FROM THE STR PRESIDENT:

Dear STR Members:

IT IS A PRIVILEGE to serve as the Society of Thoracic Radiology’s 33rd President. I assume the presidency of a society that is robust, invigorated and leading in issues pertaining to cardiothoracic imaging.

I thank the Past Presidents, Officers, the Executive Committee, Chairs of the Standing Committees and all 700 plus members of the STR for their contributions to the success of our Society. In this regard, Dr. Eric Stern, the immediate Past President, has through his tireless efforts and leadership (see Outgoing President’s Speech), shepherded the STR through an exciting and successful year and ensured that the Society is well positioned to accomplish its goals and objectives. I thank him personally for his contributions and I commit to continue the strong leadership provided to our Society by the Past Presidents.
I am also indeed fortunate to have the counsel of the STR Officers, Phil Boiselle, Ann Leung and Tom Hartman to assist me in fulfilling the Society’s mission and vision over the next year. The STR is the premier cardiothoracic imaging organization and we will solidify our leadership as we engage with our national and international colleagues in issues such as lung cancer screening and the preparation for the Fourth World Congress of Thoracic Imaging to be held in Boston in 2017 under the presidency of Dr. Theresa McLoud. Dr. Phillip Boiselle, Program Committee Chair for the 2015 STR Annual Meeting and Postgraduate Course and his committee have already started planning the curriculum of the STR 2015 Postgraduate Course, which will take place March 15-18, 2015 at the Park Hyatt Aviara, Carlsbad, California. STR members will receive a call for topics early this summer. I ask all of you to consider attending the annual meeting and I hope to see you there.

As I begin my one-year term as the STR president, I thank you for this honor and privilege to serve. I look forward to the year ahead with confidence and the firm belief that the STR will continue to lead, inspire and guide cardiothoracic imaging nationally and internationally.

Jeremy J. Erasmus, MD
STR President

Dr. Erasmus’ family showed their support at the STR 2014 Annual Meeting in San Antonio: his parents Gideon and Elizabeth, his wife Tam, his children Lauren and Matthew, and his nephew David.
Outgoing President’s Speech
Dr. Eric J. Stern

I’m very proud to have served all of you as the 32nd president of the Society of Thoracic Radiology. I really do stand on the shoulders of the 31 prior presidents.

First, let me congratulate Dr. Jeremy Erasmus, from the University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center, as our incoming President, and thank him and Mylene Truong, the associate program director, for putting together this outstanding program for our 2014 annual meeting. I also wish to thank the Chair of the Scientific Program Committee, Dr. Smita Patel, and the rest of her committee, for organizing this year’s research program.

My tenure as your President was only 9 months, but I have tried to make the most of this amazing opportunity, truly the pinnacle of my professional career thus far. Please allow me to share and highlight some of our accomplishments with you.

Much of our effort in recent months has revolved around low dose CT screening for lung cancer. We all recognize the importance of developing nationwide, evidence-based infrastructure to ensure that patients have access to uniform, quality care through screening programs. As such, the STR and its expert members continue to work diligently, as well as partnering closely with the American College of Radiology (ACR), in many of the domains necessary to make chest CT screening for lung cancer a reality, including the development of structured reporting systems, accreditation standards, appropriateness criteria, education, and through our Practice Guidelines and Technical Standards Committee, co-sponsorship of the new “ACR–STR Practice Guideline for the Performance and Reporting of Lung Cancer Screening Thoracic Computed Tomography.” I have strongly supported our efforts in all these regards for the STR to be engaged on these important fronts, and have a positive and lasting impact.

I also wish to acknowledge the tireless efforts of Ella Kazerooni who is a key figure in the spearheading and coordinating so many of these important components.

In response to ongoing and future societal needs, I have made some changes to our organizational structure, through the creation of several new committees.
First, we have a new Advocacy Committee, chaired by our appointed ACR councilor, Lynn Broderick. This committee is charged with identifying and promoting opportunities and activities related to domains that will increase the stature, advance the interests, extend the positive influence and impact of the STR within the larger radiology community and with the public, on behalf of the Society and its members. For example, on our new advocacy section on the website, the committee has developed and posted public position statements on lung cancer screening, advocated on our behalf by submitting comments to the USPSTF and CMS, and co-sponsored lung cancer screening and smoking cessation resolutions to be adopted by the ACR as policy.

I have also created a new Long Range Planning Committee, chaired by Reggie Munden, our 2004-2005 STR President. This committee is charged with performing semiannual reviews and updates of our STR strategic plan so that our current and future society activities and goals stay aligned with business and political realities. The committee will provide recommendations to the Executive Council to help define our future short and long term goals and priorities.

As the public face of our society, the STR website is of growing strategic importance as we create more content, become an increasingly trusted source for information, and evolve into a mature and vibrant society. Our current website has worked well for us since the last makeover more than 6 years ago, but is in need of a facelift. We have nearly completed a website makeover that will include our new programs, collaborative efforts, and initiatives. This effort is led by our Electronic Media Committee chair, Sanjeev Bhalla. Let me add that I am very pleased to tell you that Jud Gurney’s popular ChestX-ray.com website, hosted by the University of Nebraska, is once again available and a link can be found on our homepage.

One of the great strengths of our society is, of course, our annual meeting. We are fortunate to be able to capture the cutting edge presentations by our many talented members and presenters through a mutually rewarding and ongoing relationship with Oakstone Medical publishing company. Through this relationship, CMEInfo.com provides us with both enduring content for our education portal, at no direct cost, and a royalty-based revenue stream to help support our educational efforts. I am pleased to say that we have renewed our contract with Oakstone and will be continuing this arrangement annually at least for the next several years. I offer my personal gratitude for all of the past, current, and future contributors to this effort.
Another educational effort we have recently spearheaded, and that I am particularly excited about, is the new weekly STR Cardiothoracic Case Webinar, held weekly on Thursdays at 3:00pm Eastern, and organized by Dr. Jeffrey Kanne. In this STR educational program, the webinar organizers share and discuss interesting and challenging cardiothoracic cases. Best of all, these webinars will be recorded and archived for later viewing. I know that this will be a popular and highly valued societal asset for its members and as an educational outreach effort.

For example, the STR is now formally collaborating with the ACR on four cardiothoracic Practice Guidelines and Technical Standards, including as I previously mentioned for Lung Cancer Screening, but also the Performance of Cardiac Scintigraphy, the Performance of Pulmonary Scintigraphy, and the Performance of High-Resolution Computed Tomography (HRCT) of the Lungs in Adults. Before 2013, although we had many STR members participate in the development and authorship of these practice guidelines, the STR had no formal collaboration, recognition or co-sponsorship. I wish to again thank Dr. Ella Kazerooni for facilitating this mutually beneficial relationship.

In addition to these guidelines, in the domains of collaboration and education, we have also submitted an STR-ACR education center course proposal for lung cancer screening, which promises to be an important adjunct to our other societal educational efforts surrounding lung cancer screening. The STR has also collaborated with the ARRS for several years now on educational program planning of lung cancer screening at their annual meeting. This past year we also partnered with the CIR, the Interamerican College of Radiology, in program planning and speaker support for their biannual meeting, which last took place in Mexico. The STR will also be a participating society in the International Congress of Radiology meeting in September 2014, in Dubai. We hope to continue these models of collaboration and support.

We are also continuing our collaboration agreement with ESTI. As part of this agreement, I would like to express my gratitude to Drs. Hansell and Desai for participating in and enriching our meeting program this year.

In looking ahead to 2017, we have also formally signed a memorandum of understanding as a partner in the 4th World Congress of Thoracic Imaging (WCTI) to be held for the first time in North America, in Boston, MA. I am very grateful to the leadership of Dr. Theresa McLoud, who is
the Congress President. We are all very grateful for her past and ongoing efforts on behalf of our world-wide thoracic imaging community.

Another outgrowth of the synergy that can be found in our world community of thoracic radiologists is the new “Imaging of Tuberculosis” education module, created by a steering committee of experts appointed by the WCTI partner organizations, and hosted by the International Society of Radiology. I draw your attention to the WHO sponsored World TB Day on March 24, 2014. The STR joined many other professional organizations in drawing world’s attention to tuberculosis, while also helping to promote this new tuberculosis education module (http://www.isradiology.org/goed_tb_project/imaging.php).

We also have a new Global Relations Committee that is charged with exploring opportunities for growth in membership, outreach, and education. This committee, chaired by Gautham Reddy, is looking at ways to better position the STR globally to achieve our vision of being the premier cardiothoracic imaging society in the world. It is through our intersociety committee and global relations committees, that we are exploring the development of other collaborations with organizations such as the AAPM, JSTR, KSTR, and the RSSA.

Again reflecting our growing impact in our subspecialty, the STR was recently invited by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention as subject matter experts to participate in clinical guidelines for the prevention and treatment of anthrax in potential mass casualty scenarios. We were ably represented by Dr. Loren Ketai.

In addition to our activities surrounding collaboration, education, outreach, and advocacy, as we grow and mature as a vibrant society, it is also incumbent upon us to identify and help develop our future members and leaders. With these goals in mind, we are rolling out a new mentorship program under the guidance and leadership of Tom Hartman, our new Treasurer.

We must expect and demand the highest ethical standards of behavior and conduct of our members and leaders. Building upon our STR code of ethics for all members, we have developed and instituted a new executive council code of conduct, and new STR oath of office. I wish to thank Cris Meyer for his efforts in working with our Parliamentarian to incorporate these and other changes into our bylaws.
2013 saw a conclusion to the successful 30th anniversary campaign. It is with deep gratitude that we should all again thank Gerry Abbott for leading this effort, which raised more than $70,000 for our research and education fund.

Our Corporate Relations Committee, masterfully chaired by Joe Schoepf, was again successful this year, with $46,250 pledged by industry partners to support our educational mission. Many thanks to Joe and his committee for their tireless efforts in seeking this industry support.

All of our hard work and successes are also manifest in continuing growth in our membership, now over 775 members strong. This membership growth, along with our corporate support and other revenue streams, contributes to our sound finances, which allow us to support our many ongoing efforts and also explore new initiatives. I wish to acknowledge and thank the leadership of our current Treasurer and incoming President-Elect Phil Boiselle, for leading us to a new, more sound, and wise investment policy this past year, which should further improve the society’s financial stability.

I wish to offer my sincere appreciation and gratitude for the efforts of all my fellow officers and Executive Council members, as well as Barbara McLeod and Shelly Jones and the rest of our Matrix Meetings, Inc. administrative staff for their cheerful timely support and good will.

Let me close my speech by simply saying that I am extremely grateful to all of you, for your standards of excellence in all that you do, for your collegiality, your passion, your commitment to our specialty, and for your friendship.

Eric J. Stern, MD
STR Past-president
I WOULD LIKE to bring to your attention the May 2014 issue of JTI, which features a state-of-the-art symposium devoted to “Cardiac Function and Physiology” that is expertly guest edited by Dr. Albert de Roos. The symposium is comprised of a collection of timely review articles devoted to established and emerging cardiovascular applications of CT and MR imaging with an emphasis on coronary artery disease and myocardial ischemia:

- Comprehensive evaluation of hibernating myocardium: use of non-invasive imaging, by Jan Bogaert and colleagues from Belgium.
- Myocardial tissue characterization by MRI: new applications of T1 and T2 mapping, by Vanessa Ferreira and colleagues from the United Kingdom.
- Cardiac function and flow by 4-D MRI techniques: new applications, by Emmeline Calkoen and colleagues from the Netherlands.
- CT assessment of hemodynamic significance of coronary artery disease CT perfusion, contrast gradients and fractional flow reserve, by Christian Loewe and Alfred Stadler from Austria.
- CT evaluation of cardiac structure and function, by Michiel Sala and colleagues from the Netherlands.

Plans are also underway for an international symposium devoted to “Lung Cancer Screening” that will be published in May 2015. Guest edited by Dr. Caroline Chiles, this symposium will feature invited review articles as well as select, original research articles devoted to lung cancer screening. Toward this month end, we are announcing a call for original research papers for this issue. The deadline for submission is September 1, 2014, and all papers will be subject to peer review by experts in the field. I encourage you to contribute your lung cancer screening research to this special JTI issue!
STR 2014 Annual Meeting
Dr. Myrna C.B. Godoy

THE STR held its 2014 Annual Meeting and Postgraduate Course on March 16-19 at the beautiful Grand Hyatt San Antonio, Texas, situated on the bank of the legendary River Walk, just steps away from the Alamo. The annual meeting was preceded by an outstanding one-day symposium dedicated to quantitative CT imaging of the lung, directed by Dr. Jonathan Goldin, of UCLA Health, and Dr. David Lynch, of National Jewish Health. There were just over 100 registrants, many of whom also attended the STR annual meeting.
The 2014 STR Annual Meeting was one of the most successful in the Society’s history with 445 course registrants, over 100 lecturers and nine self-assessment modules (SAMs). Registrations from other countries included Canada, the United Kingdom, the Netherlands, Spain, Brazil, Argentina, Australia, New Zealand, India, South Korea, and Japan.

Credit for the success of the 2014 annual meeting belongs to the dedicated and talented members of the STR. However, their efforts were in part successful as a result of the organizational skills of Program Committee, headed by the Dr. Jeremy J. Erasmus and co-director Dr. Mylene Truong, from the University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center, as well as the able support of the staff of Matrix Meetings Inc., including Barbara McLeod, Tracy Parks and Shelly Jones. Their experience, superb attention to detail, thoughtfulness and understanding of the STR and its members, ensured an uneventful and productive meeting.

The annual course curriculum covered a variety of imaging topics including basics of image interpretation, diffuse infiltrative lung diseases, airways disease, lung cancer screening, thoracic neoplasms and cardiovascular imaging. Several sessions focused on the important topic of lung cancer with an emphasis on state-of-the-art concepts in diagnosis, imaging and management.
The Benjamin Felson lecture, *Emerging Molecular Targets and Imaging Opportunities in Lung Cancer* was delivered by Dr. John Heymach, Chair of the Department of Thoracic/Head and Neck Medical Oncology, at the University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center. An internationally recognized expert on thoracic malignancy, Dr. Heymach gave an entertaining, comprehensive and informative overview of a complex and interesting topic.

The Gordon Gamsu Memorial Lecture, *Pulmonary Nodule Characterization*, delivered by Dr. Jane Ko, from the New York University Langone Medical Center was a *tour de force* on a current and relevant clinical topic.

The Scanlon symposium focused on molecular imaging of lung cancer and genetic abnormalities associated with interstitial lung diseases. A featured lecture in this session, *Molecular Imaging of Lung Cancer*, delivered by Dr. David Piwnica-Worms, Chair of the Department of Cancer Systems Imaging at the University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center, was thought provoking and illuminating.

Two case-of-the-day presentations on each morning during the meeting were the preamble to a series of scientific papers presented under the guidance of Dr. Smita Patel (Chair) and other members of the Scientific Sessions Committee. The Jack Westcott Award winner was Dr. Martin Willemink, who presented the abstract *Cardiac Risk Classification is Modestly Affected by Coronary Calcium Scoring on Different State-of-the-Art CT Scanners.*
As part of the Collaboration Agreement between STR and the European Society of Thoracic Imaging (ESTI), the STR welcomed ESTI members Drs. Sujal Desai, from the King’s College Hospital and David Hansell from the Royal Brompton Hospital, both in London, England, as featured speakers on HRCT.

THE EVER POPULAR image interpretation session, structured in a SAM format, featured Past Presidents competing against prominent educators in the STR. Their discussions of the unknown cases were combined with the interaction of an audience response system under the insightful and entertaining guidance of the moderator, Dr. Phillip Goodman of Duke University.

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Image interpretation session panelists: Past Presidents competing against prominent educators in the STR. From left to right: Robert Tarver, Lawrence Goodman, Reginald Munden, Ella Kazerooni, Charles White, Jeffrey Klein, Santiago Rossi, Ami Rubinowitz, Maria Shau, Laura Heyneman, Veronica Arteaga and Jeffrey Kanne.

Dr. Baskaran Sundaram, Dr. Sujal R. Desai and Dr. Narinder K. Gupta
The recipient of STR’s highest award, the Gold Medal Award for outstanding lifetime achievement, was Dr. Sanford A. Rubin of the University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston. During the award presentation, Dr. Jeffrey Klein highlighted interesting facts of Dr. Rubin’s life and his many talents. His wife was present at the ceremony and was justifiably very proud of his achievements (see tribute to Dr. Rubin on page 16). Dr. Ella Kazerooni of the University of Michigan Health System received the Inspiration Award for her extraordinary contributions to thoracic radiology. The STR is very fortunate to have such accomplished members and leaders that are so well-deserving of these awards.

The Society of Thoracic Radiology would like to thank all members who enthusiastically participated in this meeting and contributed greatly to its success!
2014-2015 STR President and Committees

From left to right: Cristopher Meyer, Jeffrey Kanne, Jeffrey Klein, Thomas Hartman, Reginald Munden, Eric Stern, Jeremy Erasmus, Terrance Healey, Phillip Boiselle, Lynn Broderick, Matt Gilman and Robert Steiner.

STR Past Presidents at 2014 Annual Meeting

From left to right: Drs. Theresa McLoud, Ella Kazerooni, Robert Steiner, Reginald Munden, Sanford Rubin, Eric Stern, Melissa Rosado de Christenson, Robert Tarver, Lawrence Goodman, Jeffrey Klein and Charles White.
2014 Gold Medal Award of the Society of Thoracic Radiology: Dr. Sanford A. Rubin

Dr. Jeffrey S. Klein
Chair, STR Lifetime Achievement Awards Committee

ON MONDAY, March 17th, 2014 at the 32nd STR Annual Meeting & Postgraduate Course in San Antonio, Texas, the society’s Gold Medal was awarded to Sanford A. Rubin, MD, Professor Emeritus of Radiology at the University of Texas Medical Branch (UTMB) in Galveston, Texas. The society’s gold medal is awarded to an individual who has provided outstanding service to the field of cardiothoracic radiology.

Dr. Rubin was born in Brooklyn, New York. He learned to read at the precocious age of 3 when he received his first library card. His prodigious reading abilities at such an early age led to work on several radio shows with the likes of Jack Benny, Phil Harris, and Alice Faye, and subsequently television appearances in the mid-1940s. Although given the opportunity by the actress Mary Martin to act in the road version of “Annie Get Your Gun,” he told his parents that he was committed to a career in medicine, and so his fledgling acting career fizzled. While in high school Sandy became an excellent bowler and although given the opportunity to be sponsored on the professional bowling tour, he maintained his focus on a future career in medicine.

Sandy received his Bachelor of Science Degree in biology from Baylor University in Waco, Texas, earning much of his college tuition by catching and milking venomous Western Diamondback Rattlesnakes in central Texas and selling the venom and rattlesnake meat to local companies. He earned his Medical Degree from the University of Texas Medical Branch in Galveston, Texas. While serving a month-long radiology elective during his internship at the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences in Little Rock, AR, he was intrigued by the ability of a radiology resident to extract maximal information from a chest radiograph and decided that radiology was the career for him. Sandy then entered the diagnostic radiology residency at the University of Arkansas under the mentorship of his residency director Dr. Wilma Canada Diner (she of the Cronkhite-Canada syndrome) and patterned much of his teaching methods after those of Dr. Diner. Dr. Rubin served on the faculty of the University of Tennessee in Memphis from 1970-1974 before returning to the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences for five years. In 1979 he was recruited to...
become the chief of thoracic radiology in the Department of Radiology at
the University of Texas Medical Branch in Galveston, Texas, where
he remained as Professor of Radiology until his retirement from the full-time
cacy in 2005. Dr. Rubin remained on staff as part-time faculty at
UTMB until 2010, focusing his efforts on the teaching of medical students
and residents.

Sandy’s contributions to the discipline of thoracic radiology have been
extensive. Most noteworthy are his accomplishments as a dedicated and
honored teacher and mentor while at UTMB. Dr. Rubin’s teaching acumen was acknowledged
early in his career as a junior faculty member at
the University of Tenessee College of Medicine
where in 1973 he received the Student American
Medical Association Golden Apple Award.
Throughout his tenure at UTMB he was
continuously recognized for his teaching efforts,
receiving the James W. Powers Memorial Award
from the graduating medical school class in 1981,
Delta Outstanding Faculty Award in 1981. He was
selected five times by the graduating class as one
of two clinical faculty members to participate in
their hooding ceremony at commencement. Sandy
served as Director of the UTMB Radiology
Residency training program from 1980-1994, and
as Director of Medical Student Education from
his arrival in 1979 until 1989. In recognition of his
contributions to the UTMB medical school,
Dr. Rubin was elected to the Alpha Omega Alpha
Honor Medical Society as a faculty inductee in
1992, and received the UTMB Ashbel Smith Distinguished Alumnus Award
in June 2010. In 2014 the UTMB Department of Radiology will create
the Sanford Rubin, M.D. Professorship in Radiology Education to honor
Sandy’s lifelong commitment to education.

Sandy served in multiple capacities for institutional, regional, and national
radiological societies, including a 16-year stint as a member of the ACR
Committee on Resident Practice Information, as a member of the RSNA
Refresher Course Committee for chest, and as an oral board examiner for
the American Board of Radiology from 1989-2002. However, it is his service to the STR that is most noteworthy. As a founding member of the Society of Thoracic Radiology, Sandy played a key role in the growth and evolution of the fledgling society. He was a member and chair of several STR committees, culminating in his election as an officer from 1991-1995 including his presidency of the STR from 1994-1995. During this same period Dr. Rubin became Associate Editor of the Journal of Thoracic Imaging under the tutelage of the late Eric Milne, M.D., Founding Editor of the journal and himself a Past President of the STR. Dr. Rubin was chosen to succeed Dr. Milne as the journal’s Editor-in-Chief and served in this capacity from 1990-1994.

Given his widespread knowledge of thoracic imaging and his prodigious abilities as a teacher, Sandy was widely sought after as a lecturer and visiting professor. Dr. Rubin provided over 100 oral presentations at various local, regional, national and international venues. One of this author’s earliest recollections as a recently-minted graduate of a radiology residency program was attending an RSNA refresher course on noninfectious granulomatous diseases given by Dr. Rubin at the annual RSNA meeting in November 1988. When lecturing Sandy had a way of organizing his thoughts and of presenting material in an engaging and entertaining manner that drew the audience in and left a lasting impression on the attendee. Sandy also served 75 times as a visiting professor at various national departmental and training programs.

While research was not the primary focus of his academic activities, Dr. Rubin published 35 peer-reviewed articles over a nearly 25-year span. Sandy focused much of his published work on pneumonia and on granulomatous diseases of the chest, but his areas of interest were broad, including several papers on musculoskeletal disease. When asked to name those who have had the greatest influence on his career in thoracic radiology, Sandy cites STR members Drs. Ernie Ferris, Eric Milne, and Helen Winer-Muram as those who have most greatly helped shape his career.

Those of us in radiology who have had the privilege of knowing Dr. Sandy Rubin and have worked with him all comment on his warm, welcoming personality, his intellectual curiosity, his great sense of humor, and his gracious manner with everyone he encounters. While proud of his professional accomplishments, Sandy is perhaps most proud of his family. He and his wife Norma, who have three children and five grandchildren, will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary in August 2014.
FOR OVER THREE YEARS, a small group of STR members and I have held a weekly virtual cardiothoracic case conference where we share interesting, challenging, and even classic cardiovascular and thoracic imaging teaching cases. We look forward to the conference each week because we learn something new and frequently see something we have never seen before. From this project we have built a digital collaborative teaching file that we share with one another, enriching our own educational materials. Additionally, we have collaborated on a handful of abstracts and manuscripts. Furthermore, residents from the University of Washington and Kansas University Medical Center tune in most weeks as part of their regular didactic education, and trainees on chest rotations at our respective sites participate in the conference.

Our conference recently has become an STR-sponsored webinar, opening up attendance to all STR members. Our goals in partnering with the STR include reaching a broader audience of radiologists interested in cardiothoracic imaging, further enhancing the educational mission of the Society, and using this webinar as a platform to actively engage STR membership and foster intellectual interaction.

Future goals of this program include developing a repository on the STR website where radiologists and trainees can watch recordings of previous webinars, providing outreach to radiology training programs lacking cardiac and thoracic imaging expertise through live and recorded conferencing, working with fellowship programs to incorporate the webinar into their curricula, and creating an opportunity for radiologists interested in education to expand their teaching portfolio.

STR members are invited to join in the webinar each Thursday at 3:00pm Eastern Time whenever they are available. Participants can watch, ask questions of presenters and other panelists, or even share a case or two.

Members who would like to contribute cases should e-mail Dr. Jeffrey Kanne at kanne@wisc.edu for more information.

To register for the webinar, please go to:
https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/199694217084
At the Association of University Radiologists (AUR) 2014 Annual Meeting in Baltimore, the AUR awarded its highest honor, the Gold Medal, this year to STR Past President Jannette Collins, MD, MEd, FCCP, FACR.

Leadership and education have defined the professional life of Dr. Collins. After receiving a BS in elementary education from Montana State University and a Master in Education from the University of Cincinnati, Dr. Collins taught in primary and secondary schools for 8 years. Fortunately for us, she then chose a career in medicine at the Medical College of Ohio, where she received her first, but not last, gold medal, for graduating first in her class. In 1989, Dr. Collins began radiology residency at the University of Wisconsin followed by a thoracic imaging fellowship at Yale. She joined the faculty at the University of Wisconsin in 1994, and quickly progressed to tenured Professor in 2002. While at Wisconsin, she served as Radiology Residency Program Director and Assistant Dean of Graduate Medical Education. In 2009, Dr. Collins returned to the University of Cincinnati, College of Medicine, as the Ben Felson Professor and Chair of Radiology. In addition, she has completed special fellowships in medical education research through the AAMC, the Executive Leadership Academic Medicine (ELAM) program at MCP Hahnemann University, and the ARRS Melvin M. Figley Fellowship in radiology journalism.

Dr. Collins has over 200 publications primarily in the areas of thoracic imaging and all aspects of radiology education, and has been invited to give over 200 national and international visiting professorships and invited lectures. Her book “Essentials of Chest Radiology,” with a soon to be released 3rd edition, has been read by countless trainees and practicing radiologists worldwide. In addition, Dr. Collins is the long-serving Editor-in-Chief of Seminars in Roentgenology.
In bringing her formal advanced education training to radiology, over the past two decades, Dr. Collins has been an indefatigable driving force and nationally recognized leader in radiology education. She has published numerous landmark educational reference materials including: a cardiopulmonary curriculum for radiology residents, adopted by and published on the website of the STR and the APDR, and published in Academic Radiology; a cardiothoracic curriculum for medical students, adopted by and published on the website of the STRy and AMSER, and published in Academic Radiology; an evaluation tool to evaluate resident competencies published on the APDR website, and in Academic Radiology, that has been modified for use by most radiology residency programs; a faculty evaluation form used by the STR for the past 10 years; and a 122-page Radiology Residency Program Directors’ Manual published in Academic Radiology, that has served as a primary resource for radiology program directors for the past 10 years.

In addition to serving as the 53rd President of the AUR, Dr. Collins has also served as president of the APDR, ACER (as one of the founding officers), AUR R&E Foundation, and the STR. In recognition of her work, Dr. Collins is the recipient of numerous awards including the 2004 APDR Achievement Award, AUR Joseph E. and Nancy O. Whitley Award (1996, 1997 and 2001), the 2005 RSNA Outstanding Educator Award, and the 2013 ACER Achievement Award. In 2012, she received the ABR Distinguished Service Award. She was a member of the Radiology Residency Review Committee for six years, an ABR oral examiner nine times, and currently chairs the ABR Thoracic MOC/Certifying Exam Committee.

On behalf of the leadership and members of the STR, congratulations on your many achievements!

Eric J. Stern, MD
STR Past President
THE STR RESEARCH COMMITTEE is accepting proposals for seed grant funding. The upcoming deadline for proposals is September 15, 2014, after which date review of the submissions will be performed. The seed grant mechanism is aimed towards supporting young investigators in their pursuit of innovative research projects relevant to cardiothoracic imaging. Guidelines for the grant proposals are available on the STR website, including submission requirements and budget considerations (http://www.thoracicrad.org/research/guidelines.htm). Funding available is maximally $20,000. Preference will be given to junior faculty within 5 years of completion of their fellowship and fellows. Recent awardees include: Diana Litmanovich, MD of the Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center in Boston, Massachusetts for her project titled “Functional MRI Assessment as a Primary Imaging Modality for Diagnosis, Follow-up and Guidance of Therapy Decisions of COPD Patients with Tracheomalacia” and Jonathan Chung, MD of National Jewish Health in Denver, Colorado for an investigation titled “Use of 1.5T Proton MRI in the Initial Assessment and Follow-up of Mycobacterium Avium Complex Pneumonia.”
As Chair of The International Malignancy Interest Group (ITMIG) Education Committee, I am happy to announce that the website to submit abstracts to ITMIG’s Annual Meeting in Antwerp, Belgium September 5-6, 2014 is now open (http://www.itmig2014.org/scientific-program/call-for-abstracts.html).

The application submission deadline is June 18, 2014. ITMIG is a society formed to promote the advancement of clinical and basic science pertaining to thymic and other mediastinal malignancies and related conditions. The primary goals of ITMIG are to provide infrastructure for international collaboration, promote a scientifically-based approach, and facilitate dissemination of knowledge about thymic malignancies and other mediastinal diseases, in order to improve patient outcomes.

ITMIG is in need of abstract submissions focused on imaging-related topics and involvement of diagnostic radiologists. This conference is undoubtedly a unique opportunity for networking, sharing the latest information and collaborating with multiple disciplines of the world’s leading experts in this field. ITMIG provides excellent networking opportunities for thoracic radiologists to showcase their expertise at the national and international level, collaborate on research projects and form multidisciplinary groups for grant applications related to the study of thymic malignancies.

To offset travel expenses, ITMIG is offering travel awards, consisting of complimentary registration and cash, for residents whose abstracts are accepted for presentation. In addition to the travel awards, ITMIG is pleased to offer three special awards: The ITMIG Masaoka Award ($1000) for the best oral presentation; the ITMIG Rosai Award ($250) for the best poster presentation; and the Barbara Neibauer Award ($500) for the best thymic carcinoma paper.

I hope to see you in Antwerp in September and hope to facilitate the involvement of more STR members into the International Malignancy Interest Group.
The STR 2015 Annual meeting will be held on March 15-18, 2015 at the spectacular Park Hyatt Aviara Resort in Carlsbad, California. Located just north of San Diego, this casually elegant resort is secluded amidst 200 acres of verdant hillsides and valleys, with views of the Pacific ocean and an adjacent wildlife sanctuary.

In addition to providing state-of-the-art conference facilities, this 5-diamond resort offers spacious guestrooms with private balconies that overlook the ocean, lush gardens, or golf course.

Recreational opportunities abound, including tennis, golf, a state-of-the-art fitness center and spa, and beach butler service. Listed in Travel+Leisure as one of the world’s best hotels, it was also rated as the best golf resort in San Diego by Golf Digest in 2012.

Be sure to bring your spouse and family members to enjoy all that the resort and the adjacent Carlsbad, La Jolla, and San Diego communities have to offer.
Upcoming meetings
Mark Your Calendars

The STR 2016 Thoracic Imaging Course will be held March 13 through March 16 at the stunning Hyatt Regency Scottsdale Resort & Spa at Gainey Ranch in Scottsdale, Arizona.

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