Annual Meeting in Vancouver, May 15-18. Rates go up after April 1, 2011.

You'll also read registration and travel details regarding the meeting and beautiful Vancouver. If you have not studied the meeting's Preliminary Program yet, please do so and you will see how outstanding this meeting promises to be! This program may be found at <http://www.sctweb.org/meeting.cfm>. Also, and most importantly, **please register for the meeting and workshops if you have not already done so**. Remember – Early Bird Rates are available if you register by April 1! So sign up quickly and save money!

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SCT President's Corner (continued)

Beyond registering for the meeting, I have something else to ask. **Please, if you have not already done so, rejoin the SCT as soon as possible.** We are in the middle of our membership drive and as I have noted before, the more members we have, the stronger we will be and the better we can serve the clinical trials community! And remember – you would be doing yourselves favors by enticing your colleagues to join!

Flowing from this last request, there is a third thing I need to ask. The SCT functions so well because of the great volunteers we have helping with all sorts of activities. I want to thank all our 2010-2011 Committee chairs and members for their work over the last year. We appreciate your efforts in strengthening our society! What I want to ask is this – **if you haven't been on an SCT Committee yet, please consider joining one!** The committees are listed on our website and will be reconstituted after the Vancouver meeting. If you think you would like to be an active member of one of these committees, please send me an e-mail at bbyingto@wfubmc.edu. Being a volunteer SCT committee member is a great way to help the Society. You will also help yourself by networking with other trialists!

Related to the notion of 'volunteering,' it is my pleasure to comment on the results of our recent elections for President-elect and Board of Director members. In the fall, Dennis Dixon and the SCT Nomination Committee selected a great slate of candidates for these positions. First, I need to thank Dennis and the committee for their work. But I also need to thank everyone who agreed to run for office. This might be considered the ultimate 'volunteering' for SCT and your agreement to run is much appreciated. Beginning at our Vancouver Meeting, our new President-Elect is Anne Lindblad and our new Board of Directors members are Ivan Chan, Susan Halabi, and Scott Rushing. Welcome! With Ivan, Susan, and Scott joining the Board, we must say goodbye and thanks to three individuals who are rotating off the Board this May – John Norrie, Virginia Howard, and Dan Sargent. Thanks for all your help during your tenures on the Board (and earlier!). I am sure we will continue to see you working with the Society in other areas!

As I said in the fall, there is so much untapped potential in SCT and we have so much to offer!

See you in Vancouver!

Don't Miss these Speakers & Sessions in Vancouver

The SCT Program and Education Committees work in parallel paths to solicit and schedule quality education topics of interest to the variety of professionals who attend the Society's Annual Meeting. Both Committees spend months reviewing submissions and selecting the best ideas that offer solid foundational information in clinical trials and others that explore topics currently "hot" in many areas of study and practice.

The **2011 Program Committee**, chaired by Dean Fergusson of The University of Ottawa, is "pleased and excited to announce our wonderful program for Vancouver, British Columbia." The vast array of topics combined with exceptional speakers makes for an Annual Meeting not to be missed.

"Our calls for invited and contributed sessions were heard loud and clear, especially with respect to our international theme and special emphasis on Asia. With a 50% increase in invited session submissions and a 25% increase in contributed paper and poster submissions, the Program Committee had a very difficult task in selecting the best. More important than quantity, the quality of the submissions was outstanding. The Program Committee spent many hours grading and deliberating over the months of October,

November, and January. In the end, we capitalized on the quality of submissions by increasing the number of invited and contributed sessions."

A total of 30 Invited Sessions will be offered during the 2011 annual meeting, including five dedicated to our theme of international trials. Hot topic areas such as trials in the elderly, patient safety, ethical issues in cluster trials, and new guidance on missing data will showcase the depth and variety of talent that the Vancouver meeting has to offer. There will be approximately 20 contributed sessions comprising 100 speakers on a range of topics that will appeal to all those involved in clinical trials including data manager, research coordinators, investigators, and statisticians.

Of special interest are the six Invited Sessions featuring issues and challenges facing trialists in the developing and developed world. The following six "Don't Miss" sessions will be spread out over the entire meeting and comprise outstanding speakers from North America, Asia, Africa, and Europe:

- Conducting trials in Low and Middle-Income Countries: Challenges and Steps Forward.

Border Check!

U.S. travelers to the SCT Annual Meeting in Vancouver are reminded that passports are now needed for passage between the U.S. and Canada.

Attendees looking for a letter from the Society describing the purpose of their visit to Canada may find this on the SCT website in the Annual Meeting section. Just download this standard letter, print it out, and bring it with you to Canada.



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Don't Miss these Speakers & Sessions in Vancouver (continued)

- Trials in Asia – Challenges and Opportunities
- Clinical Trial Challenges and Efforts in East Africa
- U.S. Government-funded Clinical Trials in the European Union: Challenges and Lessons Learned
- Challenges in Infectious Disease Clinical Trials Conducted in India and Southeast Asia
- New Developments/Emerging Issues in the Design and Analysis of Clinical Trials in Asia

Be sure not to miss two novel Invited Sessions dealing with issues around the conduct and interpretation of trials conducted in the elderly. The sessions, "How Polypharmacy Distorts Trial Evidence in Older Adults," and "Conducting Clinical Trials with Older Adults: Challenges and Strategies to overcome Obstacles," will be dynamic and sure to stimulate discussion.

The **2011 Education Committee**, led by Chris Coffey from the University of Iowa, is tasked with "booking talent" for the Pre-Meeting Workshops.

This Committee's hard work has resulted in 10 pre-meeting workshops in Vancouver selected to appeal to the diverse backgrounds of SCT members. The ever popular full-day workshop on Essentials of Randomized Clinical Trials is designed to

provide a comprehensive overview of clinical trials design, management, conduct, and analysis methods.

There are also half-day overview workshops that may particularly appeal to information technology specialists, program managers, and study coordinators. Those interested in statistical methodology can choose from half-day workshops on gene expression data, likelihood methods, non-inferiority studies, and adaptive clinical trials. Workshops that appeal to a broad spectrum of meeting attendees include those on small clinical trials and comparative effectiveness research.

Finally, there will be a workshop discussing regulatory issues for early clinical trials from the perspective of both the U.S. Food and Drug Administration and Health Canada. The all-star workshop faculty includes Simon Day, Kay Dickersin, and Janet Wittes.

The Society, and Committee Chairs Coffey and Fergusson would like to extend sincere thank-yous to the committee members (listed at right).

If you are interested in becoming a member of the committee for the 2012 meeting, have suggestions for future workshops, or just have general comments about any of the workshops offered at the meeting, send an email to christopher-coffey@uiowa.edu. Comments and suggestions about SCT invited and contributed sessions are welcome as well, via sct@fernley.com.



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Join us in Vancouver for SCT's 2011 Annual Meeting

Pre-Meeting Workshops – Sunday, May 15

Annual Meeting – May 16-18



Breathtaking Vancouver is the site for our 2011 Annual Meeting. Join colleagues and friends from around the world in experiencing three days of education, academic discussion, and networking.

Vancouver is a thoroughly modern city with a rich history. Visitors to this Western Canadian destination can select from a wide range of urban attractions and nature-loving activities to supplement their educational and collegial experiences at the 2011 SCT Annual Meeting.

There is still time to register online for the meeting, and you may register onsite at the Hyatt Regency Vancouver. To make your planning easier, here is some basic information about registration, accommodations, and travel:

Workshop and Meeting Registration

Early Bird registration is available through April 1, 2011. Registrations received after this date will not qualify for the reduced registration fee. All fees are in U.S. Dollars.

Pre-Meeting Workshop Registration

[Register NOW and save!]

	On or Before April 1	After April 1
Pre-Meeting ½ Day Workshop		
AM Workshop	\$200	\$250
PM Workshop	\$200	\$250
Pre-Meeting ½ Day Workshop – Student*		
AM Workshop	\$75	\$75
PM Workshop	\$75	\$75
Pre-Meeting Full Day Workshop	\$350	\$400
Pre-Meeting Full Day Workshop – Student*	\$150	\$150

Annual Meeting Registration

	On or Before April 1	After April 1
Annual Meeting – Member	\$425	\$525
Annual Meeting – Non-Member <i>(Includes SCT membership through 12/31/2011)</i>	\$625	\$725
Annual Meeting – Student*	\$150	\$150

**(Enrollment proof must be provided with Student Registration.)*

Spread the Word – SCT Brochure and Flyer Available

Members – Take SCT with you and spread the word about our Society. Download and print out the attractive SCT Brochure and updated Vancouver Annual Meeting flyer from the SCT website and:

- Take them with you meetings you might attend and distribute them to meeting attendees
- Post them around your offices and institution.

Find them at www.sctweb.org.

Payment

Payment for the 32nd Annual Meeting or the Pre-Meeting Workshop Sessions can be made by a personal or company check or credit card (Visa, Mastercard, or American Express).

About the Hyatt Regency Vancouver

The SCT host hotel, the Hyatt Regency, is a Four Diamond downtown Vancouver hotel, close to top restaurants, shopping and entertainment. The modern meeting facilities in which we'll hold our sessions and events showcase the hotel's commitment to the environment: The Hyatt Regency Vancouver uses the services of Bullfrog Power (100% green electricity from wind power) for all its meeting rooms.

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Reservations: 1-888-421-1442 (toll-free inside North America) or 402-592-6464 (International callers outside of North America)

Special SCT Hotel Room Rate

U.S. \$200 single/double Standard Room Rate
Currency exchange fluctuates from day-to-day, so the final exchange rate will be noted on your bill upon check out from the hotel. Please note that your rate per night will not exceed U.S. \$200 (exclusive of local taxes and fees). The special group rate will be honored through **April 13, 2011**, or until the block of rooms is sold out, whichever comes first.

U.S. Government employees should note that because this year's meeting is being held in a non-U.S. destination, the Hyatt Regency is unable to offer a special room rate for U.S. Government employees.

Passport Reminder to U.S.-based Attendees

Attendees travelling from the United States to Canada are reminded that passports are now required for travel between Canada and the U.S. When applying for a U.S. passport, please allow 6 – 8 weeks for processing.

Society Selects Next Line of Leadership

The Society remains in good hands following this winter's elections! Anne Lindblad, PhD, of The EMMES Corporation, will be our next President-Elect. Joining the Board will be Ivan S. F. Chan of Merck Research Laboratories, Susan Halabi of Duke University, and Scott Rushing of Wake Forest University. Their official terms will begin at the SCT Annual Meeting in Vancouver in May.



Anne Lindblad, PhD

Anne Lindblad is Executive Vice President of The EMMES Corporation in Rockville, MD. A member of the Society since 1992, Anne currently serves as Secretary of the SCT Board of Directors. She also has served as Program Chair and as a member of the Futures Committee, Strategic Planning Committee and Education Outreach Committee.

Asked to describe her goals for the SCT, Anne replied, "Expand the educational offerings of SCT beyond the annual meetings by leveraging available technology. Continue to network so that SCT is well-known and respected in the research community. Ensure SCT's future through continued prudent expansion of services within the Society's financial resources. Engage more members in the ongoing activities of the Society."

Anne describes her research interests as "the design of large simple studies that can impact practice. Engaging practice-based physicians in the design and execution of randomized clinical trials." In related professional activities, Anne is a member of the American Statistical Association, the Association for Research in Vision and Ophthalmology, and the American Academy of Neurology. She is Clinical Trials Section Editor for the *Archives of Ophthalmology*, and an instructor and advisory board member for the ARVO Clinical Trials Education Series.



Ivan S. F. Chan, PhD

In his current position as Senior Director and Franchise Head for Vaccines, Late Development Statistics, Merck Research Laboratories, in Upper Gwynedd, PA, **Ivan Chan** describes his main research interests as "analysis of non-inferiority and equivalence trials; design, and analysis of clinical trials for vaccines; statistical inference using exact methods."

Ivan has been Chair of the Membership Subcommittee for FDA/Industry Section since 2009. He also has served on the Futures Committee, and led the Annual Meeting Program Committee in 2008. His goals for the SCT are to "increase SCT visibility and membership by establishing SCT champions at various organizations and reaching out to other societies. Increase the annual meeting attendance by providing scientific programs and educational workshops that involve and attract the diverse groups of the Society."



Susan Halabi, PhD

Susan Halabi is Associate Professor, Department of Biostatistics and Bioinformatics, at Duke University, in Durham, North Carolina. She has been an SCT member since 2003 and has volunteered for the Program Committee and Education Committee for the past few years.

Susan lists her goals for the Society as promoting liaisons with other medical

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SCT Dates to Remember

April 1
SCT Annual Meeting
Early Bird Registration
Deadline

April 13
Hyatt Regency
Vancouver Hotel
Reservation Deadline

April 15
Exhibitor Cancellation
Deadline

April 15
Exhibitor Representative
Registration Deadline

May 2
Deadline for
written Registration
Cancellations less a
\$100 fee. No refunds
issued after this date.

May 2
Deadline for Pre-Meeting
Workshop Cancellations
less a \$50 fee.

May 2
Deadline for written
requests for Registration
Transfers.

Save the Date for Future SCT Meetings:

May 20-23, 2012
Hyatt Regency Miami

May 19-22, 2013
Sheraton Boston

May 18-21, 2014
Caesars Palace
Las Vegas

Society Selects Next Line of Leadership (continued)

organizations, promoting international collaboration, and mentoring the next generation of statisticians. Among her many related professional activities, Anne lists her seat on the editorial board of the *Journal of Clinical Oncology* and a number of committees of the *Eastern North American Region/International Biometric Society*.



Scott D. Rushing

Scott Rushing is Director of Research Information Systems Unit, Department of Biostatistical Sciences, Division of Public Health Sciences, at Wake Forest University Health Sciences in North Carolina. Scott describes his goals for SCT as “continuing to be a leader in the dissemination of information relating to clinical trials activities; to promote the growth of the membership

and identify ways to attract disciplines that may not realize the value of participating in our organization; and to develop collaborations with similar organizations.”

An SCT member since 1993, Scott’s research interests include “development of more efficient methods for collecting, managing, and integrating research databases using emerging computer technology; integration of technology in the management and coordination of clinical trials; and development and integration of technology for use in aging and cognition studies.”

Also at the Society’s Vancouver meeting, the term of SCT 2011-2012 President Rick Chappell of University of Wisconsin will commence, and we will offer our appreciation to outgoing Society President Bob Byington. Bob will remain on our Board for the next year as Past President.

Thank you to all who voted this year, who helped identify qualified candidates for office, and who served on the Nominating Committee. All of those who accepted nominations honored the Society by their commitment and support and their willingness to help lead the organization going forward.

CRA Membership Subcommittee Update — Connecting with Colleagues

By Beverly Koski, CRA Membership Subcommittee Chair

The committee would like to connect with CRAs, Project Managers, Clinical Coordinators and similar professionals responsible for the overall and day-to-day coordination of clinical trials. Our goal is to support these roles as the conduct of clinical trials continues to both stay the same on some fronts and change radically on others making it essential to manage both content and the process of change with interdisciplinary colleagues.

The program for the upcoming annual meeting in Vancouver in May 2011 includes insightful material about the world of data management, communication strategies,

patient recruitment and retention, ethical issues and the nuances of global trials. All those attending the meeting are invited to the CRA affinity group reception on Tuesday, May 17 from 6:30 – 7:30 p.m., following the Plenary Session: Trial of the Year/Project ImpACT. Please attend if you have an interest in this area and surround yourself with experienced and like-minded individuals.

Feel free to contact any members of the committee: Beverly Koski, Sara Pressel, Alison McDonald, Debbie Sawyer, and Laura Tomat if you would like to discuss ideas about how your membership in the Society can be enhanced and how to encourage new members.

Connecting Job Seekers with Open Positions – SCT Website Job Board

Let SCT help connect you with the best person for the job. The SCT website job board has opportunities for both job seekers and companies with open positions.

If you are hiring:

List your open position on the SCT website. View samples at <http://www.sctweb.org/jobView.cfm>

- Single job posting
100 words maximum, can include links; 30 days
Cost: \$100 per job posting

- Bulk job posting special
Offers a 12-listings-for-the-price-of-10 discount to those anticipating posting many jobs in a 12-month period; 30 days each; 100 words maximum; may post more than one job at a time
\$1,000 for the ability to post up to 12 jobs per year

If you are looking for a position:

Post your qualifications anonymously for review by potential employers. List your desired position and 100 words of your experience. Our system will allow those interested to contact you without revealing your personal details. Cost is \$15 for one month of visibility.

Trial of the Year: Jharkhand and Orissa Trial

By **Steven Goodman, Editor, Clinical Trials**

Each year, the Society for Clinical Trials and Project ImpACT* present an award to the randomized clinical trial published (either electronically or in print) in the previous year that best fulfills the following standards:

- It improves the lot of mankind.
- It provides the basis for a substantial, beneficial change in health care.
- It reflects expertise in subject matter, excellence in methodology, and concern for study participants.
- It overcomes obstacles in implementation.
- The presentation of its design, execution, and results is a model of clarity and intellectual soundness.

This year's SCT/ImpACT Trial of the Year award (aka ToTY), the fourth to be awarded, is one among a crop of exceptional studies. Nominations came from Society members, investigators, and interested scholars from around the world. The selection committee, headed by David Sackett, included Kay Dickersin, Kyungman Kim, Steve Goodman and John Norrie. The initial list of nine nominees was quickly reduced to three finalists, all of which could have laid legitimate claim to the ToTY title.

The first of these was a study published in *The New England Journal of Medicine* looking at the effect of palliative care on

survival in advanced lung cancer. This trial, conducted at the Massachusetts General Hospital, randomized 151 patients to early palliative care together with standard oncologic therapy versus standard therapy alone. It produced the surprising result that not only was quality of life improved in the intervention group, but survival was extended by over two months (from 9 to 11.6). This was felt to be a worthy contender because of the importance of the question asked, the conduct of the trial, and the unexpected survival result.

The second finalist was published in *The Lancet*, known as the "Jharkhand and Orissa trial." It was a cluster randomized trial in very poor communities in eastern India, whose goal it was to reduce neonatal mortality rates and maternal depression. The investigators successfully randomized 36 districts to a community intervention (vs. none) which involved using or organizing village women's groups, who engaged in participatory learning and action through play, stories and games. Group members themselves identified newborn health problems within the community and selected their own strategies to address the problems, which they then implemented. After three years of the intervention, neonatal mortality was reduced by 45% and maternal depression by 57%.

The final study was the DART trial, also published in *The Lancet*. This study was a noninferiority trial of two different modes of monitoring HIV activity in Zimbabwe and Uganda. One group was randomized to routine laboratory monitoring, and the other to monitoring triggered by clinical events. The outcomes were Grade IV events or death. Clinically driven monitoring resulted in only a small increase in mortality, a modest increase in stage IV events, and was deemed to be an acceptable form of therapeutic monitoring.

While all of these RCTs were felt to have large potential impact, and to have evaluated important hypotheses, the consensus verdict was clear. The committee felt that the Jharkhand and Orissa trial was an extraordinary RCT, conducted with high quality in a very difficult setting, and achieving dramatic results of great public health importance. Perhaps most importantly, the study gave the participants and their communities tools to continue the intervention after the study was over. More details of this intervention and the trial will be shared at the Trial of the Year session at the Vancouver meeting by the principal investigator, Prasanta Tripathy, who will travel from India to represent the study and the organization Ekjut (www.ekjutindia.org), whose mission it is to improve maternal and neonatal outcomes in the poorest areas of India.

The committee was extremely pleased with the quality of the nominees, as well as with this year's winner. Do not miss the award session at the annual meeting on Tuesday afternoon!

*The aim of Project ImpACT (Important Achievements of Clinical Trials) is to identify and develop a comprehensive description of the most important randomized controlled trials (RCTs) performed in the fields of medicine and public health since 1948. Learn more at <http://www.projectimpact.info/Home/>

COMPARATIVE EFFECTIVENESS RESEARCH INSTITUTE

JULY 25-27, 2011

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The Comparative Effectiveness Research (CER) Institute will provide participants with interactive instruction in CER methods, engage participants in a discussion of policy trends, and ensure that Institute attendees understand effective methods for translating the results from CER studies into policy and practice. Courses are aimed at mid-career professionals with some understanding of CER, and are designed to allow participants to self-select methods topics of greatest relevance to their professional needs. Top CER experts will lead case studies and interactive group discussions.

The conference will benefit professionals in clinical practice and research, trial management, technology assessment, public health, epidemiology, quality assessment, health economics & outcomes research, and policy development.

EIGHT EXTENSIVE COURSE TRACKS:

- Using Registries and Designing Prospective Observational Comparative Effectiveness Studies
- Pragmatic Attitudes to the Design of Randomized Controlled Trials
- Cost Effectiveness Analysis with and without the QALY
- Assessing Comparative Effectiveness Research Studies and Systematic Reviews
- Methodologies for Using Existing Data Sets to Address Comparative Effectiveness Research Questions
- Case Study in "Adapting" Bayesian and Adaptive Techniques for CER
- Translation and Dissemination of CER Information
- Indirect Comparisons and Network Meta-analysis

Early Bird Pricing Through April 27th!

Register at: www.cmtptnet.org/cer-institute-1

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IT Affinity Group Update – Social Networking

By Bill Elgie, Chair, and Kristine Nelson, outgoing Chair

Did you know that the SCT is on Facebook and LinkedIn? For those members on either or both of these social networking sites, please take a moment and join us. Please visit sctweb.org and there you will find the icons for Facebook and LinkedIn. Simply follow the links and "like" the SCT on Facebook and "join" the group on LinkedIn.

While we're on the subject of joining, I would encourage you to invite your colleagues to join us on these sites as well. The more people involved will only strengthen the SCT and provide our community with

expanded viewpoints, knowledge and energy. If you are not on either Facebook or LinkedIn, what are you waiting for?

Don't miss our IT Affinity Group reception in Vancouver, Tuesday, May 17 from 6:30 – 7:30 p.m. All interested in this area are welcome. Check on the onsite program for location and more details.



2011 Class of Fellows to be Presented in Vancouver

By Marian Fisher, Fellows Committee Chair

Each year, SCT seeks to recognize members of our professional society for their exceptional achievement and/or service as clinical trialists as Fellows of the Society. In 2011, we will be pleased to extend this highest grade of membership to eight of our friends and colleagues. The class of 2011 Fellows will be announced during the Opening Session at the Annual Meeting in Vancouver on Monday, May 16.

A complete list of all the Fellows through 2010 can be found at www.sctweb.org by opening the tab "Leadership/Committees/Fellows". You can click on each name for information and a

photo. Information on and photos of the 2011 Fellows will be posted after the May meeting.

Members of the 2011 Committee on Fellows are all Fellows and were Roy Beck (2010), Barry Davis (2007), Mary Foulkes (2009), Barbara Hawkins (2007), Virginia Howard (2010), Genell Knatterud (2006), Gordon Lan (2009), and Dave Sackett (2009). I appreciate their recognized contributions and their desire to have others so recognized. Criteria for evaluation of nominees can be found by clicking on the Fellows Committee link. Any member of the SCT may nominate a candidate.

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Advertising opportunities with SCT

SCT accepts advertising in both our newsletter and on our website. All requests to advertise and advertisement content and artwork are subject to the approval of the Executive Committee of the SCT Board of Directors. Contact Heidi Wunder, SCT Associate Director, at hwunder@fernley.com for more information and deadlines.

SCT Newsletter • 4-color, PDF newsletter • Emailed 2x per year to full SCT membership; archived on SCT website	Full page, run of book	\$1,000
	½ page, run of book	\$800
	¼ page, run of book	\$500
SCT website	Homepage ad, placement in right rail, 30 days; ad specs provided separately	\$2,000
	Any other page of website, placement right rail, 30 days, ad specs provided separately	\$1,250

Society Affinity Groups to Gather at Vancouver Meeting

SCT Affinity Groups provide specialty networking for those with different interests within the Society: Information Technology, Clinical Research Associates, MD Clinical Trialists, and members of Industry/FDA.

On Tuesday, May 17, at 6:30 PM the various Affinity Groups will host receptions for current members and those interested in checking it out. Look for specific information in the onsite program once you arrive in Vancouver.

Notes from the Editor

Membership & Meetings

– To learn more about membership in SCT or how to participate in upcoming meetings, visit the SCT website at www.sctweb.org or contact headquarters at 215/564-3484 or sct@fernley.com.

Newsletter – Please email suggestions for this newsletter to Heidi Wunder, SCT Associate Executive Director, at hwunder@fernley.com.