



STR Newsletter

Winter 2005

STR FUNCTIONS at the 2005 WORLD CONGRESS:

Exec. Committee
Saturday, May 7
2 – 5 pm
Congress Centre

Members' Business Meeting
Sunday, May 8
5:30 – 7 pm
Grand Hotel
Minerva

Members' Reception
Sunday, May 8
7 – 8:30 pm
Roof Garden-
Grand Hotel
Minerva

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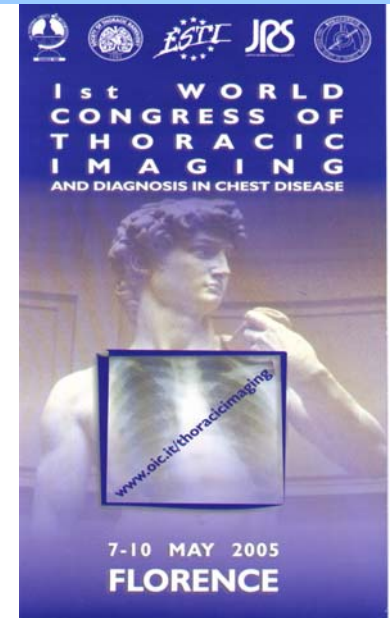
2005 World Congress

The first World Congress of Thoracic Imaging will be held May 7 – 10, 2005 in Florence Italy. This meeting is the combined effort of five thoracic imaging societies: the STR, the Fleischner Society, and the Japanese, Korean and European societies of thoracic imaging. This meeting will feature a world-class faculty drawn from the memberships of the respective societies and will focus on topics of current interest to both thoracic imagers and pulmonary physicians alike. There will be separate radiology and pulmonary refresher course and scientific session tracks in addition to plenary and poster sessions. Up-to-date meeting information and registration is available on-line at the World Congress website www.oic.it/thoracicimaging. Register TODAY!

Over 200 scientific abstracts were submitted for presentation at the World Congress. The quality of the submissions was quite high and the scientific session committee worked extremely hard to grade and select abstracts for presentation, given a very short turn-around time. Over



Neptune fountain in Piazza della Signoria. Superstition has it, that by a full moon, the figures at the base come to life!



Piazzale Michelangelo and city of Florence

120 abstracts were selected for oral presentation in one of 18 scientific sessions to be held throughout the meeting. The remainder will be presented as posters on a daily rotating basis. Abstract notifications were emailed on February 1, as promised. If you submitted an abstract and have not yet received notification, please contact the WCTI organizing committee.

Web Resource Project

By Andetta Hunsaker, MD



*Famous Ponte
Vecchio in
Florence*

***Interested in
increasing your
participation in the
STR?***

***Interested in serving
on one of the many
STR committees that
foster growth and
excellence in the
field of
cardiothoracic
imaging?***

***Let us know and join
one of the STR
committees who
make a difference!!***

I would like to update you on the web resource project, which is going smoothly and very well. To date, we have 39 Radiologists from different centers across the country who have either already sent cases or have sent letters of intent. With rare exception these have all sent or indicated that they will send more than one case. In most instances, it is a minimum of three cases. In two instances, two of these potential submitters have taken on whole sections (Basic Signs and Infectious Diseases). The quality of submissions to date is very good to outstanding. Because of my excellent secretarial help, we have a great database. It clearly outlines all cases we need, what has been sent and what has been pledged. Names and e-mail addresses and all correspondence from the submitters and potential submitters are included in the database and this week we are sending letters to all who have sent letters of intent but not yet sent in their cases to be sure they are still sending in those cases. We have 18 cases up on the site at this time and probably have about 50 "pledged" cases. We have not been pestering anyone but will begin to gently urge those who have indicated that they will be sending cases. All have been following the format well and Laura and Jud Gurney have been taking care of getting the cases posted. It has truly been a seamless system as Laura, my secretary, is extremely computer savvy and has been working very well with the very capable Jud whom I would be lost without. We simply upload the cases to Jud's disk so there is no cumbersome mailing of disks to him. I have been e-mailing cases to Mike Holbert to review and in those cases keep all the disks and pending his decision we upload to Jud or contact the submitter. I continue to enjoy this project, as it is a great joy to me to participate in resident education. I do want to send out a letter to the STR membership letting them know that we need their continued submissions. One person has already made \$550.00!!! So it is lucrative!! The STR is now handling the sending out of funds, which is of great help to me. I hope you are all in good health and enjoying the New Year!

News from the STR Committees



The STR committees do a considerable amount of work throughout the year for which the Society is thankful. Please see updates below from a few of the committees.

Education Committee

Members: Janni Collins (Chair), Brian Mullan, Michelle Ginsberg, Shawn Teague, Gerry Abbott, Joan Lacomis, John Worrell, Michael Gotway, Steve Primack, Reggie Munden (ex-officio), Andi Hunsaker, Mike Holbert

The Committee revised the cardiothoracic curriculum document for radiology residents. It has been accepted for publication in *Academic Radiology*, and will be published on the STR website. The revised document references the six competencies outlined by the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education (ACGME) and the American Board of Medical Specialties (including the American Board of Radiology). The cardiac portion of the document was expanded to reflect the growing importance of this area.



*Torre d'Arnolfo of
the Palazzo Vecchio*

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DMD, MD

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The STR will continue to update the listing of cardiothoracic fellowships on its website. However, the specific fellowship information will no longer be included on the STR website. Program links will be provided, and individual programs will need to update their program information on their home website.

The STR will be using an audience response system at its 2006 meeting in Orlando, FL. Information will be sent to all potential speakers regarding the use of this system and how it can be incorporated into their presentations. The system will be used on the first and second days of the meeting (Sunday and Monday) and will provide an opportunity for the audience to interact with the speakers.

The process leading to STR becoming an accredited body approved to grant CME credits for educational activities is moving forward. A site visit in Rochester, MN took place on February 8, 2005. Accreditation could be granted as early as July 2005. Revised Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME) standards for commercial support took effect on September 28, 2004. The STR will be expected to be in compliance with these new standards at its 2006 meeting. These standards require providers to identify all relevant financial relationships with any commercial interest, have a mechanism to determine whether these relationships create a conflict of interest with the individual's control of content, and have a mechanism to resolve all conflicts before the educational activity occurs.

The website teaching cases project is also moving forward. Andi Hunsaker will provide a more detailed report and any inquiries regarding the project can be directed to her at: ahunsaker@partners.org.

The American Board of Radiology's (ABR) maintenance of certification program, which is described on their website (www.theabr.org), will require participants to complete 20 self-assessment modules (SAMs) in ten years. The ABR is looking to radiology societies to develop the SAMs. The Education Committee is looking at how the STR could use existing presentations on its website, live presentations at its annual meeting, or content from its journal (Journal of Thoracic Imaging) as instructional content for SAMs. Multiple-choice questions would have to be developed to accompany the instructional content. RSNA, ACR and ARRS are developing the web-based infrastructure for implementing SAMs and providing required benchmarking data to SAM participants, and all three have expressed an interest in collaborating with specialty societies. You'll be hearing more about this in the future!

Program Committee

Jeffrey S. Klein, MD, Chair

The Program Committee, chaired each year by the President-Elect of the Society, is responsible for developing the program for the postgraduate course at the annual meeting. As a result of the upcoming World Congress of Thoracic Imaging Meeting in Florence, Italy in May 2005, the program for which was developed by Dr. Theresa McLoud, past president of the STR, the committee was absolved of its normal task. Dr. Page McAdams, Secretary of the STR, will assume the chair of this committee for the planning of the postgraduate course at the 2006 STR meeting to be held in Orlando, Florida.

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Research Committee

David Lynch, MD, Chair

- The research committee of the STR has approved a grant entitled "Loss of intralobar attenuation gradient of the lung: correlation with pulmonary function", submitted by Dr Nishino from Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center.
- The Committee is actively engaged in exploring mechanisms to enhance visibility of thoracic radiology researchers at the NIH. We plan to compile a registry of STR members who have previous or current NIH funding.
- A discussion forum web page has been created by Dr. Ed Donnelly, and will shortly be available to members.
- Upcoming deadlines for the STR research and education foundation seed grants: February 15, June 15. Please see website for details:
http://www.thoracicrad.org/str99/seed_grant_guide.htm

Scientific Session Committee

Joel Fishman, MD, PhD, Chair

The Scientific Session Committee will resume its activities later this year, to plan the sessions for the 2006 STR Meeting in Orlando. We look forward to the continuing trend of high-quality scientific paper and exhibit submissions.

Members News and Notes

- The STR currently has 581 members which include 25 new members in 2004 and five new members in 2005 already. Welcome to all of our new members!
- Congratulations to the following STR members:
 - Jean Chalaoui, MD chaired the International Congress of Radiology was held in Montreal, Canada in June 2004. The Congress attracted more than 3200 delegates from 82 countries. Dr. Theresa McLoud, also an STR member, was one of the keynote speakers.
 - Philip Costello, MD was awarded a grant from the U.S. Army Medical Research Acquisition Activity (USAMRAA) entitled "High Resolution Volumetric Computed Tomography (VCT) for Thoracic Imaging Using Digital Flat-Panel Technology".
 - Janet Kuhlman, MD was awarded a Quality through Safety grant from the UW Health System based on aims set by the Institute of Medicine to provide Safe, Timely, Effective, Efficient, Equitable, Patient-Centered Care (STEEEP). The grant is titled, "Reducing Radiation".
- If you have any news or information you wish to share with your colleagues in the society, please email it to the society office under the heading "member's news and notes".