

**STRENGTHENING
THE INTEGRITY
OF RACING**



2009 YEAR IN REVIEW

Spring 2010

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A Letter from Executive Director Dr. Scot Waterman



2009 was certainly a year of transition for RMTC. Our main focus in recent years has been developing and promoting uniform medication policies across racing jurisdictions. This was especially successful in 2008, when we saw every major racing state adopt the RMTC Model Rule on Androgenic Anabolic Steroids.

In 2009, RMTC shifted its focus to several large-scale projects, such as the RMTC Drug Testing Initiatives Task Force, which aims to advance equine drug testing in the U.S. by creating the first-ever set of standards for laboratories conducting post-race testing, and the administration of withdrawal time studies on numerous therapeutic medications. Both of these efforts will enable RMTC to make great progress in strengthening the integrity of competition and protecting the welfare of our athletes.

Funding and coordinating withdrawal times research continues to be one of RMTC's most important goals. In the past year, our Scientific Advisory

Committee of racing chemists and veterinarians completed their analysis of the anabolic steroids boldenone, nandrolone, stanozolol and testosterone in plasma. This has been a study of great interest to horsemen and will provide them with scientifically based guidelines on the administration of these medications, while eliminating any potential to affect performance. The RMTC Scientific Advisory Committee is now working on the analysis of butorphanol, methocarbamol, acepromazine, pyrilamine and glycopyrrolate. The recommendations that emerge from those studies will also be of significant importance because these medications are common contributors of positive test results. Uniform thresholds and withdrawal times will help avoid some of these positive tests. In the meantime, I encourage horsemen to visit the Withdrawal Times database on rmtcnet.com.

I am proud of the hard work and dedication of our stakeholders and committees in 2009, and I look forward to a year of great accomplishments for RMTC and our industry in 2010.

Regards,

RMTC Launches Facebook Fan Page in 2009

Since its launching in the Spring of 2009, the RMTC Facebook Fan Page has been the premier site to visit for up-to-date news stories and information on U.S. horse racing drug testing developments, policy changes and announcements, medication research results, and relevant articles and columns. The RMTC Facebook Fan Page also features interesting and educational videos and audio files of interviews with key industry leaders and veterinary experts discussing integrity issues facing our sport.

Jockeys, drivers, trainers, owners and racing fans alike have joined the page to stay informed, explore resources available to racing fans, ask Dr. Waterman questions, or simply discuss the issues with fellow racing fans and participants. You too can become a fan by visiting facebook.com/RMTCnet today!

The screenshot shows the RMTC Facebook fan page interface. At the top, it says "Racing Medication and Testing Consortium on Facebook" with a "Become a Fan" button. Below that is a post from "Dan Fick 3" (rmtcnet.com) dated March 18 at 7:59am. The post includes a link to an audio file: http://rmtcnet.com/resources/audio/Dan_Fick_3-10-10.mp3. The text of the post reads: "Click here to listen to RMTC CEO Dan Fick's interview with Steve Byk on Sirius/XM's Thoroughbred Racing Radio Network! Dan discusses RMTC's Strategic Plan for 2010." Below the text is a play button icon and the text "Song: Dan Fick 3 Artist: Unknown Artist". At the bottom of the screenshot, another link is visible: <http://www.bloodhorse.com/horse-racing/articles/55071/kentucky-hac-new-equine-drug-testing>.

In 2008, RMTC committed more than \$300,000 to support comprehensive research through 2011 on the use and effects of corticosteroids.

2009 Research Program

Analysis Complete:

Boldenone (in plasma)
Nandrolone (in plasma)
Stanozolol (in plasma)
Testosterone (in plasma)
Butorphanol
Methocarbamol
Acepromazine
Pyrilamine
Glycopyrrolate

20-horse Administration Complete:

Detomidine
Mepivacaine
Lidocaine
Firocoxib
Fluphenazine

Awaiting Pilot Study:

Hydroxyzine
Dantrolene
Dexamethasone

RMTC-Sponsored Programs

Second Annual ROAP Conference on Officiating Horse Racing

Held in Tucson on December 3, this conference helped kick-off the University of Arizona Race Track Industry Program's annual Symposium on Racing and Gaming. RMTC Vice Chairman Alan Foreman organized the conference and provided legal insight in all-day panels focusing primarily on the legality of prosecuting drug cases. Dr. Scot Waterman, attorney Ira Finkelstein, and RMTC Scientific Advisory Committee members Drs. Scott Stanley and George Maylin were also panelists.

2010 International Conference of Racing Analysts and Veterinarians

Held every other year, this conference is the essential forum for stakeholders to address scientific issues confronting the industry. It is typically attended by regulatory veterinarians and senior laboratory management and research scientists from racing labs around the world. Participants exchange information that enables better direction of scientific efforts, and make recommendations to racing authorities.

AAEP Regulatory Veterinarians Conference

Each year, RMTC sponsors an educational and interactive meeting for commission veterinarians attending the four-day AAEP conference, which focuses on the latest advances in equine medicine and surgery.

This is the only opportunity for commission veterinarians to gather in order to exchange information and ideas.



Photo by Laura Plato

Association of Official Racing Chemists Americas Meeting

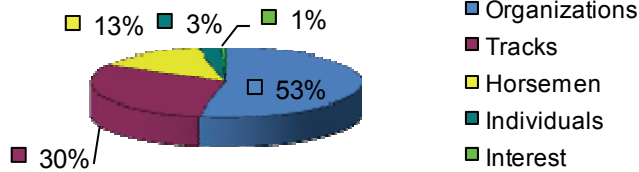
The AORC is an international organization made up of 100 members from 26 countries. Membership is restricted to individuals concerned with the detection of drugs in racing animals, and the group's mission is to provide scientific support to the world's racing authorities. This regional meeting, primarily attended by chemists and lab directors, alternates every other year to an international location. The 2009 AORC conference consisted of three days of scientific sessions starting October 16 in Ocho Rios, Jamaica. RMTC Scientific Advisory Committee member Dr. Rick Sams, who is a professor and program director for the University of Florida Racing Laboratory, made a presentation to the attendees on research currently being conducted and funded by RMTC.



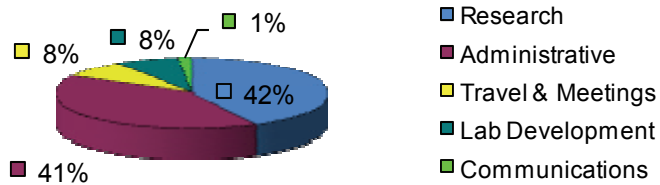
If you would like Dr. Waterman or another RMTC representative to speak at your group's next conference or meeting, contact rallison@rmtcnet.com

2009-2010 Financial Information

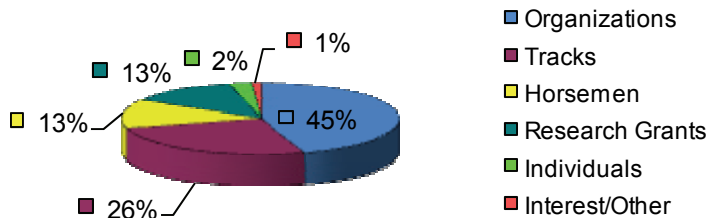
2009 Contributions



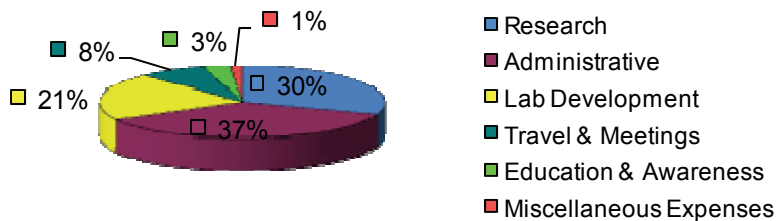
2009 Expenditures



2010 Expected Contributions



2010 Estimated Expenses



2009 CONTRIBUTIONS

Organizations	\$375,055
Tracks	213,720
Horsemen	92,576
Individuals	19,870
Interest	3,337
Total	\$704,558

2009 EXPENDITURES

Research	\$390,063
Administrative	375,723
Travel & Meetings	73,064
Lab Development	69,964
Communications	14,300
Total	\$923,114

2010 EXPECTED CONTRIBUTIONS

Organizations	\$350,000
Tracks	200,000
Horsemen	100,000
Research Grants	100,000
Individuals	20,000
Interest/Other	8,500
Total	\$778,500

2010 ESTIMATED EXPENSES

Research	\$365,000
Administrative	437,500
Lab Development	250,000
Travel & Meetings	92,500
Education & Awareness	35,000
Miscellaneous Expenses	17,000
Total	\$1,197,000



Industry Stakeholder Contributions for 2009

Arabian Jockey Club	Keeneland Association
Arapahoe Park	Kentucky Thoroughbred Association
Arlington Park	National HBPA
Calder Race Course	National Thoroughbred Racing Association
Churchill Downs Inc.	New York Racing Association
Del Mar Thoroughbred Club	Oak Tree Racing Association
Fair Grounds	Ontario HBPA
Finger Lakes Racing Association	Sunland Park Racetrack and Casino
Florida HBPA	Tampa Bay Downs
The Hambletonian Society	Thoroughbred Horsemen's Association
Harness Tracks of America	TOBA
Hollywood Park Racing Association	United States Trotting Association
The Jockey Club	

Individual Contributions for 2009

HALL OF FAMER

\$2,500 & Up

Michael G. Rutherford
Gary Broad Foundation

CHAMPION

\$1,000-\$2,499

Dr. Jim Morehead
Dr. Eric Peterson
Dr. Jeremy Whitman
Amerman Racing
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STAKES

\$500-\$999

Stuart E. Huston
Vintage Farm

WINNING CIRCLE

\$100-\$499

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Locust Hill Farm LLC
Nicholson Insurance Agency
John Oxley
William Parsons Jr.
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\$99 and below

Curtis A. Sampson
Sharon Doherty

We greatly appreciate the support we have received from members of the Thoroughbred Owners and Breeders Association!

Board of Directors

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Harness Tracks of America	Thoroughbred Owners of California
*The Jockey Club	Thoroughbred Racing Associations
Jockeys' Guild	Thoroughbred Racing Protective Bureau
Keeneland Association	*United States Trotting Association
Kentucky Thoroughbred Association	*Denotes \$100,000 in funding

RMTC Had A Strong Industry Presence in 2009

RMTC representatives attended:

AAEP Annual Convention	RCI Conference
Association of Official Racing Chemists meeting	ROAP Conference: Prosecution of a Drug Case
European Horserace Scientific Liaison Committee	ROAP Steward Continuing Education Programs
Fasig-Tipton Horse Sales	University of Arizona RTIP Symposium
HTA/TRA Racing Congress	University of Kentucky Equine Law class
Keeneland Horse Sales	University of Louisville Equine Industry Program
National HBPA Summer Convention	Various state racing commission meetings

You Can Help Strengthen the Integrity of Racing

To continue our efforts to strengthen the integrity of racing, the RMTC greatly needs your support. We welcome your tax-deductible contributions to the RMTC, which relies heavily on individual and industry-wide support. In 2010, we will use funds to continue developing and supporting critically important research on corticosteroids, withdrawal times for therapeutic medications and new tests for prohibited substances.


Contributions can be made by e-mailing your Visa, MasterCard or Discover card information to rallison@rmtcnet.com or by calling RMTC Executive Assistant Rebecca Allison at (859) 224-2844. Credit card donations can also be securely processed through our online contribution page. Simply visit our website at rmtcnet.com and click You Can Help!

Personal checks are also welcome.

**Please make checks payable to:
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**ATTENTION RMTc BOARD
MEMBERS:**

**The first 2010 board meeting will
be held April 12 in Lexington, KY**

Our Mission

The RMTc strives to develop and promote uniform rules, policies and testing standards at the national level; coordinate research and educational programs that seek to ensure the integrity of racing and the health and welfare of racehorses and participants; and protect the interests of the racing public.



Strategic Plan for 2010

Action Plan 1: Reorganize Research Efforts

Task A: Establish Detection Limits and Withdrawal Times for NSAIDs

- Complete existing research projects on therapeutic administrations
- Determine detection limits and withdrawal times for other therapeutic medications

Task B: Make NSAIDs Recommendations

- Complete review and make recommendations to the Association of Racing Commissioners International on detection limits and withdrawal times for phenylbutazone, banamine and ketoprofen

- Develop protocols for additional NSAIDs that are approved by the FDA for use in the horse

Task C: Review Detection Limits and Withdrawal Times for Corticosteroids Based on RMTc-Funded Pilot Projects, and Make Appropriate Recommendations

Action Plan 2: Drug Testing Initiative Implementation

Task A: Launch External Equine Quality Assessment Program

Task B: Develop an Implementation Strategy for Recommendations of the RMTc Drug Testing Initiative Task Force

Action Plan 3: Communication Endeavors

Task A: Provide Communications Guidance for State Racing Commissions

- Distribute a media guide regarding positive lab reports
- Form an RMTc Resource Advisory Program to provide commissions a source of unbiased information regarding the pharmacology and toxicology of drugs found in post-race samples

Task B: Continue Communications Efforts with the Public, Media and Racing Fans

- Provide educational presentations on the progress and developments of U.S. equine drug testing programs
- Launch Recent Rulings Database on rmtcnet.com

Action Plan 4: RMTc Staff Evaluation

Task A: Review and Refine Current Staff Responsibilities

Task B: Conduct a Search to Hire RMTc Director of Research



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