



A message from the SCTC executive committee

The SCTC continues to go from strength to strength, consolidating on the success of recent initiatives.

This last year has seen our first international fellowships take place and these have proved a resounding success. They provide a valuable mechanism to inspire early career investigators to establish an interest in systemic sclerosis and broaden their network.

We are excited to be holding an in person AGM at this year's ACR meeting where we shall provide updates on recent SCTC initiatives and hear on the progress of recent Working Group grant and Betty Benedict awardees.

We shall also be voting for new executive committee positions after the completion of 4-year terms by our current secretary and treasurer.

We look forward to seeing many of you in Philadelphia next month.

Shervin, Robyn, Tracy & John

New SCTC Members

The SCTC are delighted to welcome the following three institutions to our consortium:

Department of Rheumatology and Immunology, University Hospital Bern (Lead: Britta Maurer)

Aarhus University Hospital, Denmark (lead: Anne Braae Olesen)

Cedars-Sinai Medical Center, Los Angeles, USA (Lead: Francesco Boin)

SCTC AGM

November 11th 2022

Hybrid Meeting 6.30pm to 8.30pm Eastern Time

Please save the above date for the Virtual Annual General Meeting.

The full program is available at:

https://sclerodermaclinicaltrialsconsortium.org/media/attachments/2022/09/30/2022_agm_agenda_final.pdf

There will be working group meetings taking place before and after the main AGM. Refreshments will be available. An opportunity to join remotely will be made available to those unable to join the meeting in person.

All SCTC Members, Industry Roundtable Members, and Advisory Board members are invited to attend. The meeting will be held at the following venue:

*Rubenstein Auditorium, Smilow Translational Research Building
University of Pennsylvania
3600 Convention Blvd.
Philadelphia, PA USA*

In addition to standing business, we shall have updates from funded working groups and recent Betty Benedict Award winners.

We shall also be holding a panel discussion tackling the:

'Challenges and potential solutions for recruiting patients with systemic sclerosis into ongoing and planned clinical trials'

SCTC Executive Committee Positions

After each completing 2 consecutive terms, John Pauling and Tracy Frech shall be stepping down from their roles as SCTC Secretary and Treasurer respectively.

We have received nominations for the roles of SCTC Treasurer and Secretary. Their personal statements shall be circulated and uploaded onto our website over the coming weeks. It is not too late to seek a nomination for yourself or to nominate another member of our community for one of these positions. The SCTC treasurer needs to be based in the USA to fulfill requirements set out in our by-laws and for financial governance. Each member institution has a single vote. Further details available at:

<https://sclerodermaclinicaltrialsconsortium.org/meetings>

Prospective candidates should contact John Pauling or Tracy Frech directly for further details about the roles

Forthcoming meetings:

The SCTC shall be supporting the 15th Hamburg Symposium on Juvenile Scleroderma, 3rd and 4th Dec 2022 in Hamburg, Germany

<https://kinderrheumatologie.de/veranstaltungen/>

The 18th International Workshop on Scleroderma Research has been scheduled for 2025 and shall be hosted back in Cambridge, UK

[18th International Workshop on Scleroderma Research – 2025 ~ Cambridge, UK \(wordpress.com\)](https://www.scleroderma-research.com/)