FROM THE STR PRESIDENT:

Dear STR Members:

IT WAS A VERY BUSY SUMMER for the STR leadership as its officers continued to work towards fulfilling the Society’s mission and its committees began preparation for the upcoming Executive Committee Meeting that will take place on the Sunday of RSNA week in Chicago.

In this 50th Anniversary year of the Society of Thoracic Radiology, we are in the process of restructuring the STR committees to reflect the maturity of our society, and two new ad hoc committees have also been established. The new Budget and Finance Committee will oversee the financial health of the Society and its Research and Education Foundation; and, the new International Relations Committee will work to foster STR collaboration with other thoracic imaging societies worldwide.
The new committee structure has necessitated revisions of the STR bylaws. In the spring of 2013 members will be contacted by the Rules Committee, chaired by Dr. Cris Meyer, regarding proposed bylaws changes, which will be voted on during the 2013 STR Business Meeting during the Third World Congress of Thoracic Imaging in Korea. Members should read those proposed revisions carefully and provide feedback to the committee. The Rules Committee is also in the process of drafting an STR Code of Ethics, which will be presented at the STR Business Meeting.

Dr. Thomas Hartman and the Membership Committee that he chairs are in the process of designing a mentoring program to serve young thoracic radiologists in the early stages of their careers. The STR is privileged to welcome a cadre of cardiothoracic imaging Fellows each year (see Summer Issue of Inspiration) and will soon be in a position to provide structured mentoring to these young colleagues.

Dr. Gerald Abbott and the Development Committee are launching the STR 30th Anniversary Fund campaign designed to strengthen the Research and Education Foundation, continue its promotion of new research projects in cardiothoracic imaging, and broaden the scope of educational activities of the STR. I thank the STR committees for their work on behalf of the Society, enabling it to retain its position as the premier cardiothoracic imaging society.

Preparations also continue for STR participation in the upcoming Third World Congress of Thoracic Imaging, to be held in Seoul, South Korea, in June 2013. Dr. Theresa McLoud and the World Congress Program Committee have put together an outstanding educational curriculum for the Congress. The call for abstracts deadline is December 31, 2012. We hope STR members will consider submitting their research work to this important international meeting, and that the Society will be well represented in the scientific activities of the congress.
The STR joins several other organizations in the celebration of the upcoming International Day of Radiology, which will take place on November 8, 2012. We are privileged to practice the disciplines of diagnostic, interventional and therapeutic radiology, which constitute some of the greatest advances in medicine over recent decades. As cardiothoracic imagers, we are in a unique position to positively impact patient care given the prevalence of cardiac and pulmonary disease in our patient population. The STR will continue to work actively to promote excellence in our subspecialty of radiology through research and education.

It has been a hot and busy summer followed by a beautiful, crisp autumn. I wish all STR members a wonderful Thanksgiving and look forward to seeing many of you in the weeks to come.
DRS. ROSADO DE CHRISTENSON AND ABBOTT, together with Barbara McLeod, represented the Society of Thoracic Radiology (STR) at the 2012 annual meeting of the ACR Intersociety Summer Conference (ISC), which took place in Telluride, Colorado, in August. The ISC meets annually, bringing together the leadership of the various radiological societies to discuss issues of importance to radiologists. This year, there were 76 ISC attendees representing 37 of the 52 radiological societies in the United States. The meeting topic was “Radiology Online: Information, Education and Networking.”

The meeting opened with a Keynote Address by Paul J. Chang, MD, Medical Director of Radiology Informatics and Enterprise Imaging at the University of Chicago Hospital Pritzker School of Medicine. Dr. Chang described the “New Online” or “Web 2.0” and stated that the “critical resource [for its success] is people.” He added that the practice of radiology is not up to date in maximizing the power of the “new online.” He listed the following characteristic features of the “new online” that could be leveraged to make the practice of radiology more efficient:

- Massively distributed and interconnected
- Universal discovery and consumption
- Common platform
- Thin
- Personalized and customized
- Contextually aware
- User driven and developed
- Collaboration
- Mobility

He encouraged all of us to modernize our practices and to think of the patient as a health consumer with expectations and knowledge afforded by access to medical and radiology information on the Internet.
A series of reports highlighted resources available from major radiological societies (including the ABR, ACR, ARRS and RSNA), universities, and commercial enterprises. In addition, there were discussions regarding the use of iPads and other tablet tools, virtual conferencing and audience response systems, as resources for enhancing radiology education. A presentation on the “Virtual Consultation” discussed ways to provide expert consultation to clinicians while they are seeing patients to enhance health care delivery and enhance the value of the radiologist’s contribution to patient diagnosis and management.

David Naeger, MD, an STR member who also serves on the executive committee of the ISC delivered an outstanding and engaging presentation on “Social Media Concepts and their Application to Radiology” in which he concluded that there are features of the various social media outlets that could benefit radiology, but that currently available social media would probably not serve the needs of radiologists seeking to connect for professional purposes.
International Day of Radiology

THE SOCIETY OF THORACIC RADIOLOGY is proud to take part in the celebration of the first annual International Day of Radiology (IDoR) on November 8, 2012. This important date marks the 117th anniversary of the discovery of the X-ray, and more recently the billions of lives saved and improved by advances in medical imaging and radiation oncology. Cardiothoracic imaging has played an integral part in the diagnosis and management of cardiac and respiratory illnesses. The STR joins all participating radiological societies in the celebration of this important day.
STR-ESTI Renew Collaboration Agreement

THE SOCIETY OF THORACIC RADIOLOGY (STR) and the European Society of Thoracic Imaging (ESTI) have renewed their collaboration agreement, by which the societies exchange selected speakers for their respective annual meetings. Presidents Melissa Rosado de Christenson and Martine Rémy-Jardin signed the agreement in August of 2012. The STR looks forward to the participation of ESTI speakers during the 2014 STR Annual Meeting and Postgraduate Course to be held in San Antonio, March 16-19, 2014.
30th Anniversary Campaign Ad

ST STR 30th Anniversary Fund Campaign

to fortify the financial resources that support the society’s research grants and educational activities.

STR Donor Levels and Rewards

Friend
$499 and less
- Your donation will be recognized in the STR newsletter and featured on the Annual Meeting Banner and STR web site.

Sponsor
$500 - $999
- Rewards of Friend + STR 30th Anniversary USB Drive

Steward
$1,000 - $2,499
- Rewards of Sponsor + STR 30th Anniversary Lapel Pin

Benefactor
$2,500 - $4,999
- Rewards of Steward + Private cocktail party with 2014 Felson Lecturer in San Antonio

Patron
$5,000 and above
- Rewards of Benefactor + Private dinner party with STR officers

STR members will be contacted by a member of the 30th Anniversary Fund Committee

Gerry Abbott
Joel Fishman
Terry Healey
Loren Ketai
Ann Leung
Theresa McLoud
Reggie Munden
Bob Tarver
I WOULD LIKE to bring to your attention the November issue of JTI, which includes an outstanding review article on the new IASLC/ATS/ERS international multidisciplinary classification of lung adenocarcinoma by Dr. Hyun-Ju Lee and colleagues.

I encourage you to read this issue using JTI’s exciting new iPad app. This dynamic app optimizes the best in digital technology to enhance a print-like reading experience with article-sharing features, multi-media links and other journal enhancements.

The November issue also marks an important milestone for JTI, as we bid a fond farewell to publishing case reports. Combined with our new bimonthly publication schedule, this change has laid the groundwork to publish a greater number of review articles and to enhance the speed with which we publish original scientific articles in 2013 and beyond.

In addition to accelerating the speed of print publication, we are now publishing original scientific articles ahead of print, within approximately 2 months after acceptance. This timeline ensures that work published in JTI is rapidly available to our readership and to the larger scientific community, thus providing the opportunity to enhance the potential impact of our publications. We have also recently expanded the variety of content that is being published ahead of print. To view JTI’s most up-to-date content, check out the “Published Ahead-of-Print” section at “http://www.thoracicimaging.com”
STR Co-Branded Courses

THE GREAT DEBATE IN RADIOLOGY: Lung Cancer Screening – the inaugural event in a new co-branded course with the American Roentgen Ray Society (ARRS) – will take place Sunday, April 14, 2013, during the 2013 annual meeting of the American Roentgen Ray Society (ARRS). The session will be chaired by Dr. Ella Kazerooni, Past President of the STR, and will feature a distinguished panel of cardiothoracic radiologists and clinicians including Drs. Phillip Boiselle, Charles White, Theresa McLoud and Rich Battafarano (chief of Thoracic Surgery at the University of Maryland). To attend, please register at www.arrs.org.

The STR is pleased to partner with the ARRS in providing state-of-the-art education in Lung Cancer Screening.

www.arrs.org

STR Course at the 2013 meeting of the Colegio Interamericano de Radiologia (CIR)

The STR will present an imaging course during the 2013 meeting of the Colegio Interamericano de Radiologia (CIR) [i.e. InterAmerican College of Radiology]. The STR thanks CIR President, Dr. Gloria Soto Giordani for the opportunity to present an outstanding educational curriculum that will feature state-of-the-art information on cardiothoracic imaging for the benefit of approximately 600 radiologists from Latin America. Dr. Eric Stern, STR President-Elect, will serve as course director and is currently selecting faculty for this important educational activity.

The STR is pleased to join the other international subspecialty societies that will participate in the congress and thanks Dr. Soto Giordani for this opportunity.
## STR Co-Branded Courses

### STR/Fleischner course at the ACR Learning Center

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April 10-12, 2013  
August 9-11, 2013  
October 28-30, 2013 |
| Location: | ACR Learning Center, Reston, Virginia |
| Course Directors: | David Lynch, National Jewish Health  
David Naidich, New York University |
| Website: | [http://www.acr.org/meetings-events/ec-hrct](http://www.acr.org/meetings-events/ec-hrct) |

$750 discount for STR members, with a further $250 discount for those registering more than three months in advance.

[www.acr.org](http://www.acr.org)
Call for abstracts

The 3rd WCTI Organizing Committee invites all interested individuals to submit abstracts for Oral Presentation and Poster Exhibit through which the most updated research works and interesting cases around the world can be shared. Abstract submissions should be made through the on-line abstracts submission system at www.wcti2013.org

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Important Dates

- Abstract Submission Deadline: December 31 (Mon), 2012
- Early Bird Registration Deadline: February 28 (Thu), 2013
- Standard Registration Deadline: April 30 (Tue), 2013

For more information visit the 3rd WCTI website at www.wcti2013.org.
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