“You must be the change you wish to see in the world.”
~ Mahatma Gandhi (1869-1948)*

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FROM OUR PRESIDENT

Dear Colleagues and Friends:

IT’S BEEN A BUSY SUMMER FOR THE STR, with several important new activities. Most obviously, the Society has a dramatic, modern new look, thanks largely to the hard work and creativity of Drs. Gerry Abbott and Melissa Rosado de Christenson, along with graphic designer Pamela Kuehl. We hope you will agree that the new STR logo and new newsletter design are eye-catching and exciting, exemplifying the energy of the Society and its members as we move into the second decade of the century.

NEW EDUCATION COMMITTEE SUBCOMMITTEES

The importance of education in the mission of the STR is recognized by the formation of two new subcommittees of the Education Committee. The Fellowship Subcommittee, to be led by Dr. Matthew Gilman, will focus on development of core training requirements for thoracic and cardiothoracic imaging fellowships, maintaining and updating the STR fellowship registry, and marketing cardiothoracic fellowships to residents.
Dr. Jannette Collins has agreed to chair the CME Subcommittee, which will have the major task of working with Matrix Meetings to steer the Society through its ACCME reaccreditation. As part of this, Dr. Collins and her group will be developing new tools for evaluating the outcomes of our CME activities. Thanks to Matt and Janni for agreeing to take on these substantial tasks.

**THORACIC IMAGING 2011**

Dr. Abbott also deserves congratulations on an outstanding program for STR 2011. For the Felson lecture, he has secured the speaking skills of Dr. William Travis, the internationally known pathologist, who will speak on *Radiologic Implications of the New IASLC/ATS/ERS Lung Adenocarcinoma Classification*. Dr. Travis recently spearheaded a significant revision of this classification, which has substantial implications for radiologists. The inaugural Gordon Gamsu Memorial Lecture, a special event for the Society, will be presented by Gordon’s good friend Dr. David Naidich, on the topic *Subsolid Pulmonary Nodules: Current Approach to Diagnosis and Management*. Dr. John Newell will present the Scanlon Lecture, on the *Emerging Role of MRI in the Diagnosis and Management of Pulmonary Disease*. Thanks to all Society members who have agreed to participate as speakers and moderators. I look forward to a great time in Bonita Springs.

**STRATEGIC PLANNING 2011**

It has been six years since the last strategic planning meeting of the STR in 2004, led by Dr. Ella Kazerooni. On reading the report of that meeting, it is exciting to realize how many of the goals of that meeting have been accomplished, but it is also clear that it is time to continue the strategic planning process, in order to maintain the Society’s position as world leader in thoracic imaging. The STR will convene a strategic planning retreat on March 5, 2011, the day before the Annual Meeting. To prepare for this activity, a survey will be sent to all STR members soliciting their input.

Finally, thanks to Matrix Meetings for their excellent support of these activities, and particular thanks to the Society Officers for their enthusiasm, energy and hard work. If you have any questions, comments or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me at lynchd@njhealth.org.
I would like to bring to your attention the upcoming November issue of the Journal of Thoracic Imaging (JTI), which concludes our year-long celebration of the 25th anniversary of the journal. This issue includes the final installment of the “25-on-25” series, which features the question: “What will our specialty look like in 25 years?” A guest editorial by Jim Thrall, President of the American College of Radiology, addresses this same question for radiology in general. This issue also features the final installment of our 3-part MDCT symposium guest-edited by Joe Schoepf with articles devoted to dose-reduction, dual-energy CT, and contrast media delivery strategies.

I also encourage you to check out the JTI on-line at http://www.thoracicimaging.com where you will find continuously updated content in the Published Ahead-of-Print (PAP), JTI Blog, and Collections sections. A new electronic journal feature is “ePUB Export,” which provides JTI articles in a format that is compatible with E-readers such as the Apple iPad, Sony e-reader, Barnes and Noble Nook, and other such devices. iPhone users may also be interested in downloading the free Journals@LWW iPhone app. STR members may also connect with the journal on Twitter and Facebook. Other upcoming electronic enhancements to the website include article citation data and a listing of the journal’s highest impact papers.
I WANT TO THANK ALL THE STR MEMBERS who so enthusiastically participated in the recent “Name the STR Newsletter Contest”. It was wonderful to see the many outstanding, funny, and clever suggestions for the newsletter name. We certainly have very fertile minds among our members. Fifty-two entries were received which made the selection process quite challenging. After several rounds of deliberation by the members of the Publications Committee, the Executive Council and the STR Officers, the winning entry is:

Congratulations to the winners of the Name the STR Newsletter Contest, Drs. Arun Nechiappan and Robert Steiner. They will be publicly recognized and receive their prizes at the STR business luncheon during Thoracic Imaging 2011. I also want to recognize the STR members who contributed the other entries selected as finalists:

**Inspiration**

Dr. Cristopher Meyer

Drs. Michael McCarthy, Tan-Lucien Mohammed, Arun Nechiappan

Dr. Julia Prescott-Focht

Dr. Thomas Harle

The Fall issue of Inspiration also boasts a new and updated look for our newsletter. I thank Ms. Pamela Kuehl for her immense and expert assistance with the newsletter design and layout. Finally, many thanks to the members of the Publications Committee – Drs. Phillip Boiselle, Ralph Drosten, Jane Ko, and Edith Marom for their immense assistance and enthusiastic support.

*Each issue of the STR newsletter will feature words of inspiration in the form of a quotation. Members are encouraged to suggest quotations for publication by e-mailing them to: barbara@matrixmeetings.com.*
Introducing a New STR Logo

Gerald F. Abbott, MD

2010 HAS BEEN A BUSY YEAR for the STR officers. One of the projects they undertook was the design of a new logo for the society. The old logo resembled an official seal, was based on pulmonary anatomy, and had become “dated” in its look. The officers sought a more contemporary logo that emphasized the name of the society, particularly the abbreviated form “STR” by which most people refer to the organization. They also wanted a logo that would have a more youthful face and inspire its younger members as they lead the society into future decades.
With that in mind, Drs. Abbott and Rosado de Christenson secured the professional services of Pamela Kuehl, a graphic artist in Providence, Rhode Island, who has designed logos for banks, business corporations, newspapers, law firms, hospitals, and various non-profit organizations, including graphic design for The Nature Conservancy. She is a graduate of the famed Rhode Island School of Design and has been a professional graphic designer for forty years. Drafts of her logo design concepts were discussed by the STR officers and their feedback enabled the designer to develop a logo that has been well received by the Executive Committee and society members.

The new logo is already featured on the STR website and will begin appearing on the society’s letterhead and other printed materials over the coming months. It has also been utilized in all materials pertaining to the STR Annual Meeting and Postgraduate Course to be held March 6-9, 2011, at the Hyatt Regency Coconut Point Resort in Bonita Springs, Florida. A special “favor” featuring the new logo is being planned for attendees of that meeting.

In creating the new logo, Ms. Kuehl sought to emphasize the “T” in STR, and also the word “Thoracic” in the society’s name. A good logo design, she explained, can be enlarged to the size of a billboard, but will function equally well when reduced to the size of a business card. “I think the new STR logo design succeeds on many levels – it’s crisp, clean, and very versatile,” she explained. As a postscript, she added: “I’m a long-term survivor of lung cancer, thanks to an astute radiologist...so I definitely want you guys to look great!” We believe she has succeeded.

The old logo is not forgotten and will have a place of honor in a new and improved STR History section on the STR website. As we come together next year to engage in the process of strategic planning, it is useful to keep both logos in mind – one to remind us of where we have been, the other to inspire us as to where we will go.
Mark Your Calendar

Publication Dates

October 15, 2010
January 15, 2011

Publication Deadlines

December 15, 2010

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COURSE DESCRIPTION
Thoracic Imaging 2011 is the 29th Annual Meeting and Postgraduate Course of the Society of Thoracic Radiology. This four-day course will feature internationally recognized experts in imaging of the lungs, heart, thoracic vasculature, mediastinum, and pleura.

TARGET AUDIENCE
This course is designed for general diagnostic radiologists, thoracic radiologists, cardiac radiologists, pulmonologists, internists, family physicians, thoracic surgeons, and thoracic-oriented residents and fellows.
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Adam Howard Jacobi
PLACE OF ORIGIN | New York City, NY
RESIDENCY | Albert Einstein College of Medicine and Montefiore Medical Center
FUTURE PLANS | Academic or private practice

Stephanie Kelley Burns
PLACE OF ORIGIN | Santa Rosa, CA
RESIDENCY | University of Texas Health Science Center in San Antonio
FUTURE PLANS | TBD

Carole A. Ridge
PLACE OF ORIGIN | Dublin, Ireland
RESIDENCY | St. Vincent's University Hospital, Dublin, Ireland
FUTURE PLANS | Pursue a career in academic radiology with subspecialty interests in thoracic and oncologic imaging

Brett W. Carter
PLACE OF ORIGIN | Irving, TX
RESIDENCY | Baylor University Medical Center, Dallas, TX
FUTURE PLANS | American Radiology Associates and Baylor University Medical Center in Dallas, TX

Leila Khorashadi
PLACE OF ORIGIN | Cambridge, MA
RESIDENCY | Mount Auburn Hospital, Cambridge, MA
FUTURE PLANS | Returning to Mount Auburn Hospital as Staff
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John P. Lichtenberger III
PLACE OF ORIGIN | Vacaville, CA
RESIDENCY | David Grant Medical Center, Travis Air Force Base, CA
FUTURE PLANS | Cardiothoracic imaging in an academic setting

Felipe Martínez González
PLACE OF ORIGIN | Bogotá, Colombia
RESIDENCY | Saint Vincent’s Medical Center, Bridgeport, CT
FUTURE PLANS | Cardiothoracic radiology in an academic/private practice setting

James K. H. Woo
PLACE OF ORIGIN | Toronto, ON, Canada
RESIDENCY | University of British Columbia, Vancouver, BC, Canada
FUTURE PLANS | Cardiothoracic radiology in an academic/private practice setting

Travis S. Henry
PLACE OF ORIGIN | Morgantown, WV
RESIDENCY | Mallinckrodt Institute of Radiology, MO
FUTURE PLANS | Academics, location to be determined

Sushil Sonavane
PLACE OF ORIGIN | Mumbai, India
RESIDENCY | LTM General Hospital, Mumbai, India
FELLOWSHIPS | 1 yr in Pediatric Imaging and 2 yrs in Abdomen Imaging; all 3 yrs at Mallinckrodt Institute of Radiology, St. Louis, MO
FUTURE PLANS | Academics, location to be determined
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Sumit Singh
PLACE OF ORIGIN | Patna, Bihar, India
RESIDENCY | Assam, India
FUTURE PLANS | TBD

David Burns
PLACE OF ORIGIN | Kansas City, MO
RESIDENCY | University of Missouri – Columbia, MO
FUTURE PLANS | TBD

Scott Brandman
PLACE OF ORIGIN | Jericho, NY
RESIDENCY | Diagnostic Radiology, Hospital of St. Raphael, New Haven, CT
FUTURE PLANS | Academic career in cardiothoracic imaging

Suresh K. Chamarthi
PLACE OF ORIGIN | India
RESIDENCY | India and board certification from the United Kingdom
FUTURE PLANS | Academic radiology

Jitesh Ahuja
PLACE OF ORIGIN | India
RESIDENCY | India
FUTURE PLANS | Radiology staff job in India
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Rashmi Gupta
PLACE OF ORIGIN | India
RESIDENCY | India
FUTURE PLANS | Radiology staff job in India

Daniel Barnes
PLACE OF ORIGIN | United Kingdom
RESIDENCY | United Kingdom
FUTURE PLANS | Radiology staff job in UK

Elena Pena Fernandez
PLACE OF ORIGIN | Spain
RESIDENCY | Spain
FUTURE PLANS | Radiology staff job (Cardiothoracic) in our institution

Julia Prescott-Focht
PLACE OF ORIGIN | Born in Mitchell, SD but raised in a small nearby town (Parkston, SD)
RESIDENCY | University of Missouri – Kansas City, MO
FUTURE PLANS | Not sure! I hope to join a practice that is affiliated with a training program

Kyle Bertrand
PLACE OF ORIGIN | Indianapolis, IN
RESIDENCY | Indiana University, IN
FUTURE PLANS | Academic Radiology
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Kok Chye Tan
PLACE OF ORIGIN | Republic of Singapore
RESIDENCY | National University of Singapore – Singapore, China – MBBS
FUTURE PLANS | Be a good radiologist

David M. Naeger
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RESIDENCY | University of California, San Francisco, CA
FUTURE PLANS | Academic Radiology, Thoracic Radiology and Nuclear Medicine

Kathryn M. Olsen
PLACE OF ORIGIN | Rhinelander, WI
RESIDENCY | Wake Forest University, Winston Salem, NC (July 2005-June 2009), Radiology Imaging Associates, PC, Englewood, CO (July 2009- June 2010)
FUTURE PLANS | Promoting the clinical advancement of cardiac imaging in the community setting

Joseph Jen-Sho Chen
PLACE OF ORIGIN | Arcadia, CA
RESIDENCY | University of Maryland School of Medicine
FUTURE PLANS | Faculty member at an academic institution. Do clinical work, teach, and continue my research in cardiopulmonary radiology and imaging informatics

Shehab Elshazly
PLACE OF ORIGIN | Ontario, Canada
RESIDENCY | West Midlands Deanery, University of Birmingham, UK
FUTURE PLANS | To stay and practice as a Radiologist in the region
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Jeff Nadig
PLACE OF ORIGIN | Parma, OH
RESIDENCY | University of Michigan, MI
FUTURE PLANS | To stay in the area and work as a Radiologist

Hatice Savas
PLACE OF ORIGIN | Istanbul, Turkey
RESIDENCY | Selcuk University, Konya
FUTURE PLANS | To stay in the area and be a good Radiologist

Sidhdharth Damani
PLACE OF ORIGIN | Born in India and currently citizen of the United States.
RESIDENCY | Vadodara, India
FUTURE PLANS | To integrate thoracic radiology fellowship training into my work

João Rodrigues Inácio
PLACE OF ORIGIN | Lisbon, Portugal
RESIDENCY | University Hospital of Santa Maria, Lisbon, Portugal
FUTURE PLANS | Work in academic practice, in thoracic, cardiovascular and emergency imaging

Girish S. Shroff
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RESIDENCY | University of South Alabama, Mobile, AL
FUTURE PLANS | MSK fellowship and then job search