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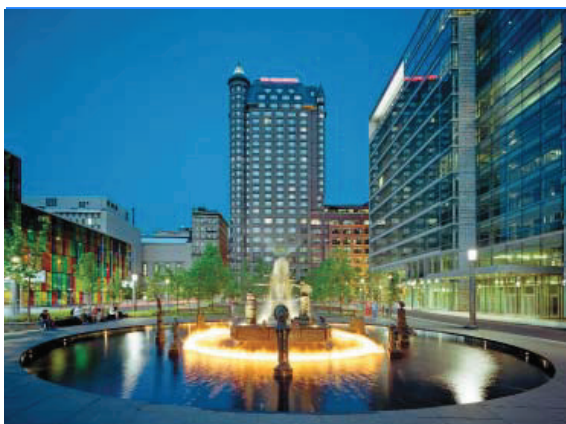
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As we prepared our application materials for the editor position of the SRCD newsletter, we were challenged to consider our vision for the publication. In accordance with the SRCD Strategic Mission Statement, three of our goals for the upcoming editions of the newsletter are presented below.

- Use online forums to promote discussion of presented topics. SRCD has entered the electronic age - information relevant to the society is now sent to members through email and can be accessed online through the society website or on Facebook. Members can also network and interact with one another through the SRCD Exchange website by writing discussion threads or by commenting on blog posts, among other things. As we move into our tenure as co-editors, one of our goals is to facilitate discussion of topics presented in the newsletter amongst society members. Look for links in upcoming issues to discussion threads on the SRCD Exchange website or to Facebook posts, and log on to contribute to the discussion!
- Increasingly focus on interdisciplinary perspectives and research conducted in underrepresented countries. One of the benefits of membership in SRCD is having the opportunity to engage in interdisciplinary discourse with scholars who focus on child development from different perspectives. To facilitate the exchange of interdisciplinary ideas within the society, we plan to increasingly showcase the perspectives of and highlight research conducted by individuals outside of mainstream child psychology. We will also increasingly profile members who are conducting research in countries outside of North America and Europe. We hope that featuring these individuals and their research findings will help members become increasingly aware of research that may not be easily accessible to them as well as facilitate conversations and the development of cross-cultural collaborations among society members.
- Highlight hot topics and new methods in developmental psychology. We will increasingly profile members who are conducting research on hot topics using new methods within the field of child development so as to disseminate these findings and promote conversation about them. Such conversations will occur on the SRCD Exchange website and through Facebook. Click on the links provided at the end of each section to log on and share your insights!

In addition to implementing our goals for the newsletter, we are also interested in your ideas regarding the future of the publication. We will include a link to an online survey in the next issue of the newsletter asking for member input. Please log on to provide your views as to which issues you would like to see featured in future editions of *Developments*! In the meantime, please feel free to contact us with any questions or suggestions regarding our vision for the future of the newsletter.



Thank you to all the 2011 SRCD Biennial Meeting Attendees!

Please look for news and photos from the 2011 Biennial Meeting in Montreal in the July issue of *Developments*.