We are PSR

We citizens must take action to prevent nuclear famine. We must let our political leaders know we want them to eliminate nuclear weapons globally... We know nuclear weapons are too dangerous to be tolerated and they add nothing to our security. Now is the time to eliminate them.

PSR shows us that a “limited” conflict “over there” will not be over there at all, nor be limited. It will destabilize our agricultural economy right here along with our international political alliances. Let us heed this message.”
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Dear Members, Supporters, and Allies,

It is customary for our immediate past president to jointly summarize the last year with PSR’s executive director. As I write this, I feel the late Jeff Patterson’s hand on my shoulder. During his tenure as PSR president in 2013, Jeff directed his abundant passion to our issues and spoke truth to power/corporate interests. He also taught and inspired the staff, leadership and members of PSR. Thanks to his guidance, our staff was busier and more focused than ever. Here’s a summary of our work.

**Nuclear Weapons** Our new security team launched the Humanitarian Threats of Nuclear Weapons Campaign in the U.S. With excellent media coverage of the new report, *Nuclear Famine: Two Billion at Risk*, PSR was picked up on the Obama administration’s radar. We also developed excellent tools to educate and inspire community leaders to take action to abolish nuclear weapons.

**Climate Change** PSR was steadfast in delivering its message: Time is of the essence — the U.S. must reduce its reliance on fossil fuels (natural gas, oil and coal), develop new energy resources, and improve energy efficiency to protect our health.

**Chemical Toxics** Led by our new Toxics Manager, PSR worked diligently to reform federal legislation that allows chemical trespass on us, having an especially deleterious effect on our children. While the goal of strong toxics regulation appears to be out of reach, we are resolved to enlist a wider health professional audience to join forces with us for renewed attempts to improve the system.

**Nuclear Power** No matter how it’s packaged, nuclear power is still a dangerous and an uneconomical way of providing electricity to our homes. PSR had many successes this year: new reactors were halted and five nuclear power plants closed. PSR also helped efforts to block a Senate bill for unsafe waste storage.

Our 50th Anniversary giving program rekindled our student program and provided a solid financial basis to move boldly forward in 2014. We present our generous Leadership Circle donors as well as PSR’s audited 2013 financial statements. Words cannot express how grateful we are for the continuing support of our members who’ve contributed the lion’s share of our income.

Within these pages you’ll find our program highlights and accomplishments. We are thankful for the dedication of our chapter network, board, and members who work diligently to make the world a safer and healthier place to raise our children and future generations. We thank all who took action by speaking, writing, and advocating for the changes we must make for human survival.

In Jeff’s memory, our commitment to PSR’s mission continues as vibrantly as if he were sitting with us.

Sincerely,

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CATHERINE MEETS HRH PRINCE CHARLES AT THE CLIMATE SUMMIT IN LONDON

DR. JEFF PATTERSON FLANKED BY DRS. SUSAN & MANFRED MENKINGS IN NASHVILLE, 2010
MAUREEN MCCUE, MD, PHD, from PSR’s Iowa Chapter (above left) leads session at the annual Chapter Leaders meeting in Tampa. Dr. Harry Wang of PSR Sacramento seated, far left.

Dr. Catherine Thomasson presents on climate and agriculture at the Wilson Center in Washington, DC.

Dr. Catherine Thomasson briefs the Senate on reform of chemical toxics regulation.

- PSR’s Safe Energy Campaign flattened the renaissance in nuclear power.
- PSR co-sponsored a conference in New York on Fukushima and radiation.
- PSR launched a new chapter in Michigan, headed by Stephanie Dernek.
- PSR National hired Kathy Attar, MPH, as Toxics Program Manager to protect Americans from the dangerous chemicals in our everyday lives.
- PSR became a major player in educating lawmakers on the need to reform the Toxic Substances Control Act, with a focus on relating chemical trespass to diseases such as obesity, neuro-developmental disorders and cancer.
- PSR launched a Climate Training Series for health professionals to help them frame climate change as a health issue and to develop their capacity as advocates.
- PSR took on fracking as an issue and called for a moratorium on the practice.
- PSR Board Member Dr. Ira Helfand represented PSR and IPPNW when he addressed the Humanitarian Impact of Nuclear Weapons Conference in Oslo, Norway.
- PSR gained mainstream press coverage on the second edition of the Nuclear Famine report, which concluded that two billion people would be at risk from a “limited” nuclear war between India and Pakistan.
- PSR members urged President Obama to exert leadership to reduce the threat of nuclear weapons. In June, President Obama indicated that the U.S. would reduce arsenals a full third beyond the limits established by the New START Treaty if Russia would do the same.
Physicians for Social Responsibility was founded in 1961 with the goal of preventing the ultimate public health catastrophe: nuclear war. PSR’s founding members outlined in the New England Journal of Medicine how “The Medical Consequences of Thermonuclear War” would overwhelm any meaningful response, and therefore the only responsible medical approach to nuclear war is prevention. In 2013, PSR’s Security Program redoubled efforts to prevent what we cannot cure.

In 2013, a growing chorus of international voices joined PSR’s declaration that nuclear weapons are unacceptable. PSR’s Humanitarian Consequences Campaign has been part of a new, global initiative to delegitimize nuclear weapons on humanitarian grounds, emulating the process that led to bans on land mines and cluster munitions. In March, the government of Norway hosted the first Humanitarian Impact of Nuclear Weapons Conference in Oslo. The governments of 127 nations attended. At that conference, the chair of PSR’s Security Committee, Ira Helfand, MD, presented data from the first edition of the joint PSR/IPPNW Nuclear Famine report. This report outlines how the climatic and agricultural impact of a “limited regional” nuclear war involving an exchange of 100 Hiroshima-sized nuclear weapons between India and Pakistan would put a billion people at risk of starvation. The climate model indicates that the effects would last 10 years.

In addition to delegitimizing nuclear weapons, PSR seeks to defund them. PSR collaborated with partner organizations in the Nuclear Budget Coalition to advocate for specific cuts in the federal budget to decrease the role of nuclear weapons. PSR leaders and staff held meetings with Senate and House offices. More than 3,100 letters were delivered to Congressional offices from PSR activists, and PSR leaders published seven op-eds in newspapers around the country. PSR helped to raise the level and the volume of the national conversation on the unnecessary costs and dangers of nuclear weapons. For the first time in over a decade, editorials from national and state papers, as well as commentary by key Republicans, recognized the need to make reductions in defense spending to help address the challenge of our national debt.

On December 10, PSR released the second edition of the Nuclear Famine report, with new data on the effects a nuclear war would have on Chinese agriculture: two billion people would be put at risk from a nuclear war between India and Pakistan. Senators Jack Reed, Sheldon Whitehouse and Edward Markey drew attention to the new Nuclear Famine report by sending a cover letter with the report to President Obama; Secretary Kerry; Secretary Hagel; General Martin Dempsey, Chair of the Joint Chiefs of Staff; the US Ambassadors to India and Pakistan; Senator Levin, Chair of Senate Armed Services; Senator Inhofe, Ranking Member Senate Armed Services; Senator Menendez, Chair of Senate Foreign Relations; and Senator Corker, Ranking Member of the Senate Foreign Relations.

PSR spearheaded the media rollout of the new report with the assistance of the Geneva offices of the International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons (ICAN). Our network of PSR members across the country successfully obtained media coverage or editorial page coverage on CNN, in the Chicago Tribune, the Los Angeles Times, The Hill, Motley Fool, Defense One, Common Dreams and National Journal. Our writers placed ten op-eds and three letters-to-the-editor in local papers across the country. Overseas, articles and editorials appeared in leading foreign publications including Agence-France Presse, The Telegraph, The Times of India, Terra and Der Spiegel. The study was reported extensively in Europe, India and Pakistan and was picked up by the Kyodo News Agency in Japan, Pravda and two newspapers in China. A total of 97 press stories or op-eds appeared in at least eight languages, spanning five continents and thirty countries. The rollout also garnered interviews on radio and television in four states, the UK, and Iran.
PSR fought nuclear power quite successfully in 2013. We highlighted the safety issues and the uncompetitive economics of new reactors to appeal to policy-makers and corporations. PSR addressed health and safety issues by drawing parallels to the ongoing Fukushima catastrophe.

PSR took action on the health risks associated with the storage of spent fuel on nuclear reactor sites. After a court case in 2012 required an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for on-site storage of spent nuclear fuel, the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) had to suspend all licensing of U.S. nuclear facilities for at least two years to create a federal court-approved EIS on the long term storage of radioactive nuclear waste. PSR and its colleagues wrote testimonies against the proposed narrow scope of the EIS, which was inadequate to evaluate the full health and environmental risks for this fuel storage. The final EIS is expected in 2014.

PSR engaged media around the suspension of new and renewed licensing and continues to fight for a thorough evaluation of the temporary waste storage at each of the nuclear power facilities. The lack of a permanent storage plan is a major concern as the waste storage pools have the potential for widespread contamination by a terrorist attack or due to a natural disaster. The pools could be more deadly than a reactor meltdown.

PSR’s Safe Energy Program always uses the economic argument—that nuclear power is too expensive, as well as unsafe. Due to the crippled economy and negative press, six proposed new reactors were cancelled in 2013 and five existing reactors were closed. PSR’s work resulted in the blockage of all but one new nuclear loan guarantee; only the Vogtle federal loan is available. PSR’s work on the temporary waste storage goes on.

During the spring of 2013, PSR assigned the highest priority for our work at the state level to Florida. Members pushed hard to repeal the Construction Work in Progress (CWIP) funding that allows charges to rate-payers for future construction work. PSR generated a groundswell of opposition to this grossly unfair tax. PSR experts provided information, testimony, media interviews, and strategic legislative consultations on the optimal legislative and regulatory steps to end CWIP.

In June, 2013, a modest improvement to the existing CWIP law was enacted by the Florida legislature and signed into law by the Governor. As a result, on August 1st, Duke Energy announced it was terminating the proposed twin Levy County reactors. Spearheaded by Chuck Johnson, our Northwest chapters released a well-documented economic analysis at the year’s end. It asserted that the region’s last remaining nuclear plant, the Columbia Generating Station, could be supplanted by other energy sources for a savings of $1.7 billion. (This estimate does not factor in waste management apart from the escalating decommissioning costs.) The Northwest chapters also commissioned another pivotal report on the inadequate earthquake standards at the plant, which are at least 300% lower than they should be. Oregon and Washington Physicians for Social Responsibility have called for the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission to shut down the nuclear plant until it can meet adequate earthquake standards.

The latter report received widespread media coverage, ensuring that the grave health concerns related to the plant were understood and the high cost and dangers associated with nuclear power communicated to the public.

In 2013, PSR co-sponsored a major symposium in New York City to raise awareness of the effects of the three-reactor meltdown at the Fukushima Daiichi nuclear power plant in Japan. The media covered the event, which featured the U.S. military personnel who were aboard the USS Ronald Reagan and became ill after helping with clean-up efforts. The sailors filed a class action suit against TEPCO, the Japanese energy company responsible for the plant. PSR health advocates also spoke out at the United Nations, outlining concerns that an evaluation of the health status of the refugees from the evacuated zones has not occurred. Without assessments, it is impossible to ascertain the impact of the radiation exposure.

The work of PSR’s Safe Energy Program is critical to U.S. efforts to prevent massive exposure to radiologic toxins. Our coordination of the economic campaign closed in December. In 2014, PSR will continue its focus on radiation and health to improve safety and radioactive waste management.*
With levels of atmospheric carbon dioxide rising around the world, climate change education and action remained the primary focus of the Environment & Health department in 2013.

The entire PSR E&H team, from board members to paid staff and interns, joined forces to conduct five webinars that promoted the understanding that climate change is indeed a health issue. The webinars examined the harm to health from extreme weather, heat events, vector-borne and waterborne diseases, climate change-driven conflict, and methane releases from hydraulic fracturing (fracking). The team trained hundreds of PSR members.

Each webinar also presented a how-to segment on a valuable advocacy skill, from writing letters to the editor to visiting members of Congress. The inclusion of advocacy training helps PSR members translate medical facts into a call for meaningful action.

To concretely reduce carbon dioxide levels, the PSR national team collaborated with chapters in Maryland, Texas and Michigan to close some of the dirtiest coal-fired power plants in those states. The chapters trained members to be “Health Ambassadors” on coal, preparing them to testify at hearings, write letters and op-ed articles, and educate the public and decision-makers about the need to transition away from coal to sustainable energy sources. Coal combustion emits dangerous air toxics and is the nation’s largest single source of carbon pollution. National board member Alan Lockwood, MD, provided a webinar-based training as part of the chapters’ preparation of health professionals to address these issues.

PSR also addressed fracking, which has emerged as a leading source of methane pollution. Methane is a greenhouse gas that, although shorter-lived in the atmosphere than carbon
dioxide, is much more potent at trapping heat, and thus greatly contributes to climate change. PSR’s on-the-ground work on hydraulic fracturing focused on Maryland. The Chesapeake PSR chapter played a leading role in drafting a bill to head off a gag rule that would limit the right of a treating physician to divulge information about the toxic fracking fluids a patient had been exposed to.

PSR’s new Toxics Program Director Kathy Attar produced the Environmental Health Policy Institute and coordinated PSR’s work with the Safer Chemicals Healthy Families coalition, pushing for health-protective federal chemicals policy. PSR chapters in Oregon, Maine, San Francisco and Florida have been particularly engaged with the national office in efforts to add real health protections to proposed toxics legislation.

Two weeks after joining the staff, Kathy helped PSR present a briefing on Capitol Hill for U.S. senators and staff on the health hazards of chemicals in consumer products and the environment. The briefing highlighted chemicals known as endocrine disruptors which interrupt the body’s hormone system. Endocrine disruptors have been associated with a wide range of health problems, from obesity and diabetes to infertility and cancer.

Also within PSR’s Toxics Program, the San Francisco and Florida chapters expanded and updated information in PSR’s Pediatric Environmental Health Toolkit to address prenatal as well as pediatric toxic exposures. The Toolkit is a resource for clinicians to educate parents about protecting their children from the dangerous chemicals they may be exposed to in their homes, schools and everyday environments.

Building capacity for unstaffed chapters was a priority for the Environment & Health Program in 2013. In Maryland, Tim Whitehouse was hired as the new director of Chesapeake PSR. Beginning his tenure in May, he has moved the chapter ahead in three programs: working to close two coal-fired power plants; using the voice of health professionals in defense of the state moratorium on fracking; and strengthening the state’s clean air standards. He has also strengthened and formalized the chapter board and expanded the chapter’s base of foundation support.

Michigan was the second PSR chapter expansion in 2013. The new Michigan director is Stephanie Dernek, who began her tenure by working on two energy-related issues: energy efficiency and closing two Detroit coal plants. She also established a presence for PSR in the state by holding face-to-face meetings with PSR members in several cities and producing a monthly newsletter to keep people informed of PSR’s ongoing work.

These advances have created momentum that has carried over into our 2014 initiatives: fighting for limits on carbon pollution from power plants; expanding our climate communications work through new strategic partnerships; continuing to press for effective regulation on toxics in everyday products, and building the strength and capacity of our nationwide chapter network. ✭
Student PSR programs were supported in 2013 by donor gifts to PSR’s 50th Anniversary Campaign. PSR’s board of directors believes that new advocates are created by inspiring students to work for policy change that improves health.

New leadership: PSR student leaders are the lifeblood of the future PSR. The student program grew stronger under the leadership of Student Coordinator Michelle Gin, who joined PSR National in August. She works part-time while she attends the University of Minnesota for a two year Masters program in Public Health. She learned advocacy skills while working with the Iowa PSR Chapter and raised her own funding to attend the IPPNW conference in Hiroshima in 2013 as the student representative.

Advocacy Curriculum: Two medical students from the University of South Florida published their first opinion editorial on climate change. They attributed their success to attending the newly minted PSR advocacy curriculum presentation on writing for policy change. Funded by a Josiah Macy, Jr. Foundation grant, PSR developed a five part advocacy curriculum with the guidance of PSR’s advocacy experts Erica Frank, MD, and Marj Plumb, PhD, of San Francisco.

PSR student fellow Mathias Pollock worked with Executive Director Catherine Thomasson to craft the advocacy series, which focuses on public speaking, writing for advocacy, lobbying and fundraising. The team also decided to add an overview lecture to explain the importance of strategic advocacy. This particular talk has been one of the most popular. It inspires young health professionals with its message that working for policy change is one of the best ways to improve public health.

The presentations were first given at several different student leadership conferences run by the American Medical Student Association. Students were able to develop elevator pitches and practice lobbying skills with partners, as the presentations are designed to have very active participation. Only one student in these presentations had ever written a letter to the editor prior to attending. Seventy-five percent had never lobbied. All attendees indicated that they were motivated by the talks to engage in these activities in the future.

The AMSA fellows have used the presentations in other contexts—they can be applied to any policy issue. The presentations will be given as webinars in 2014 and shared with the entire leadership of PSR. All are posted on the PSR website as scripted Powerpoints so that any PSR members can use them to build advocacy skills in students and young professionals.

Building advocacy skills empowers health professional students to affect policy change. Providing medical students with skills-building training increases the likelihood that they will engage in a lifetime of advocacy. ✪
We lost Dr. Jeff Patterson in January, 2014.

Jeff was an indefatigable champion who cared deeply for human life and made the relief of suffering his life’s work. He first served Physicians for Social Responsibility by establishing the Madison, Wisconsin chapter. With two other founding members, he challenged the concept of a “winnable nuclear war.” Over the years, Jeff provided direction to medical students interested in learning about the threats posed by nuclear weapons. He nurtured their understanding of humanitarian ethics. Most recently, he served two terms as PSR National’s board president and excelled at the task.

Jeff was a gifted man with a powerful spirit. He always provided a calming influence in difficult times. His kindness and collegial nature served his patients and the international peace community well.

Because he regularly witnessed immense suffering, he shared stories of people impacted by radiation exposure. Among them were poor, elderly farmers in the abandoned land around Chernobyl, concerned mothers downwind of Fukushima and veterans exposed to radiation in the line of duty. All were stories from his own experience as a physician/activist and from first-hand conversations.

Jeff brought compassion to everything he did and listened attentively to all. He believed that nuclear weapons are immoral, that climate change will cause immense human suffering and must be prevented and that our current exposure to chemical and radiologic toxins should be avoided through national and international action. His untimely death deeply affected PSR. Many board members and staff had worked with him for years. We will miss him, but we still hear his reasonable voice and wise counsel. ✶

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2013 Income

2013 Expenses
Thanks, Thanks & Thanks

As the Senior Manager of Philanthropy, I have been so moved by the dedication of the people who have been part of Physicians for Social Responsibility for any number of years — from the new arrivals who are quick to take action online or in public forums to those who’ve been advocating in the classrooms, in the boardrooms, in the courtrooms, in the media or in conferences about climate change or nuclear weapons — sometimes around the corner, but many times around the world.

We are renewed every year to see your ongoing support, whether you give the $5 check every month or the five-figure gift once a year. It’s heartening to know we have your support.

We recognize and laud those people who began PSR in 1962 and are still with us. Did you know that 28% of our members have supported us for more than 25 years? They recognize the time it takes to move public opinion and create the will for real change. With the support of thousands of members, we carry on, addressing threats to our health from some of the most vexing and persistent challenges any society has had to face.

On behalf of the staff, board of directors and the many who benefit from our work, I thank you for standing with us.

Christine Herrmann
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