Dear Colleagues and Friends:

I AM HONORED to serve as the Society of Thoracic Radiology’s 31st President. I thank the Past Presidents, officers, members of the Executive Committee and other committee members who preceded me for contributing to make the STR the organization it is today. The Society is well positioned to accomplish the goals and objectives outlined in our Strategic Plan.

I thank my good friend and colleague, Gerry Abbott, STR immediate Past President, for his gifted leadership and immense contribution to the Society, which began well before his term as President. His tenure began immediately after the formulation of an ambitious Strategic Plan designed to strengthen the Society and position it to lead in the
field of cardiothoracic imaging. I am in awe of the Society’s accomplishments leading up to and under Dr. Abbott’s presidency including:

- The creation of a new STR logo to update the graphic identity of our organization
- The institution of a Master Legacy Lectureship to honor the contributions of distinguished members of the Society
- The provision of an updated process for determining the Society’s leadership succession
- The inauguration of a Case of the Month section in the STR website under the guidance of Drs. Sanjeev Bhalla and Laura Heyneman and the members of the Electronic Media and Education Committees
- The development of a Cardiothoracic Fellowship Curriculum under the direction of Drs. Matt Gilman and Laura Heyneman and the Fellowship sub-committee of the Education Committee
- The creation of a special logo in celebration of the 30th anniversary of the Society

I humbly accept the reins of the organization and will endeavor to continue the strong leadership provided to our Society by Dr. Abbott as we work towards implementing the various aspects of our Strategic Plan and as we celebrate 30 years of STR activities during the course of my presidency. There is much work to be done this year and in preparation for the activities of the Third World Congress of Thoracic Imaging. I am fortunate to count on the advice and assistance of the newly installed STR Officers, the STR committee chairs, and the many committee members who are eager to serve the Society and its members and to contribute to the fulfillment of the Society’s mission and vision. We are ready for the challenge of maintaining the STR’s position as the premier cardiothoracic imaging organization as it continues to grow and guide the future of our subspecialty.

Melissa Rosado de Christenson, MD
STR President
Thoracic Imaging 2012

Society of Thoracic Radiology Annual Meeting and Postgraduate Course

**THE STR HELD** its 2012 annual meeting and postgraduate course at the Hyatt Regency Huntington Beach & Spa, in Huntington Beach, California from March 11-14. The STR annual meeting was one of the most successful in recent society history with a record attendance of 455 course registrants. It was preceded by the one-day symposium dedicated to quantitative CT imaging of the lung, directed by Drs. Jonathan Goldin and David Lynch, that drew 105 registrants, many of whom also attended the STR annual meeting. As stipulated by the Collaboration Agreement between STR and the European Society of Thoracic Imaging (ESTI) established in November of 2010, the STR welcomed ESTI members Drs. Tomás Franquet and Sujal Desai (ESTI President) as featured speakers and as expert participants in the popular STR Image Interpretation Session.

In celebration of the 30th anniversary of the STR, Dr. Gerry Abbott and graphic designer Pamela Kuehl created a special modified STR logo to commemorate the 30th anniversary of the establishment of the Society. In addition, course registrants received a special commemorative T-shirt to mark this milestone of our organization. Dr. Abbott and the Matrix Meetings team created a slide show featuring the STR Past Presidents, the brochures of past STR annual meetings, and photos of our members participating in past STR programs. The slide show was featured during the Welcome Reception and immediately before the Members Business Meeting and Luncheon. The images tell the story of the evolution and growth of our Society over the last three decades and serve to inspire us as we work towards many more decades of progress and advancement in our field.
We are in the process of planning several activities for the coming year including a special anniversary edition of the STR newsletter, an STR yearbook with pictures and contributions from our members, a landmark Development Campaign to help us formalize our Research and Education Foundation, and a major revision of our bylaws needed to reflect the maturity and growth of our organization.
Course Registrants: 455

Countries of Origin: 21 from 6 Continents
Argentina
Australia
Belgium
Brazil
Canada
Chile
Germany
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Italy
Japan
Korea
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New Zealand
Saudi Arabia
Singapore
Spain
Switzerland
Taiwan
United Kingdom
United States of America (including Guam)

Lectures: 56
Workshops: 14
Cases of the Day: 8
CME Credits: 31.75
SAM Credits: 5
Oral Scientific Presentations: 24
Poster Presentations: 71
Highlights of the 2012 STR Annual Meeting and Postgraduate Course

Image Interpretation Session

TWO TEAMS OF EXPERT THORACIC IMAGERS delivered a stellar performance as they analyzed 10 challenging cases and made difficult diagnoses based solely on chest radiographs. Their poise and expertise served to inspire younger members of our society who witnessed first hand the immense amount of information that an outstanding cardiothoracic radiologist can distill from only two radiographic images without the benefit of cross-sectional studies. Dr. Charlie White served as team captain for team members Drs. Sujal Desai, Marc Gosselin, Tom Hartman and Jane Ko. Dr. Bob Tarver served as team captain for team members Drs. Marvin Chasen, Caroline Chiles, Tomás Franquet and Carl Zylak.
Benjamin Felson Memorial Lecture

The Felson Memorial Lecture featured Dr. James R. Jett, from the Department of Oncology at National Jewish Health and Editor-in-Chief of the Journal of Thoracic Oncology. Dr. Jett spoke about Molecular Targets for Lung Cancer. He outlined the importance of sensitizing mutations in the epidermal growth factor receptor (EGFR) tyrosine kinase (TK) domain and the anaplastic lymphoma kinase (ALK) translocation of pulmonary adenocarcinomas in novel therapies used to treat affected patients with advanced malignancies. Dr. Jett highlighted the important role of radiologists who perform image-guided biopsies of patients with these malignancies in obtaining adequate tissue samples for molecular testing in all cases, but particularly in cases of inoperable disease.

Gordon Gamsu Memorial Lecture

The Gamsu Memorial Lecture featured Denise R. Aberle, MD, Principal Investigator for the National Lung Screening Trial (NLST). Dr. Aberle was one of Dr. Gamsu’s thoracic imaging fellows and fondly remembered Dr. Gamsu’s kindness and leadership during her training. Her lecture, “NLST: Implications for Practice” provided an overview of the findings of the NLST which recently demonstrated a 20% reduction in lung cancer mortality for patients screened with low-dose helical computed tomography over chest radiography. Dr. Aberle highlighted the potential opportunity to combine smoking cessation programs with low-dose CT screening and ensuring dissemination of screening across all socioeconomic strata. The Gamsu lecture was followed by a session on lung cancer screening delivered by Drs. William Black, Claudia Henschke and Francine Jacobson.
Scanlon Symposium

The Scanlon symposium was moderated by Dr. Edith Marom and featured Dr. Frank Detterbeck, a thoracic surgeon from Yale University and President of the International Thymic Malignancy Interest Group (ITMIG). Dr. Detterbeck provided insight into the clinical approach to patients with mediastinal masses, particularly those with primary tumors of the thymus and outlined the changes that have recently occurred in the approach to these neoplasms. Dr. Loren Ketai provided guidelines for reporting thymic neoplasms on chest CT, and Dr. Marom reviewed the current status of PET-CT and MR imaging in the assessment of patients affected by these neoplasms.

STR Lifetime Achievement Award 2012

Dr. Gerald Abbott, STR President presented the 2012 STR Lifetime Achievement Award to David P. Naidich, MD, who is Professor of Radiology and Medicine at the New York University Langone Medical Center. Dr. Naidich has made numerous contributions to thoracic imaging and continues to pursue various research interests including lung cancer screening, lung nodule characterization, and computer-assisted diagnosis among others. Dr. Naidich is a Past President of the Society of Thoracic Radiology and a member and Past President of the Fleischner Society.
STR Officers at the 2012 Annual Meeting

Drs. Boiselle, Abbott, Rosado de Christenson and Stern

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INI 2012, the Society of Thoracic Radiology funded a grant proposal titled “Chest CT under 1 mSv: a pilot study” submitted by Dr. Sarabjeet Singh, a research faculty member at Massachusetts General Hospital and Lecturer in Radiology at Harvard Medical School. The award provides $17,600 towards support of the investigator’s research on radiation dose reduction, focusing on CT reconstruction techniques. Dr. Singh’s mentor is Dr. Mannudeep Kalra, and co-investigators are Drs. Subba Rao Digumarthy and Jo-Anne Shepard. Additionally, at the society’s annual meeting in 2012 held at Huntington Beach, California, Dr. Drew Torigian, currently an Associate Professor in Radiology at University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine, presented an abstract titled “Feasibility and validation of PET imaging for non-invasive quantitative assessment of targeted nanoparticles against ICAM inflammation in a mouse model,” which was STR seed-grant supported. The research project received $20,000 in funding from the society’s research and education foundation. The STR seed grant is aimed at encouraging innovative research in cardiothoracic imaging. Investigators interested in submitting a proposal for seed grant funding can find information on the STR’s web site at http://www.thoracicrad.org/research/guidelines.htm. Application is through the Inter Organizational Research Cooperative (IORC) web site at http://radresearch.org/app/step1.cfm. The upcoming deadlines for submission are October 15, 2012 and January 15, 2013.
THE SOCIETY OF THORACIC RADIOLOGY is as strong as ever with a current membership of seven hundred thirty-five (735), including five hundred ninety-four (594) senior members, eight (8) associate members, thirty-six (36) in-training members, ten (10) honorary members, and eighty-seven (87) emeritus members. This represents the largest number of members in the Society’s history and a growth of approximately five (5) percent over last year and thirty-five (35) percent over the last ten (10) years. In 2011, fifty-eight (58) individuals did not renew their membership so there is opportunity to focus on retention to bolster the membership. Furthermore, as cardiothoracic imaging continues to establish itself as an attractive sub-specialty, and as the STR more firmly establishes itself as the premier thoracic imaging society in the world, we can expect membership growth to continue from the outside as well.
Subcommittee members:
Jeffrey Kanne, MD
Gerald Abbott, MD
Barbara McLeod, CMP

The purpose of the Subcommittee is to suggest activities to the Education and Program Planning committees that will improve the quality and outcomes of STR CME offerings and facilitate continued ACCME accreditation.

The STR received ACCME Accreditation (expires July 31, 2015) with 4 citations and a request for a follow-up report in one year. To address the requirements for ACCME Essential Area 3 (C11-15), participants at the March 7, 2011 STR meeting were asked to complete a focused CME evaluation for three lectures in the Lung Cancer session: 1) “Radiologic implications of the new IASLC/ATS/ERS lung adenocarcinoma classification”, 2) “Subsolid pulmonary nodules: current approach to diagnosis and management” and 3) “Solitary pulmonary nodule evaluation.”

Participants were asked to describe: 1) how they plan to change their practice as a result of participating in the three sessions and 2) any barriers they perceive in implementing those changes.

Of 390 people who attended the STR meeting, 142 (36%) completed the focused evaluation. 91 (64%) of 142 provided an e-mail address to receive a follow-up questionnaire.

In May 2011 (8 weeks after the meeting), a follow-up questionnaire was sent to the 91 participants who completed the evaluation and provided an e-mail address, and 28 (31%) of 91 responded. In February 2012 (11 months after the meeting) a second follow-up questionnaire was sent. 17 (19%) of 91 participants responded. If a change was described as “in progress” it was reported as a change that was made. Many respondents listed more than one change so the number of changes/no changes made is more than the number
of respondents. A total of thirteen changes were described. The data shows that the first session on adenocarcinoma classification had a substantial impact on participant practice, with 16 participants reporting that they changed the way they described lung lesions seen on CT at 8 weeks and 9 making the change at 11 months. Another frequent change was in the follow-up of ground-glass nodules. Nine participants made this change at 8 weeks and 4 made the change at 11 months. No participants changed their biopsy protocol for ground-glass opacity nodules at 8 weeks but 2 participants made the change at 11 months.

The number of participants and questionnaire respondents was small. Not all respondents at 8 weeks responded at 11 months. Some who responded at 11 months did not respond at 8 weeks. This exercise will be repeated with five different lectures from the March 2012 STR annual meeting on the topic of lung cancer screening.

Future STR Meetings:

**Third World Congress of Thoracic Imaging**
COEX, Seoul, Korea

**Thoracic Imaging 2014**
The Grand Hyatt Riverwalk
San Antonio, TX
STR Awards

Jack Westcott Award
3T Myocardial Perfusion Imaging with Multitransmit Technology Compared to
Coronary Angiography and FFR
Ullrich Ebersberger, MD
EBERSBERGER U, Makowski M, Platz U, Antoni D, Schoepf UJ,
Hoffmann E, Leber A

Best Oral Presentation by a Resident
Prospective Diagnosis of Tracheobronchomalacia in the ED Setting of a Clinically
Suspected Pulmonary Embolism
Nicholas G. Kujala, MD
KUJALA NG, Ratanprasatporn L, Ratanprasatporn L, Healey T

Best Oral Presentation by a Student
CTA Screening for Pulmonary AVMs: Mimics and Alternative Diagnoses
Mark Mangano, BS
MANGANO M, Bhalla S, Slat D, Cummings K, Javidan C, Raptis C,
Chakinala M, Picus D

Scientific and Educational Poster Awards

Magna Cum Laude
Multidetector CT Evaluation of Airway Stents: What the Radiologist Should Know
Saldana David, MD
SALDANA DA, Ost D, Benveniste MK, Rao PP, Vlahos I, Marom EM,
Erasmus JJ, Godoy MCB

Cum Laude
Disease Progression Through Imaging: Idiopathic Pulmonary Fibrosis and
Lung Cancer - A Piloted Teaching Module
Hur Jane L., BA

Errors as Opportunities: Spectrum of Cognitive Errors in Cardiothoracic Radiology
Agarwal Prachi, MD
AGARWAL PP, Quint LE

Common Surgical Procedures for Congenital Heart Disease
Whetstone Joseph, MD
WHETSTONE J, Bardo DME

Cardiac Calcifications: Beyond the Coronaries
Sethi Vineeta, MBBS, MD
SETHI V, Dennie C, Penna E, Peterson R

Percutaneous CT-guided Sampling of Thoracic Lesions: A Comprehensive Review
Schmidlin Eric, MD
SCHMIDLIN E, Vummidi DR, Kazerooni EA, Sundaram B, Arenberg D, Reddy R
Certificate of Merit

CT Features of Esophageal Malignancies - Pre and Post Treatment
Sonavane Sushilkumar, MBBS, DMRD
SONAVANE SK, Denham LW, Dartez D, Watts JR Jr, Terry N, Singh S

Quantitative Diagnostic Imaging of Lungs and Airways in Patient with Asthma: Modern Imaging Techniques and Their Clinical Implications
Lee Changhyun, MD

Not Just Blowing Hot Air: Primer on Pulmonary Function Testing in Lung Diseases for the Radiologist
Nevrekar Dipti, MD
NEVREKAR D, Chung JH, Al Qaisi M, Saettele M, Lynch DA, Kanne JP

The Pulmonary Lymphoid System: A Review of Anatomy, Benign and Malignant Diseases
Lewis Vanessa A., MD
LEWIS VA, Dhand S, Sirajuddin A, Galvin JR, Franks TJ, White CS

Coronary Artery Luminal Area and Plaque Burden in South Asians and Non South Asians: A Coronary CT Angiographic Assessment
O’Brien Julie, MB Bch BAO, FFR(RCSI)

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Sanjeev Bhalla, and Aletta Frazier.
THE STR THANKS its corporate contributors for their immense contribution to the success of the annual meeting. We also thank those companies that participated as exhibitors and presented new publications and state-of-the-art software and equipment to our meeting participants.

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**JTI Editor’s Report**

*Phillip M. Boiselle, MD*

**I WOULDN’T LIKE TO BRING** to your attention two STR features in the May 2012 issue of JTI: the scientific and educational abstracts from the 2012 STR annual meeting and an announcement of the 2012 STR Gold Medal Award.

With regard to the online version of JTI, I am delighted to announce that we have recently launched a new “Quality Corner” on our website at www.thoracicimaging.com. This new web feature contains links to a variety of open-access educational content, including: 1) a collection of JTI review articles devoted to quality improvement and radiation dose reduction; 2) succinct reviews of ACR Appropriateness Criteria® for cardiopulmonary imaging; 3) links to approved Practice Quality Improvement (PQI) projects in cardiopulmonary imaging; 4) a blog series devoted to quality improvement; and 5) links to other open-access resources, including several quality-related lectures from recent STR meetings. As noted by Jeffrey Kanne, Consulting Editor for Electronic Media at JTI, the overarching goal of this new initiative is to “maintain a current and relevant repository of quality management resources focused on improving patient care and encouraging new approaches to quality in cardiopulmonary imaging.” Future quality-related offerings include an “Evidence-Based Imaging” symposium guest-edited by Dr. Joe Schoepf to be published in September 2012.

I would also like to bring to your attention an upcoming symposium devoted to lung cancer screening, which will be published in July 2012. This symposium is guest edited by James Ravenel and includes articles on a variety of screening-related topics, including: current barriers to CT screening, setting up a screening clinic, technical and interpretative issues of screening, lung nodule management algorithms, and tobacco policy and control.

Look for these features and more in the upcoming issues of JTI!
Intersociety Activities

**SELECT STR MEMBERS** attended each of two pulmonary/critical care societies annual meetings:

**American Thoracic Society**
Friday May 13, 2011, Denver, Colorado
“PG-5 Thoracic Imaging”
J.P. Kanne, J.M. Seely, D.A. Lynch, *Chairs*

**American College of Chest Physicians**
Friday-Saturday October 28-29, 2011, Maui, HI
“Update on Thoracic Imaging for the Pulmonologist and Critical Care Physician.”
J.P. Kanne, *Chair*

“The course was a success and we hope to make it a regular feature as we have done with the ATS. We proudly displayed our STR logos on our title slides. We could consider working with other groups for similar postgraduate courses targeted at clinicians.”

~ Jeffrey Kanne, MD
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