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“California, Here I Come.”
~ Al Jolson, 1924.



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Dear Colleagues and Friends:



Gerald F. Abbott MD
STR President

EVERY MONTH, the officers of the STR participate in a group teleconference to attend to matters affecting our Society. One regular item on the agenda is the implementation of strategies to accomplish the goals established during this year's strategic planning session. Each month, the chairman of a related STR committee is invited to participate in that part of the teleconference as the officers seek direct input and interaction with other members of the STR leadership team. Our society's strategic planning efforts were recently highlighted during the annual ACR Intersociety Summer Conference (ISSC), held August 12-14 in Sundance, Utah. This conference is a gathering of leaders from various radiologic organizations and serves as a unique and diverse forum that stimulates discussion of issues important to the future of radiology.

THE STR WAS SELECTED as a model of how a small-to-medium sized society conducts strategic planning. The approach of a larger society was exemplified by the RSNA, which recently conducted strategic planning over the course of an entire year, with multiple




one-day sessions. During the ISSC, I was invited to give a presentation describing the STR's recent strategic planning session and explaining how our society is implementing and evaluating our goals and objectives. It was gratifying to receive many compliments for our society following that presentation. Many of the leaders in attendance commented on the obvious camaraderie and enthusiasm that was manifest in the images and content portrayed in the presentation. The STR's dedication to its younger members was particularly lauded, as well as the great energy, scholarship, and sense of fellowship within our membership.

ONE OF THE GOALS ESTABLISHED by our recent strategic planning process is the pursuit of collaboration with other thoracic imaging societies. One component of fulfilling that goal will be manifest at the annual meeting of the European Society of Thoracic Imaging (ESTI) to be held June 22-24 in London. Two STR members will be featured speakers at that meeting: Dr. Denise (Deni) Aberle, national principal investigator for the National Lung Screening Trial (NLST) will discuss "Implications of the NLST for the Rest of the World"; and, Dr. Melissa Rosado de Christenson, who will be serving as STR president at that time, will discuss imaging of incidentally discovered solitary pulmonary nodules.

IN A SIMILAR MANNER, two ESTI members, Drs. Sujal Desai and Tomas Franquet, are scheduled to give presentations at the STR's 30th annual meeting and postgraduate course to be held March 11-14, 2012, in Huntington Beach, CA. The program for that meeting is now finalized and has been distributed to STR members by mail. It is also available on the STR website (www.thoracicrad.org). This outstanding program has been organized under the leadership of Dr. Melissa Rosado de Christenson, Program Director, and Dr. Santiago Martínez-Jiménez, Associate Program Director. The 30th anniversary of the STR is being commemorated by a special modification of the STR logo, featured on the program brochure.

THE 2012 MEETING and postgraduate course will offer a comprehensive review of topics in chest imaging. Several sessions will focus on the important topic of lung cancer with emphasis on state-of-the-art concepts in diagnosis, imaging and management. The Benjamin Felson lecture entitled "Hitting the Target: Molecular Targets of Lung Cancer – The Radiologist's Role in Obtaining Tissue



for Molecular Diagnosis” will be delivered by James R. Jett, MD, an internationally known expert on thoracic malignancy and editor-in-chief of the Journal of Thoracic Oncology. Dr. Denise Aberle, national principal investigator for the National Lung Screening Trial (NLST), will deliver the Gordon Gamsu Memorial Lecture. Her presentation is entitled “NLST: Implications for Practice” and will include the most up-to-date information regarding this timely and important topic. The annual Scanlon symposium will focus on current concepts regarding imaging, diagnosis and management of thymic malignancy with emphasis on reporting recommendations for patients with probable thymic neoplasia. Multiple workshop sessions will permit interaction with faculty, and five self-assessment modules (SAMs) will provide important opportunities towards fulfilling maintenance of certification (MOC) and life-long learning needs.

A SPECIAL DAYLONG SESSION on Quantitative CT Imaging of the Lung will be offered on Saturday, March 10, the day preceding the beginning of the annual postgraduate course. This session has been organized by Drs. Jonathan Goldin and David Lynch and will feature presentations of state-of-the-art material by experts in this dynamic new field of interest. Mark your calendar to join us in Huntington Beach for this special 30th anniversary of the STR Annual Meeting and Postgraduate Course; and, add a second mark to attend the Third World Congress of Thoracic Imaging, to be held June 8-11, 2013, in Seoul, South Korea.

ON LINE REGISTRATION for the 30th Annual Meeting and Postgraduate Course is now open, as well as the option to register for the special Quantitative CT symposium. Links to the Hyatt Regency Huntington Beach Resort & Spa and Hertz Rental Car are also provided. Please visit the

STR website at: www.thoracicrad.org to register and review the outstanding program.

I wish all members a bountiful Thanksgiving, and all good wishes for the upcoming holiday season. May the New Year bring continued success and vitality to the Society of Thoracic Radiology.

Gerald F. Abbott
STR President

JTI Editor's Report

Phillip M. Boiselle, MD



Phillip M. Boiselle
JTI Editor

I would like to bring to your attention the upcoming November 2011 issue of the *Journal of Thoracic Imaging (JTI)*, which features a state-of-the-art symposium on Airway Imaging guest-edited by Dr. Philippe Grenier. This issue features an exciting array of timely reviews by international expert contributing authors in the fields of thoracic imaging and interventional pulmonology.

I am also delighted to announce a new milestone for JTI in 2012: the transition from a quarterly to a bimonthly publication schedule. Together with a modest increase in our number of online pages, our total number of published pages in the Journal will increase by 30% next year. Importantly, the increased frequency of publication and additional pages will enhance the speed with which we are able to publish original research articles. I am particularly excited by the fact that this new milestone has been primarily driven by the large number of high quality original research articles that are being submitted to JTI. Despite our highly competitive acceptance rate, our quarterly publication schedule was simply no longer sufficient to keep up with the volume of accepted papers. We anticipate that these publication changes will help to strengthen the journal's scientific reputation and position in the medical journal market.

Finally, we continue to expand the offerings of our popular “Residents and Fellows Corner” feature in our online journal. For example, we recently added a collection of open-access cardiac imaging articles and a link to the STR Cardiopulmonary Imaging Fellowship Directory. I encourage you to share this rich collection of open-access educational resources with your residents and fellows. ■

STR Members Featured at 2011 ITMIG Meeting

By **Melissa L. Rosado de Christenson, MD, FACR**

The International Thymic Malignancy Interest Group (ITMIG) held its 2011 meeting in July 2011 in Amsterdam, The Netherlands. The meeting took place in a beautifully restored Dutch chapel which many felt was a fitting setting for discussion of diseases of the thymus – a specialized organ traditionally considered the “seat of the soul”. The meeting was attended by 162 participants from around the world representing five continents and included oncologists, thoracic surgeons, pathologists, and numerous other physicians with an interest in the diagnosis and management of thymic malignancies. A session titled Advances in Diagnostic Imaging was dedicated to imaging of thymic malignancy and moderated by Dr. Melissa L. Rosado de Christenson (USA). Presenters included the following thoracic imagers: Drs. Noriyuki Tomiyama (Japan), John Bruzzi (Ireland), Isabel Oliva (USA) and Marcelo Benveniste (USA). Although radiologists are relatively underrepresented in ITMIG, the session was extremely well attended and generated a great deal of discussion about the role of radiologists in the diagnosis and preoperative staging of thymic malignancy. I encourage STR members with an interest in this topic to join ITMIG and become involved in its various activities. ■

Pictured from left to right:
Dr. Tomiyama and
STR members
Drs. Bruzzi, Oliva,
Rosado de Christenson
and Benveniste.



Mark Your Calendar



Hyatt Regency Huntington Beach Resort

March 10, 2012

Quantitative CT Symposium

Hyatt Regency Huntington Beach Resort & Spa
Huntington Beach, California

March 11-14, 2012

30th Annual STR Meeting and Postgraduate Course

Hyatt Regency Huntington Beach Resort & Spa
Huntington Beach, California

June 8-11, 2013

Third World Congress of Thoracic Imaging

Seoul, South Korea

H O P E T O S E E Y O U T H E R E



Cardiothoracic Imaging Fellows

2011-2012

Albert Einstein College
of Medicine
and
Montefiore
Medical Center



Leon Bacchus

PLACE OF ORIGIN | Jersey City, New Jersey

RESIDENCY | Lahey Clinic Medical Center,
Burlington, MA

FUTURE PLANS | Practicing general radiology and
cardiothoracic imaging

Beth Israel
Deaconess
Medical Center



Naveen M. Kulkarni

PLACE OF ORIGIN | India

RESIDENCY | Kasturba Medical College,
Manipal, India

FUTURE PLANS | Academic radiology,
cardiopulmonary and abdominal imaging

Brigham and
Women's Hospital



Santosh Selvarajan

PLACE OF ORIGIN | India

RESIDENCY | All India Institute of Medical Sciences,
New Delhi, India

FUTURE PLANS | Additional fellowships in abdominal
imaging and interventional radiology. Oncologic
academic radiology

Duke University
Medical Center



Juliana Bueno Melo

PLACE OF ORIGIN | Bogotá, Colombia

RESIDENCY | Fundación Valle del Lili, Cali, Colombia

FUTURE PLANS | Additional fellowship in
Cardiovascular Imaging

Mallinckrodt Institute
of Radiology
(Barnes Jewish Hospital)



Joe Azok

PLACE OF ORIGIN | Lorain, Ohio

RESIDENCY | Mallinckrodt Institute of Radiology-
Washington University, St. Louis

FUTURE PLANS | Thoracic imaging at the
Cleveland Clinic

Cardiothoracic Imaging Fellows

2011-2012

Mallinckrodt Institute
of Radiology
(Barnes Jewish Hospital)



Nadeem Parkar

PLACE OF ORIGIN | India

RESIDENCY | St. Louis University, Missouri

FUTURE PLANS | Academic radiology

Massachusetts
General Hospital



Rishi Agrawal

PLACE OF ORIGIN | San Antonio, Texas

RESIDENCY | Henry Ford Hospital, Detroit, Michigan

FUTURE PLANS | Academic practice in
thoracic imaging

Massachusetts
General Hospital



Cameron Hassani

PLACE OF ORIGIN | New York, New York

RESIDENCY | Long Island College Hospital,
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FUTURE PLANS | Academic practice in
thoracic imaging

Massachusetts
General Hospital



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PLACE OF ORIGIN | Montreal, Canada

RESIDENCY | McGill University, Montreal, Canada

FUTURE PLANS | Academic practice in cardiac and
thoracic imaging

Massachusetts
General Hospital



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RESIDENCY | Toronto, Ontario, Canada

FELLOWSHIPS | University of Toronto

FUTURE PLANS | Cardiac imaging, academic
or private practice

Cardiothoracic Imaging Fellows

2011-2012

Medical College
of Wisconsin



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RESIDENCY | Hacettepe University, Ankara, Turkey
FUTURE PLANS | Radiology practice

New York University
Medical Center



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Ohio State
University Hospitals



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FUTURE PLANS | Academic radiology

Oregon Health
& Science University



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FUTURE PLANS | Academic radiology

Ottawa Civic Hospital



Suha Al-Badr

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RESIDENCY | Saudi Arabia
FUTURE PLANS | Tertiary centre radiology practice in Saudi Arabia

Cardiothoracic Imaging Fellows

2011-2012

Ottawa Civic Hospital



Mohamed Abdulkader Nashed

PLACE OF ORIGIN | Syria

RESIDENCY | Saudi Arabia

FUTURE PLANS | Additional Musculoskeletal radiology fellowship, McGill University

Ottawa Civic Hospital



Gaikwad B. Anand

PLACE OF ORIGIN | India

RESIDENCY | Mumbai University, India

FUTURE PLANS | Thoracic imaging practice

Stanford University



Ian Chan

PLACE OF ORIGIN | London, Ontario, Canada

RESIDENCY | University of Western Ontario

FUTURE PLANS | Cardiothoracic Imaging either in London or Toronto, Ontario

Saint Luke's Hospital
of Kansas City



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FUTURE PLANS | Director of thoracic imaging, University of Kansas-Wichita

University of California,
Los Angeles



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FUTURE PLANS | Academic Radiology

Cardiothoracic Imaging Fellows

2011-2012

University of California,
Los Angeles



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FUTURE PLANS | Academic radiology or multispecialty private practice

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San Francisco



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University of Maryland
Medical System



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University of Maryland
Medical System



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Pennsylvania



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FUTURE PLANS | Cardiac imaging

Cardiothoracic Imaging Fellows

2011-2012

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Southern California



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FUTURE PLANS | Private Practice/Academic Practice

Cardiothoracic Imaging Fellows

2011-2012

Additional Fellows, not pictured

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University of Michigan	<p>Yasir Al Shiekh Deeb PLACE OF ORIGIN Jeddah, Saudi Arabia RESIDENCY King Hussain Medical Center, Amman, Jordan FUTURE PLANS Additional fellowship year in Cardiothoracic Imaging</p>
University of Michigan	<p>Robert A. Liotta PLACE OF ORIGIN Mayfield Heights, Ohio RESIDENCY National Naval Medical/Walter Reed Army Medical Centers, Bethesda, MD FUTURE PLANS Attending, Cardiothoracic Radiology, Army/Navy Hospital, Bethesda, MD</p>
University of Michigan	<p>Paul Lizotte PLACE OF ORIGIN Oceanside, California RESIDENCY University of Arkansas Medical Sciences Center FUTURE PLANS Attending, Cardiothoracic Radiology, University of Arkansas</p>
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