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Letter from the Editors



It's the beginning of a new and dynamic year for SCDM. 2000 was a fantastic year for SCDM achievements.

Many initiatives delivered major milestones while other exciting initiatives were just beginning. 2001 promises to build on the momentum and continue to advance the profession of clinical data management. See the article on "SCDM Strategic Overview" for detail. More and more of our members are taking an

active role in the organization by contributing their time and efforts on various committees. It's a great way to share your experience and contribute to the direction our profession will take as it evolves.

We received a positive response to the recent inclusion of advertising. We hope it continues to be of help to our membership and will allow us to grow our publication.

*Regards,
Tam & Cathie*

SCDM Strategic Overview for Y2001

Welcome to another exciting year for SCDM. We enter 2001 with a robust foundation of accomplishments from last year, including delivery of the Good Clinical Data Management Practices (GCDMP), membership input towards CDM professional certification and enhancements to the web site including a password-protected area for members containing our on-line directory. The Spring Forum and Fall Conference were successful and valuable through generous leadership, coordination and content from the membership and sponsors. Thanks to all who have contributed to the CDM profession through the many ways you participate in SCDM.

The Board of Trustees met recently to hear about committees' plans for 2001 (picture how thorough a conversation around budgeting is with a room full of data management professionals!) and it looks like this year will be

something to be proud of as well. The GCDMP committee remains active and energetic in their efforts to bring us Version 2 later this year. The Professional Certification is kicking into high gear, addressing the many complicated logistics around certifying CDM professionals. The web site committee is looking into a variety of ways to deliver more value to the membership. The

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Calendar of SCDM Events

March 18-20, 2001

*Clinical Data
Management as
a Profession*

Spring Forum
The Tremont House Hotel
Galveston, TX, USA

September 23-26, 2001

Fall Conference
The Westin Seattle
Seattle, WA, USA

March 10-12, 2002

Spring Forum
Radisson Bahia Mar
Beach Resort
Fort Lauderdale, FL, USA

October 6-9, 2002

Fall Conference
Grand Hyatt Buckhead
Atlanta, GA, USA

March 16-18, 2003

Spring Forum
Palm Springs Marquis
Conference Resort
Palm Springs, CA, USA

September 21-24, 2003

Fall Conference
Cheyenne Mountain
Conference Resort
Colorado Springs, CO, USA

March 21-23, 2004

Spring Forum
La Mansion del Rio Hotel
San Antonio, TX, USA

October 10-13, 2004

Fall Conference
Royal York Hotel
Toronto, Canada

SCDM Strategic Overview for Y2001

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Effective Use of Technology committee is seeking to deliver information that will be valuable to the membership. Our Spring Forum will be focused on Clinical Data Management as a Profession and our Fall Conference carries the theme "Challenges for Clinical Data Management in the 21st Century."

SCDM exists to enhance recognition of CDM professionals and to provide for both our career development and communication needs. Each of the initiatives we are undertaking serves one of these purposes. I invite you to participate in one of these exciting activities this year. Committee participation is an excellent way to contribute to the data management profession and interact with colleagues from other companies; as I recently learned, you may even be part of a fellow committee member's company some day! Conferences provide opportunities to develop and deliver profession-specific information to our peers through session chair and presenter roles. For those of us not inclined to public speaking, *Data Basics*, the SCDM newsletter provides opportunities for publishing articles.

Thanks to the efforts of our membership, we have come a long way to further the profession. We are far from done and you're part of the future success of data management. I am very much looking forward to serving the society as this year's Chair, hearing your ideas to make SCDM more valuable to you, and watching our active society make it happen!

Doug Schantz – Chair of SCDM Board of Trustees, 2001

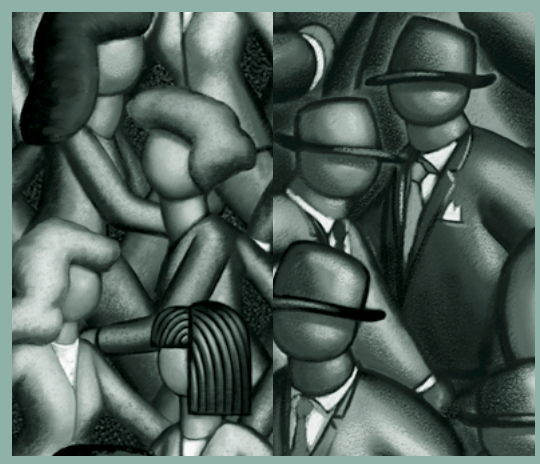


Ratification of Bylaws

The proposed amendments to the bylaws, which were distributed to SCDM membership November 17, 2000, have been ratified.

The updated bylaws can be found at our website, www.scdm.org under the "About SCDM" heading.

PROFESSIONAL IDENTITY OF CLINICAL DATA MANAGEMENT



Spring Forum 2001 will be held on March 18–20, 2001 at The Tremont House Hotel in Galveston, Texas.

The overall theme is “Clinical Data Management as a Profession”.

Key topics covered will include:

- What does it mean to be a “professional”?
- How will the SCDM-sponsored clinical data management professionals certification program be structured?
- What direction should the Good Clinical Data Management guidance take?
- How will this program affect the professional lives of SCDM members?
- What is the link between certification and training?
- What challenges lie ahead for our profession?

As with other Spring Forums, the SCDM will organize a special event on Sunday evening. Check out <http://www.galvestonhistory.org> to learn about Galveston.

Calendar of ACDM Events

March 20-22, 2001

Intermediate Clinical Data Management
Swan Diplomat Hotel
Streatley on Thames, UK

April 4, 2001

Cultural Awareness in International Teams
Senior Clinical Data Managers' Forum
Novartis Foundation,
London, UK

April 24-26, 2001

Advanced Clinical Data Management
Swan Diplomat Hotel
Streatley on Thames, UK

June 27-28, 2001

Workshop on Computer System Validation in Clinical Research
Burnham Beeches Hotel
Burnham Beeches, UK

July 4, 2001

Developing and Assessing Personal Skills in Data Managers
Senior Clinical Data Managers' Forum
Commonwealth Institute,
London, UK

Call for Nominations – SCDM Board of Trustees

Volunteers from the SCDM membership are being sought to lend their time and expertise by becoming a Board Member. Three Board Members are completing their terms in the fall of this year.

As defined in the Society's Bylaws, the Fall Conference marks the terms of service of Board Members and officers. Board Members begin and conclude their tenure as of this meeting. The current Board creates a slate of candidates and considers geographic, corporate and membership representation when creating the slate of nominees to assure that the SCDM membership has a large cross-section from which to elect Board members. The SCDM membership vote on the nominees via mail-in ballot.

The Board would like the general membership's involvement in identifying candidates to fill the three vacancies. Interested individuals may nominate themselves or others by letter, fax

(908-359-7619) or e-mail (april@profmgmt.com) to SCDM by April 13, 2001. Questions regarding these positions or the process should be directed to Hugh Donovan, SCDM Vice Chair (hugh.donovan@aventis.com).

It is important for Board Members to have their employer's commitment in terms of time and money. The responsibilities of a Board Member include attendance at four meetings each year (two of which coincide with the Spring Forum and the Fall Conference) plus a variable amount of time to conduct SCDM work. Board members or their employers pay for travel and lodging costs associated with attending Board meetings.



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Call for Nominations – Treasurer

Volunteers from the SCDM membership are being sought to take over the role of Treasurer, starting at the Fall Conference this year. This is a two-year position, the appointment being made by the Board of Trustees. During this time the Treasurer serves as a full member of the Board. The Treasurer works closely with our administrative group, the PMA, and in particular their accountant who keeps the accounts for the SCDM. Therefore no direct knowledge or experience of bookkeeping is required. The primary roles are to establish the budget for the year, monitor expenses against that budget and keep the rest of the Board Members informed about issues related to budget and expenses.

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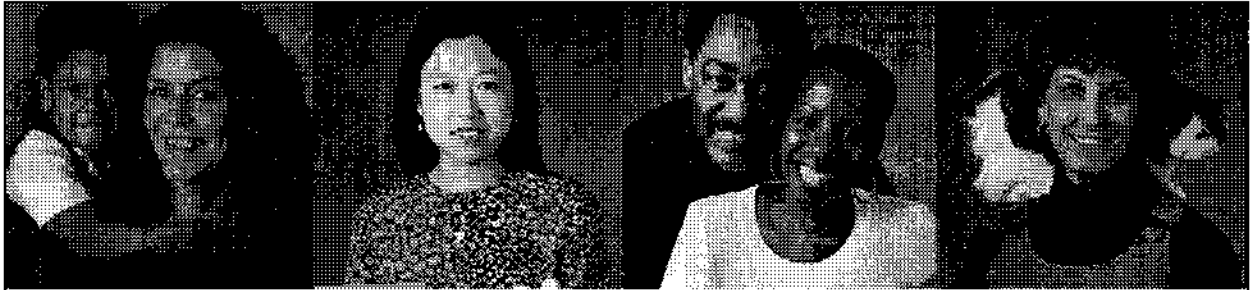
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Clinical Data Associate - Thousand Oaks, CA - Specifically, you will be responsible for reviewing and processing clinical trial data to ensure the accuracy and consistency of the clinical databases.

Clinical Data Project Manager - Thousand Oaks, CA; Cranford, NJ; Chicago, IL - Your duties and responsibilities will include providing the leadership on data management projects, liaison with client and project teams, planning and coordination of CDM projects, and developing guidelines for these projects.

Biostatistician - Cranford, NJ - You will apply statistical theory and methods, adjust and weight raw data as necessary, organize and summarize data into tabular forms amenable to analysis of variance and principles of statistical inference.

Clinical Programmer/Analyst - Cincinnati, OH - You will create data mapping routines to transform Kendle database into Sponsor required format(s), using SAS®, Oracle®, UNIX® & Windows®.

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