

David Metzger, Ph.D. Named Scientific Liaison for the Treatment Research Institute and University of Pennsylvania, Department of Psychiatry

Prominent Researcher will Foster New Research/Dissemination Collaborations

Philadelphia; June 2009: Prominent AIDS and substance abuse researcher David Metzger, Ph.D. has been named Scientific Liaison for TRI and the University of Pennsylvania's (Penn) Department of Psychiatry effective June 1, 2009. The appointment was announced today by Constance Pechura, Ph.D., Executive Director of TRI.

Dr. Metzger is highly regarded for his work at Penn on drug and alcohol use as key factors in the spread of HIV/AIDS and for demonstrating that drug treatment is a critical component of effective HIV/AIDS prevention. Notable in Dr. Metzger's career at Penn has been his ability to collaborate with researchers across a wide variety of disciplines, work with diverse communities, and conduct international research projects.

Metzger assumes the liaison position to facilitate closer research and academic linkages between the University and TRI, identify collaborative research possibilities, and disseminate more broadly the research findings of both groups. He will work with investigators from both institutions to coordinate and support innovative research and other activities designed to generate cross-institution collaborations that require integrated research approaches.

"I speak for all TRI investigators in welcoming this high-caliber scientist who will help us build even more bridges with the University of Pennsylvania," said Dr. Pechura in making the announcement. "More than that, we are very excited that Dave Metzger will help both TRI and Penn build the kind of rich collaborations likely to find innovative new approaches to reducing the immense personal, community, and societal costs of addiction."

At Penn, Dr. Metzger is the Director of the Behavioral and Social Science Core at its Center for AIDS Research, and Director of the HIV Prevention Research Division in its Department of Psychiatry.

The Treatment Research Institute is a non-profit research and development organization specializing in science-driven reform of practice and policy in addiction and substance use. For more information contact Bonnie Catone, Director of Communications, at bcatone@tresearch.org or visit the TRI website at www.tresearch.org.