Global Scholarship: the challenges for nursing and the value of STTI

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Aim

• To identify Phi Mu Chapter members’ views of Sigma Theta Tau International (STTI) and the resources it offers.

• Secondary aim to determine how members would like to see Phi Mu Chapter develop in the context of STTI’s vision to become intentionally global.
• Nursing faces real challenges globally eg workforce shortages, > patient acuity, < resources
• Combine to impact on patient care with gross ‘systems’ failure resulting in inhumane care
• No simple solution
• Global networking can strengthen clinical leadership and support change
Methodology

• Survey: semi-structured survey

• All members of Phi Mu invited (n=71) to participate, July 2013

• Ethics approval (BU ethics committee)

• Responses received from 31 (44%)
## Results

**What are the reasons you joined STTI?**

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<th>Reason</th>
<th>n (%)</th>
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<td>To enhance the profile of nursing and support the membership through leadership, scholarship and research (STTI mission)</td>
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<td>Having the opportunity to network with likeminded colleagues, nationally and globally</td>
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<td>A belief in the organisation and a recognition of the benefit of collaborating internationally</td>
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<td>To enhance the visibility, development and standard of nursing scholarship locally, nationally and internationally</td>
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<td>Access to research funding</td>
<td>5 (16%)</td>
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<td>Enhance my CV or resume</td>
<td>10 (31%)</td>
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<td>Other (Academic prize 93), promote collaboration (3), raise profile university (2)</td>
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## Results

What, in your opinion helps sustain the Chapter? | n (%)
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- Effective communication | 24(77)
- Lively programme of events set up well in advanced and posted on the website | 25(81)
- Offering joint events with other nursing groups and societies | 15(48)
- Actively engaging the membership in activities – sharing the load and avoiding overload of a few individuals | 20(65)
- Spreading the word about STTI in clinical practice and across the student community | 18(58)
Results

What does STTI offer different from others?
• n=25 “strong focus on professional issues”; “international network”

What did you find most useful?
• n=24 “networking and dissemination”; “focus on nursing”; “meeting people”

What did you find least useful?
• “distance and cost of travelling”; “a few people seem to do a lot”; “little time for informal networking”. 
What is the best way to engage members?

- n=25:
  - “meetings across the country”
  - “good marketing”
  - “personal contact”
  - “regular updates”
  - “more virtual events”
  - “topical subjects”
Would you participate in a virtual meeting or event?

![Bar chart showing participation in different types of virtual meetings and events.](chart.png)
What would you like Phi Mu to offer you?

• n=22: “Links to decision-makers such as the Chief Nurse”; “ops to collaborate internationally”; “networking”; “to mentor and be mentored”; ”some focus on nursing leadership and scholarship in the UK”;

How can you help us shape the chapter?

• n=20; “greater involvement and commitment”; “actively take a lead in its promotion”; “happy to speak and write ..within my domain of interest”
What could Phi Mu do for nursing and nursing research?

n=21:
- “raise its profile” be “a voice for Nursing”
- “raise its profile as a research body”
- “become more political”
- “offer mentorship”
- “increase collaboration for research grants”
- “fly the flag for scholarship”
• Promotion of Scholarship

• Value of networking and communication

• Development of a culturally sensitive organisation
Promoting Scholarship

- Promoting clinical scholarship important to improve practice – nominate clinical leaders

- Need for scholarship to be common to practice, research and education and connect with Europe

- Novice practitioners ‘untapped resource’
Networking & Communication

- Networking, collaboration and cohesion valued to make meaningful connections globally and reach out to all members to actively engage

- Strong leadership – build within profession

- Capacity building to develop practice
Culturally sensitive organisation

• Positive move to collaborate with the US

• Dependent on culturally sensitive communication (what is nursing across the nations?)

• Sense of US centricity as honour societies not present in the UK – no intention to exclude others

• Membership offers ability to effect change – need to develop common understandings of practices
Conclusion

• **STTI:**
  Need to clarify benefits and resources, make them more accessible
  Need to dispel the myths of the society
  Need to engage globally on the Circle

• **Phi Mu:**
  Improve communication: Increase virtual meetings, be more inclusive, culturally sensitive, create a voice, increase membership, engagement: share load
  Encourage networking and scholarship: valued highly by members
Questions?