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Dear Schizophrenia International Research Society Members,

As you know during the initial phases of society development, the secretariat office has been located in the university office of Lynn DeLisi with a post office mailing address in Piermont, New York. The first scientific international conference of the society was successfully held in June 2008 and the society has since expanded in membership and administrative load.

We are thus pleased to announce that we have entered into a contract with a professional association management company for the administration of the SIRS secretariat office. Parthenon Management Group, LLC (PMG) is a limited liability company based in Nashville, TN, USA, which offers management services to professional scientific societies. Ronnie Wilkins is the President of PMG and will serve as our Executive Director. Sarah Timm, another PMG officer, will serve as a primary account executive and will work with the society. Ronnie and Sarah have already begun to work closely with the Officers. Please note that PMG is also involved in managing the American College of Neuropsychopharmacology. Our contract with them contains a confidentiality clause that protects all of the society's proprietary and confidential information, including but not limited to, financial documents, membership lists and meeting minutes. In making the decision to utilize this group we carefully considered the potential implications of their dual relationship, and, on balance, came to the conclusion that their expertise and experience outweighed any potential risks or conflict of interest. We have agreed to enter this relationship for a trial period through the end of 2009.

The new secretariat office and new contact information is as follows:

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Best Wishes in the New Year,

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