



STR Newsletter

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Death of Dr. Gordon Gamsu

The STR is deeply saddened to note the death of Dr. Gordon Gamsu, on January 13, 2009, in New York. Gordon was a very active member and past president of the STR. Among many other achievements, he was instrumental in the formation of the STR Research and Education Fund, and contributed to the training of a whole generation of thoracic radiologists. He is survived by his wife Gay Morris and his daughter Jessica Gamsu. Plans for a memorial are pending.



Valencia



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New *JTI* Editorial Team



Dr. Gautham Reddy

Update on World Congress of Thoracic Imaging (WCTI II)

Mayo 30 – June 2, 2009
Valencia, Spain

Dr. Jannette Collins encourages you to attend the second World Congress of Thoracic Imaging (WCTI-II). The Congress will be sponsored by the STR, Fleischner Society, European Society for Thoracic Imaging, Japanese Society of Thoracic Imaging, and Korean Society of Thoracic Imaging. The scientific program is available online at <http://www.geyseco.es/thoracicimaging.htm>. This promises to be a wonderful program in a beautiful setting. You won't want to miss it!

A record number of abstract submissions have been received for the Congress. Because of high degree of interest, the abstract deadline has been extended to February 5th. Deadline for early registration for the meeting is January 31, 2009: the registration fee will rise by €50 after that date.

STR Members on the Move

Dr. **Jannette Collins**, President of the STR, has accepted the position of Ben Felson Professor and Chair of Radiology at the University of Cincinnati. The start date will be February 1, 2009. Dr. Collins' new e-mail address will be: jannette.collins@healthall.com.

Dr. **Gautham Reddy** has assumed a position as Professor of Radiology, Director of Thoracic Imaging, and Vice Chair for Education in the Department of Radiology at the University of Washington on July 1, 2008. His new email address is reddyg@u.washington.edu.

Dr. **Jeffrey Kanne** will take up a position as Associate Professor and Vice Chair of Quality and Safety at the University of Wisconsin, Madison, on July 1, 2009. His new email address will be jkanne@gmail.com.

Members wishing to communicate their transitions to STR colleagues should submit a brief paragraph, with photograph if desired, to Jan Severson in the STR office (jan@matrixmeetings.com).

JTI New Editorial Team

Dr. Philip Boiselle, the new editor of the *Journal of Thoracic Imaging*, is pleased to announce several new additions to the JTI editorial team.

Deputy Editor: Dr Gautham Reddy

Dr. Reddy is a Professor of Radiology and Vice Chair for Education in the Department of Radiology at the University of Washington School of Medicine and Director of Thoracic Imaging at the University of Washington Medical Center, Harborview Medical Center, and the Seattle Cancer Care Alliance. He is the author or co-author of nearly 100 scientific articles, reviews, and book



Dr. U. Joseph Schoepf



Dr. Jane Ko

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chapters. He has been the lead author on a textbook and a CD-ROM, and he is the co-editor of an upcoming textbook. Dr. Reddy's research has focused on cardiovascular imaging, including MRI assessment of physiology in congenital and acquired heart disease, and the use of coronary CT angiography and MR angiography in patients with ischemic disease.

Associate Editor: Dr. U. Joseph Schoepf

Dr. Schoepf is a Professor with appointments in Radiology and Medicine (Cardiology) at the Medical University of South Carolina (MUSC) in Charleston, South Carolina. His main scientific interest is cardio-thoracic imaging, especially the use of multi detector-row CT and MRI for the diagnosis of coronary artery disease and pulmonary embolism. He is the author or co-author of over 120 scientific articles, and has edited three books.

Associate Editor: Dr. Jane Ko

Dr. Ko is an Associate Professor of Radiology at the New York University (NYU) School of Medicine. Dr. Ko's major research interests include image analysis technology, chest CT, and lung cancer, and she has authored numerous scientific and review articles related to these areas. She is a past recipient of the Radiological Society of North America Research and Education Foundation's Scholar Award and a current recipient of a National Institutes of Health Career Development Award.

News from the STR Executive Committee - November 2008

The STR Executive Committee met November 30, 2008 in Chicago, Illinois. Below are brief reports from some of the committees.

Membership Committee (Chair: Dr. Caroline Chiles)

Membership of the STR continues to climb at a regular rate. Dr. Chiles reported that the STR (as of October 2008) has a total membership of 663, with a 20% increase over the past 5 years.

Education Committee (Chair: Dr. Laura Heyneman)

Dr. Heyneman, explained that in 2010, there will be some changes in the SAMs, the evaluation forms, and the syllabus. These would include the faculty member asking 6 or 7 questions for each module, continuing to educate the audience on the use of the keypads, and simplifying yet completely evaluating the faculty.

Electronic Media Committee (Chair: Dr. Eric Stern)

The committee has received a three-year unrestricted grant from GE for \$20,000 per year, to maintain current free access to the web-based educational offerings, as well as developing, capturing, producing, and publishing educational content from future meetings. Several of the 2008 meeting courses are now on-line. The committee is exploring the option of working with CMEInfo.com to produce and sell some talks from future STR meetings.

Research Committee (Chair: Dr. Jeremy Erasmus)

The Research Committee has three new members: Drs. Copley, Gladish, and Martinez. Six grants were reviewed in 2008. To help with review of the growing number of submitted grants, the PI or senior sponsor/



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If you would like to be on one of these committees, let the STR President-Elect, Dr. Charles White, know at 410-328-3477.

collaborator of successful grants may be requested to participate in grant review in the subsequent year.

The Research Committee has formed a liaison with the Inter-Organizational Research Council (IORC) to coordinate research support/funding. There is a major need for increased funding of the Research and Education fund to stabilize our research funding. Contributors to the Research & Education fund and the Jack Westcott fund are listed elsewhere in this issue.

Rules Committee (Chair: Dr. John Wandtke)

Dr. Wandtke, committee chair, offered an amendment to the bylaws that was approved unanimously by the Executive Committee. The members will be asked to vote on this change at the May-June meeting in Valencia, Spain. The amendment reads:

(The new addition is the last sentence and is in BOLD.)

ARTICLE IV Membership

Section 4.5. **EMERITUS MEMBERS.** Emeritus Members shall be designated from among the Senior Membership and shall be those individuals who have permanently retired from active practice. They are exempt from all dues and assessments and have all the rights of Senior Members, except the right to hold office. Designation of Emeritus Members shall be by the Executive Committee. Emeritus Members shall be selected from Senior Members who request such status. **To be considered for selection to the Emeritus Members status, a member should have been an active Senior Member for at least 7 years.**

Standards Committee (Chair: Dr. Loren Ketai)

The committee is actively involved with the RSNA structured radiology reporting project (see summer newsletter), and Dr. Ketai plans to send a survey regarding this in the near future. The multi-society guideline for evaluation of suspected pulmonary emboli, championed by Dr. Anne Leung, is progressing well.

Development and Corporate Support Committee (Chair: Dr. Robert Gilkeson)

The STR is actively working to develop relationships with the imaging industry. Dr. Gilkeson is seeking to put together a Blue Ribbon committee to seek commitments and support from industry.

Members with industry contacts are asked to provide the information to the STR office or to Dr. Gilkeson (216-844-7437) as soon as possible.

ACR Representative Report

The STR was represented at the ACR 2008 Annual Meeting by Dr. Paul Molina. Two practice guidelines have been introduced that are of relevance to the STR: Performance of Image-Guided Percutaneous Needle Biopsy (http://www.acr.org/SecondaryMainMenuCategories/quality_safety/guidelines/iv/pnb.aspx) and Performance of Pediatric and Adult Thoracic Computed Tomography (http://www.acr.org/SecondaryMainMenuCategories/quality_safety/guidelines/dx/chest/ct_thoracic.aspx).

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