SRNT 30th Anniversary Timeline:
Highlights of Three Decades

1994 SRNT is founded as a US-based, 501c3 non-profit membership association

1994 Ovide Pomerleau becomes the first President of SRNT

1995 Neal Benowitz is the first recipient of the *Ferno Clinical Research Award* under SRNT (John Hughes and Dorothy Hatsukami were the first recipients in 1992, prior to SRNT's founding)

1997 Maxine Stitzer becomes SRNT's first female President

1998 SRNT changes management companies to what is now The Rees Group

1998 Vice President Al Gore is the Keynote Speaker at the Annual Meeting

1999 A grant from American Legacy Foundation funds SRNT's new scientific journal, *Nicotine & Tobacco Research*, with Gary Swan its first Editor-in-Chief

1999 SRNT Europe becomes a chapter and holds its first conference

1999 SRNT secures its first NIH conference grant

1999 John Pierce is the first recipient of the *Doll/Wynder Award* recognizing advances in public health

1999 Treattobaco.net and the Global Research Network are launched

2000 Jean-Pierre Changeau is the first recipient of the *Langley Award* recognizing advances in pre-clinical research

2001 Christi Ann Patten is the first recipient of the *Jarvik-Russell Early Career Award*

2002 N&TR moves from quarterly to bi-monthly issues

2003 US Surgeon General, C. Everett Koop, is the Annual Meeting Keynote Speaker

2003 Nancy Kaufman is the first recipient of the *John Slade Award* for policy in action

2004 Bruce Wheeler becomes SRNT's Executive Director

2005 David Balfour becomes the first non-US member to serve as SRNT President

2005 SRNT's Annual Meeting is held in Prague, the first main meeting held outside the US

2005 Eric Kandel, Nobel Laureate in Medicine, gives the Annual Meeting Keynote address

2007 The first SRNT Latin American conference is held in Rio de Janeiro

2008 The first SRNT Asia conference is held in Bangkok

2009 The SRNT Annual Meeting is held in Dublin

2009 Building on the Basic Science, Treatment, and Policy Committees, SRNT's topical Networks are formed (now 8 in number)

2009 Employees of the commercial tobacco industry are banned from membership in SRNT

2010 The first of 10 annual, in-person, relationship-building US East Coast Presidential Stakeholder Visits is held

2011 SRNT Europe becomes an independent organization chartered in the UK

2011 The SRNT Annual Meeting is held in Toronto, Canada

2012 SRNT participates in the *World Conference on Tobacco or Health* in Singapore

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2013 The *SRNT President's Award* is created, with Cheryl Healton the first of only four recipients to date

2014 Dedicated staff support propels Network activities, increasing the generation of SRNT-sponsored Webinars and publication of scientific papers

2015 SRNT participates in the *World Conference on Tobacco or Health* in Abu Dhabi

2015 Marcus Munafo becomes *N&TR* Editor-in-Chief as *N&TR* begins publishing with Oxford University Press

2015 SRNT's new logo, a graphic representation of a nicotinic receptor, is rolled out

2015 The *Global Nicotine & Tobacco Foundational Research Certificate Program* is created

2015 The SRNT Adolescent Network is launched

2016 SRNT University is launched

2016 The SRNT Fellows category of membership is created, with an inaugural class of 31 SRNT members

2017 The SRNT Annual Meeting is held in Florence

2018 Natalie Walker is appointed Dean of SRNT University

2018 The US Surgeon General, Jerome Adams, is the Annual Meeting Keynote Speaker and plenary lectures are posted on YouTube for the first time

2018 The 18-month long initiative, SRNT 2025, is launched, seeking member input on a number of critical issues facing the Society resulting in the development of a series of Guiding Principles and Boundary Statements to guide SRNT operations and activities

2019 The SRNT Oceania Chapter is launched with the presentation of its first conference, held in Sydney, Australia

2019 SRNT sets a record of 1,345 members from more than 40 countries and an Annual Meeting record attendance of 1,583 at the conference in San Francisco

2020 SRNT creates Virtual Events, 3-hour paid educational events intended to generate income necessary to offset Covid-related financial losses.

2021 Employees of the commercial tobacco industry and their wholly or partially owned subsidiaries are banned from participating in SRNT conferences

2021 The SRNT Indigenous Circle is created and becomes part of the Oceania Chapter

2021 Suchitra Krishnan-Sarin becomes SRNT's first South Asian President

2021 SRNT presents its first and only entirely virtual Annual Meeting, complete with plenaries, virtual posters, and 10 concurrent breakouts in in each of six virtual podium sessions

2021 The Racial Equity Task Force is formed, meeting over the course of 18 months before presenting to the Board a Final Report with more than 60 recommendations for making SRNT a truly anti-racist organization; nearly two thirds of the recommendations have been or are in the process of being implemented

2022 The Racial Equity Committee is formed to operationalize and advance the work of the Racial Equity Task Force

2022 "Health Equity" becomes the fifth educational track in the SRNT Annual Meeting

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2022 The *Pebbles Fagan Health Equity Research Award* is created, with Kola Okuyemi its first recipient

2022 Patricia Nez Henderson becomes SRNT's first Indigenous President

2022 The SRNT Tobacco Regulatory Science Workgroup is formed

2023 The SRNT LGBTQ+ Workgroup is formed

2023 Chris Bullen becomes SRNT's first President from Oceania

2023 The *Mira Aghi LMIC Researcher Award* is created, with Lekan Ayo-Yusuf its first recipient

2023 New articles in the revised SRNT Bylaws give all SRNT members the right to vote in elections and create a new Student Representative position on the Board of Directors

2024 SRNT's 30th Annual Meeting is held in Edinburgh, the fifth Annual Meeting to be held outside the United States

2024 Board representation over the previous 30 years includes members from Australia, Brazil, Canada, Finland, France, India, New Zealand, South Africa, Switzerland, Thailand, United Kingdom, and the United States

The history of SRNT Awards can be found **here**.

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