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# CSRT ANNUAL REPORT

## January to December 2014

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### **Message from the CSRT President Jessie Cox, RRT, FCSRT, AA-CSRT**

The year 2014 was a year of transition for the CSRT and for the profession. This annual report will outline the CSRT accomplishments from January 1 to December 31, 2014.

There is no question that the highlights of 2014 were the celebrations of our 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary. On December 21, 2014 the CSRT officially became 50 years old – it is on this date in 1964 that the society was granted its letters patent.

During the past 18 months, the Board of Directors, in collaboration with hundreds of our members, finalized the “Blueprint for the profession”. In this annual report, we present the blueprint for the RT profession, including a description of each of the nine pillars. This important document provides the framework for all CSRT activities on behalf of, and to support the RT profession. The action plan is reviewed and updated at each meeting of the Board of Directors.

In 2014 the CSRT continued to participate in national projects at various universities and national health care organizations such as the Canadian Institute of Health Information. We have also initiated two projects of our own – the first project aims to determine the RT staffing patterns in ICU and determine the RT-to vent ratio and a second project to determine the value of the RT involvement in the management of chronic respiratory disease such as COPD.

We have optimized the dissemination of information through our web site, Facebook and twitter and enhanced RT knowledge through the CJRT, the conference, journal clubs and webinars.

We celebrated RTs that make significant contributions to the profession through our awards and scholarship program. Most importantly, we created awareness and pride in the profession for the CSRT’s 3,622 members. We ended the year with the announcement of increased opportunities for private practice for RTs working with COPD and asthma patients.

We are very proud of the participation and of the engagement by student RTs at the conference, during RT week and throughout the year.

During 2014, the CSRT had to make some changes to its by-laws and its policies and procedures to comply with the new federal legislation for non-profit legislation. The CSRT has also made some operational changes to improve the efficiency and cost-effectiveness of the office. In addition, the CSRT moved to a new office location where we can save approximately \$30,000 in operational cost per year.

As my first year as President comes to an end, I am very grateful for the hard work and dedication of the CSRT office staff, the Board of Directors and all of the volunteers who have made 2014 such a productive year for the CSRT and for the profession. We look forward to more challenges and opportunities as we continue to serve the RT profession in 2015.

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