Dear Colleagues and Friends:

**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
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

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

Hope to see you there
Leon Bacchus
PLACE OF ORIGIN | Jersey City, New Jersey
RESIDENCY | Lahey Clinic Medical Center, Burlington, MA
FUTURE PLANS | Practicing general radiology and cardiothoracic imaging

Naveen M. Kulkarni
PLACE OF ORIGIN | India
RESIDENCY | Kasturba Medical College, Manipal, India
FUTURE PLANS | Academic radiology, cardiopulmonary and abdominal imaging

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

Juliana Bueno Melo
PLACE OF ORIGIN | Bogotá, Colombia
RESIDENCY | Fundación Valle del Lili, Cali, Colombia
FUTURE PLANS | Additional fellowship in Cardiovascular Imaging

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
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Nadeem Parkar  
**PLACE OF ORIGIN** | India  
**RESIDENCY** | St. Louis University, Missouri  
**FUTURE PLANS** | Academic radiology

Rishi Agrawal  
**PLACE OF ORIGIN** | San Antonio, Texas  
**RESIDENCY** | Henry Ford Hospital, Detroit, Michigan  
**FUTURE PLANS** | Academic practice in thoracic imaging

Cameron Hassani  
**PLACE OF ORIGIN** | New York, New York  
**RESIDENCY** | Long Island College Hospital, Brooklyn, New York  
**FUTURE PLANS** | Academic practice in thoracic imaging

Bojan Kovacina  
**PLACE OF ORIGIN** | Montreal, Canada  
**RESIDENCY** | McGill University, Montreal, Canada  
**FUTURE PLANS** | Academic practice in cardiac and thoracic imaging

Gladwin Hui, M.D.  
**PLACE OF ORIGIN** | Mumbai, India  
**RESIDENCY** | Toronto, Ontario, Canada  
**FELLOWSHIPS** | University of Toronto  
**FUTURE PLANS** | Cardiac imaging, academic or private practice
## Cardiothoracic Imaging Fellows
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Mohamed Abdulkader Nashed
PLACE OF ORIGIN | Syria
RESIDENCY | Saudi Arabia
FUTURE PLANS | Additional Musculoskeletal radiology fellowship, McGill University

Gaikwad B. Anand
PLACE OF ORIGIN | India
RESIDENCY | Mumbai University, India
FUTURE PLANS | Thoracic imaging practice

Ian Chan
PLACE OF ORIGIN | London, Ontario, Canada
RESIDENCY | University of Western Ontario
FUTURE PLANS | Cardiothoracic Imaging either in London or Toronto, Ontario

Tyler Ternes
PLACE OF ORIGIN | Wichita, Kansas
RESIDENCY | University of Kansas School of Medicine-Wichita
FUTURE PLANS | Director of thoracic imaging, University of Kansas-Wichita

Shehzad Rabbani
PLACE OF ORIGIN | West Bloomfield, Michigan
RESIDENCY | Wayne State University, Detroit, MI
FUTURE PLANS | Academic Radiology

Ottawa Civic Hospital

Ottawa Civic Hospital

Stanford University

Saint Luke’s Hospital of Kansas City

University of California, Los Angeles
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University of California, Los Angeles

Kiyarash Mohajer
PLACE OF ORIGIN | Iran
RESIDENCY | Cook County Hospital, Chicago IL
FUTURE PLANS | Academic radiology or multispecialty private practice

University of California San Francisco

Gurmohan Dhillon
PLACE OF ORIGIN | Halifax, N.S., Canada
RESIDENCY | Queen’s University - Kingston, ON, Canada
FUTURE PLANS | Academic radiology

University of Maryland Medical System

Elizabeth Weihe
PLACE OF ORIGIN | Winter Park, FL
RESIDENCY | Baylor College of Medicine, Houston, Texas
FUTURE PLANS | Academic radiology or private practice

University of Maryland Medical System

Glenn Andrews
PLACE OF ORIGIN | United States
RESIDENCY | Bethesda Naval Medical Center
FUTURE PLANS | Thoracic radiology

University of Pennsylvania

Timothy Herbst
PLACE OF ORIGIN | United States
RESIDENCY | Hartford Hospital
FUTURE PLANS | Cardiac imaging
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Maya Galperin-Aizenberg
PLACE OF ORIGIN | USSR
RESIDENCY | Rambam Medical Center, Israel
FUTURE PLANS | Academic radiology

Elizabeth Barack
PLACE OF ORIGIN | United States
RESIDENCY | Diagnostic Radiology Residency
FUTURE PLANS | Academic radiology

David Abram Saldaña
PLACE OF ORIGIN | San Antonio, Texas
RESIDENCY | University of Missouri, Kansas City
FUTURE PLANS | Academic radiology

Efe Ozkan
PLACE OF ORIGIN | Ankara, Turkey
RESIDENCY | Hacettepe University, Ankara, Turkey
FUTURE PLANS | Academic radiology

George K. Spanos
PLACE OF ORIGIN | Austin, Texas
RESIDENCY | University of Southern California
FUTURE PLANS | Private Practice/Academic Practice
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Additional Fellows, not pictured

Cleveland Clinic

Amit Gupta
PLACE OF ORIGIN | India
RESIDENCY | Lokmanya Tilak Municipal Medical College and General Hospital, Mumbai, India
FUTURE PLANS | Additional fellowship in Vascular and Interventional Radiology

Cleveland Clinic

Gehan F. Ibrahim
PLACE OF ORIGIN | Egypt
RESIDENCY | Ain Shams University Hospitals, Cairo, Egypt
FUTURE PLANS | Radiology practice

University of Alabama Medical Center at Birmingham

Denny James Dartez
PLACE OF ORIGIN | Abbeville, Louisiana
RESIDENCY | Baptist Health System, Birmingham, Alabama
FUTURE PLANS | Radiology practice

University of Michigan

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

University of Michigan

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

University of Michigan

Paul Lizotte
PLACE OF ORIGIN | Oceanside, California
RESIDENCY | University of Arkansas Medical Sciences Center
FUTURE PLANS | Attending, Cardiothoracic Radiology, University of Arkansas

University of Michigan

Eric Schmidlin
PLACE OF ORIGIN | Akron, Ohio
RESIDENCY | University of South Florida College of Medicine
FUTURE PLANS | Academic Radiology