

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

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- 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.

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# Introduction

- 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

- 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%)

What are the reasons you joined STTI?	n (%)
• To enhance the profile of nursing and support the membership through leadership, scholarship and research (STTI mission)	22 (71%)
• Having the opportunity to network with likeminded colleagues, nationally and globally	22 (71%)
• A belief in the organisation and a recognition of the benefit of collaborating internationally	12 (39%)
• To enhance the visibility, development and standard of nursing scholarship locally, nationally and internationally	17 (55%)
• Access to research funding	5 (16%)
• Enhance my CV or resume	10 (31%)
• Other (Academic prize 93), promote collaboration (3), raise profile university (2)	8 (26%)



What, in your opinion helps sustain the Chapter?	n (%)
• <b>Effective communication</b>	<b>24(77)</b>
• <b>Lively programme of events set up well in advanced and posted on the website</b>	<b>25(81)</b>
• 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)

## **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?

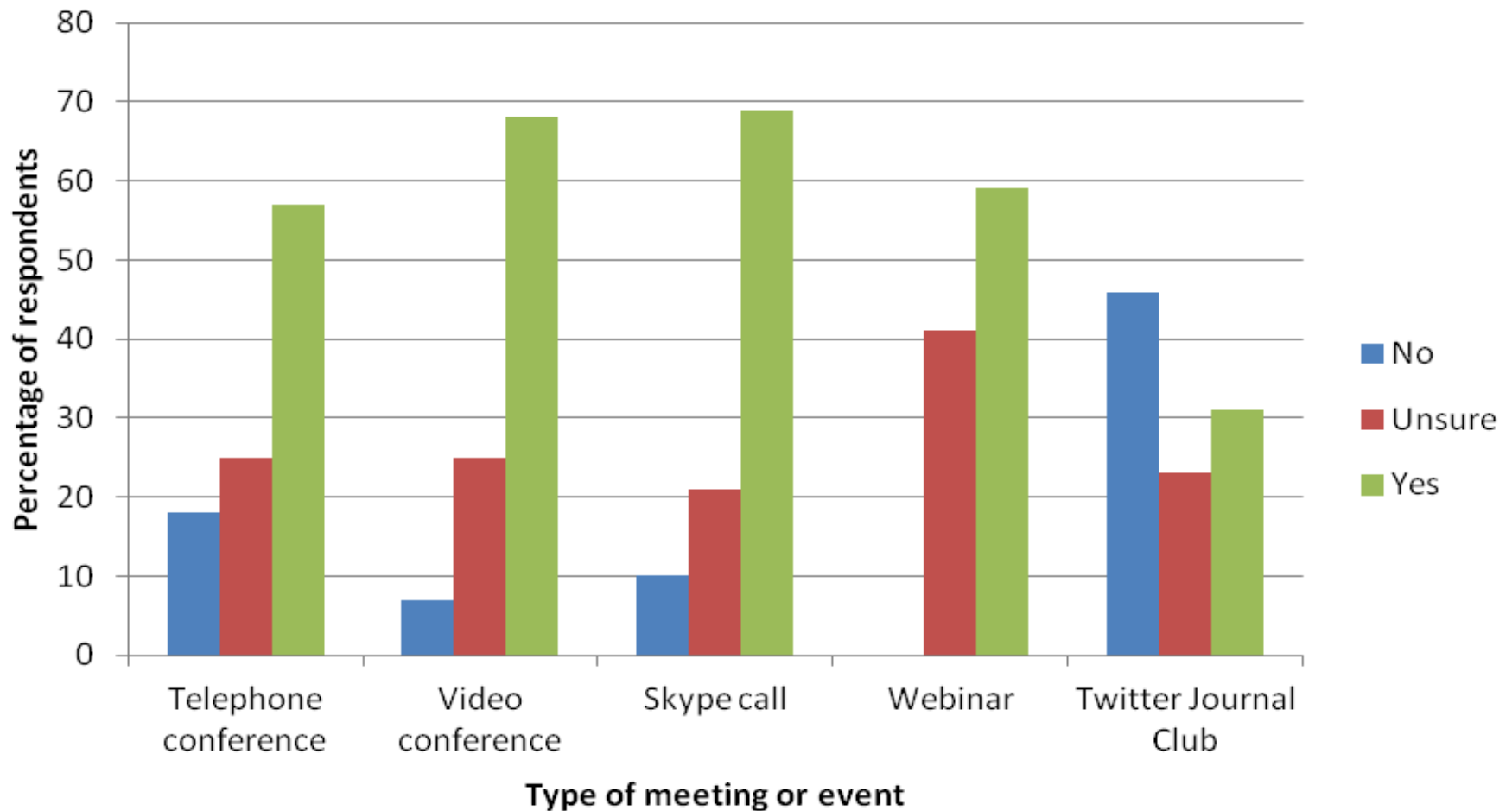
- $n=25$ :
- “meetings across the country”
- “good marketing”
- “personal contact”
- “regular updates”
- “more virtual events”
- “topical subjects”



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# Results

**Would you participate in a virtual meeting or event?**



## **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’

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- An illustration featuring two stylized human profiles in blue and orange, facing each other. Between them is a large, colorful brain shape composed of numerous small icons representing various aspects of technology, communication, and media, such as a smartphone, a camera, a globe, a heart, a lightbulb, and a speech bubble.

# Culturally sensitive organisation

- Positive move to collaborate with the US
- Dependent on culturally sensitive communication (what is nursing across the nations?)
- Sense of US centrality 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?

