



STR Newsletter

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2007 ANNUAL MEETING

March 25 - 29, 2007

**Red Rock Resort,
Casino & Spa**

Las Vegas, Nevada



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2007 Annual Meeting and Postgraduate Course

The Red Rock Resort, Casino & Spa will be the site for the 2007 Society of Thoracic Radiology - Thoracic and Cardiac Imaging Annual Meeting, March 25-29, 2007.

The hotel at Red Rock is stunning: It is new, modern, warm, and elegant. It offers a spectacular view of either the Las Vegas Strip or the Red Rock mountains.

Plan to attend the 2007 STR meeting in Las Vegas, Nevada. Registration and brochure information can be found on the STR website at www.thoracicrad.org.

STR Executive Committee Report

H. Page McAdams (President)
Jud Gurney (President-elect)
Jannette Collins (Secretary)
Charles White (Treasurer)
Jeffrey Klein (Immediate Past President)
Reginald Munden (Past President)
John Wandtke (Rules Committee Chair)
Jeremy Erasmus (Research Committee Chair)
Joel Fishman (Scientific Session Chair)
Gerald Abbott (Education Committee Chair)
Ann Leung (Standards Committee Chair)
Phillip Boiselle (ACR Representative)
Caroline Chiles (Membership Committee Chair)
Eric Stern (Electronic Media Committee Chair)
Gautham Reddy (Awards Committee Chair)
R. C. Gilkeson (R&E Committee Chair)
Larry Goodman (Historian)



**Backyard of Red
Rock Casino, Resort
& Spa**



King hotel room

The Executive Committee met on November 28, 2006 during the RSNA meeting in Chicago, IL. The following are highlights of the meeting.

2007 Budget: The 2007 budget again showed a deficit. To reduce this deficit, it has been approved by the Executive Committee to increase 2007 dues by \$50. The goal of the Executive Committee is to balance the budget in the future.

World Congress of Thoracic Imaging-II (WCTI-II): A planning meeting was held for this joint meeting (five societies) to be held in Valencia, Spain, May 30 – June 2, 2009. Dr. Jose Vilar from Spain will serve as the chair for the Congress. Since the 2005 WCTI-I was a success, the STR will again participate in this meeting. A deposit from each society will be held in escrow until the meeting has been closed. The focus of the meeting has not yet been determined.

Intersociety Collaboration:

The STR will attempt to formalize relationships with other societies including the ATS, ACCP, and Fleischner Society. Although there will not be a joint meeting with the Fleischner Society in 2008, informal communication suggests the Fleischner Society may be interested in holding a joint meeting in the year after the next World Congress (2010).

A "Speakers Bureau" for the purpose of having STR speakers available to speak at other society meetings was discussed. Since many STR members belong to a number of societies and wear many hats, it may be difficult for a presenter to be identified as an STR speaker. More information to come...

2007 Annual Meeting:

Costs: To contain costs, there will be one reception, one breakfast for spouses and family members, and a one-page summary per



Cherry Pool

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MD

Committees

presentation for the syllabus. After the first day, coffee and juice only will be available in the hospitality room for spouses and family members.

Awards: The Jack Westcott award will be presented this year for the best scientific paper presented by a medical student, resident, or fellow at the Annual Meeting. The award is \$1,000. Case-of-the-day awards will be announced early in the week to promote younger physician's involvement. A Gold Medal Award winner was selected and will be announced at the meeting.

Posters: Over 100 abstracts were submitted. The number accepted will be determined by quality, space, and financial considerations.

Capturing of Presentations: The Executive Committee approved CRM (the company that did the capturing last year) to tape the Monday through Wednesday 2007 Annual Meeting presentations for the website.

25th Anniversary: Some of the 1982 theme activities to be included are:

- A special Silver Anniversary lecture will be given by Dr. Carl Ravin
- Historical "filler" information
- A 1982 Trivia Quiz on Monday
- Recognition of attending Founding Members
- A group photograph of attending Founding Members
- Special page on the history of the Society in the syllabus

Research: A 2007 budget was approved for seed grants. The Academy of Radiology Research invoice for 2007 will be paid.

Bylaws: The Executive Committee reviewed the revisions to be sent to the membership prior to the 2007 business meeting.

Reaccreditation: The ACCME face-to-face interview will be held with the ACCME in Chicago on March 2 and an on-site interview is scheduled during the Annual Meeting on March 28.

Involvement in Standards: The STR will continue to be involved in the RadLex project.

Annual Meeting Review: The STR considered past meetings and what should remain the same and what could be changed. Changes being considered include:

- Starting the meeting on Saturday
- Omit Thursday meeting
- Increase registration fees for members
- Potentially consider a "Fall meeting" supported by industry

Committee Reports

Below are selected STR committee reports. Thank you to all who submitted the reports.

Gerald Abbott - Chair, Kitt Shaffer, J. Michael Holbert, Todd Hazelton, Laura Heyneman, Joan Lacomis, Brian Mullen, Steven Primack, Shawn Teague, Suhny Abbara, John Worrell

ACCME Accreditation

Final accreditation of the STR by the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME) is anticipated in July 2007, pending successful completion of an ACCME review of the Society's educational activities. The STR's current provisional status allows it to accredit and grant category 1 credit for the 2007 Annual Meeting. The review of the Society's educational activities will be done in a two-step process: A face to face interview in Chicago with two site surveyors and an on-site review of the educational program on Wednesday during the Annual Meeting in Las Vegas with one surveyor.

Self-assessment modules (SAMS)

The STR will offer two SAMS on Monday of the 2007 Annual Meeting. The focus of the modules will be pulmonary vascular imaging and HRCT of diffuse lung disease.

Meeting Evaluation

The STR will again have an evaluation booklet. Those that complete the evaluation process and return their booklet will receive a complimentary gift – a custom-designed deck of playing cards featuring the STR logo.

On-Line Lectures – STR Web Site

A subcommittee is reviewing the existing lectures posted on the STR web site and will offer its recommendations for retention or replacement.

Practice Performance Improvement

Dr. Abbott represented the STR at the American Board of Radiology (ABR) **Practice Performance Improvement (PPI) Summit** meeting on August 19th in Chicago. The ABR's overall MOC program was approved by the American Board of Medical Specialties in March 2006. The Summit provided an opportunity to learn about PPI and enable the education committee to address any questions posed by STR members and to consider ways to help STR members meet MOC requirements over the ten-year maintenance of certification (MOC) cycles.

Physics Education in Diagnostic Radiology

Dr. Abbott will attend the RSNA Work Group "Physics Education Conference" in Dallas in February, 2007. Participants will discuss how to improve physics education across the spectrum of medical training in radiology from residency training and throughout practice.

Jud Gurney (President-elect), Jannette Collins, Gerald Abbott, STR office

Eric Stern - Chair, Jeffrey Galvin, Maria Shiau, Alexander Bankier, Peter Canady, Michael Sneider, Gregory Johnson, Tom Warfel, Anne Curtis

The committee has reviewed and approved all the electronically captured educational material from the spring annual meeting. Google analysis was performed to monitor website usage. (Note below the graphs.)

Bids have been received for the 2007 presentations capture. The committee is discussing which material from the 2007 program should be targeted for capture.

Interested in increasing your participation in the STR?

There are many STR committees that foster growth and excellence in the field of cardiothoracic imaging.

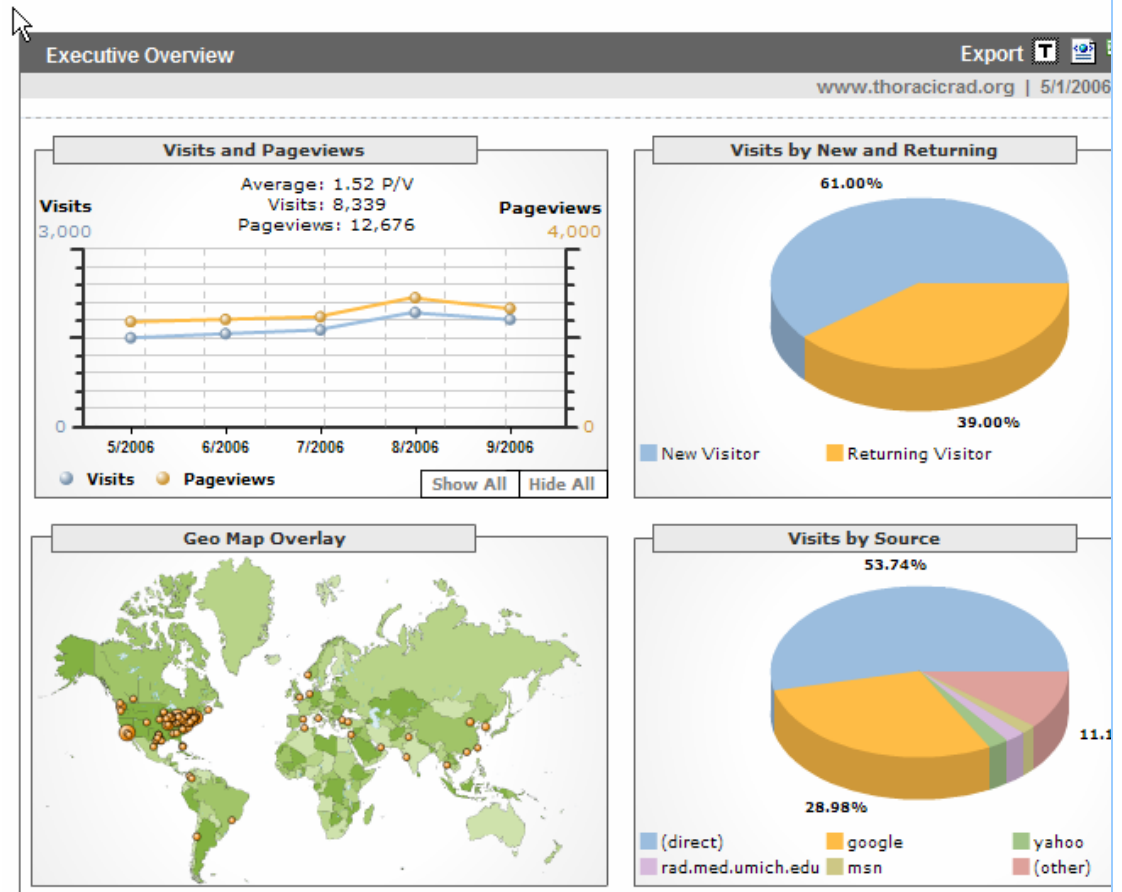
Participation on an STR committee does make a difference!!

**CME
Sub-committee**

*Electronic Media
Committee*

The committee discussed possible alternatives to the current approach as well as possible revenue sources from our educational material. These ideas will be further discussed at our next meeting. Some of these concepts are:

- 1) Separate capturing and development for the website - This could mean capturing a larger portion of the meeting and then releasing it over a longer period of time i.e., cardiac now, pulmonary 3 months from now, HRCT 6 months from now, etc. This might allow the perception of the material staying current over a longer period of time.
- 2) Subscriptions for individuals (lower payment for members) to access the web presentations - 1 time
- 3) A one time fee for web access to presentations.



*Historical
Committee*

Larry Goodman (Historian) - Chair, Philip Goodman, Melissa Rosado de Christenson, Eric Stern, Jean Chalaoui, Frederick Stitik, Robert Steiner, Jud Gurney (Ex Officio-President-elect)

*Membership
Committee*

Caroline Chiles - Chair, Thomas Hartman, Jean Chalaoui, Greg Gladish

It was noted the In-Training membership had grown to 25 members since membership was provided to residents on a complimentary basis. This doubles the number of in-training members.

Current membership statistics for the Society of Thoracic Radiology are:

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
<i>Senior member</i>	427	429	455	464	475	505	511
<i>Associate</i>	0	3	4	6	9	8	5
<i>In-training</i>	15	15	23	18	20	14	25
<i>Honorary</i>	6	9	9	9	9	9	9
<i>Emeritus</i>	43	48	50	57	59	65	68
TOTAL	491	504	541	554	572	601	618

Dropped members for 2006: 17

A reminder that if you have thoracic imaging fellows in your program or a colleague who is interested in joining us, the membership application can be found on the STR web site (www.thoracicrad.org).

Nominating Committee

Reginald Munden - Chair, H. Page McAdams (President), John Wandtke (Rules Chair)

A candidate has been chosen for the position of Secretary of the Society. His/her name will be submitted for election at the 2007 Annual Business Meeting.

Publications Committee

Jannette Collins (Secretary) - Chair, Jane Ko, Pat Mergo, Ralph Drosten

Research Committee

Jeremy Erasmus - Chair, Hiroto Hatabu, Michael Brooks, Geoffrey Rubin, Jonathan Goldin, James Gruden, Ed Donnelly, Kavita Garg

\$50,000 was approved/allocated for research support for the fiscal year.

Three applications were received for STR seed grant support. Grants were reviewed by members of the Research Committee. Grants were scored and one grant has been provisionally approved for funding (\$25,000). To date this grant has not been re-submitted.

The STR has a liaison to the Inter Organizational Research Council coordinating research support/funding i.e., RSNA/ACR, SRU, SBI, STR, SCBT-MR, ARRS, RRA/AUR and the SIR Foundation. Information on awards, fellowships, and courses will be posted on the IORC website. An electronic common application was discussed as an additional way to streamline the application process.

Rules Committee

John Wandtke - Chair, Melissa Rosado de Christenson, Kay Vydareny, H. Page McAdams (ex-officio – President), Jannette Collins (ex-officio – Secretary)

The Rules Committee will be updating the Constitution and Bylaws which serves as a guide to officers and members of this Society. Changes being considered include:

- President appoints committee chairs and the appointments are approved by the Executive Committee.
- Committee chairs are being asked to review their committee description and make necessary revisions.
- Make the Intersociety Ad Hoc Committee a permanent committee.
- Add a Development and Corporate Relations Committee charged with fund raising for the STR.
- Propose the STR annual meeting and special meeting notice be changed to: 30 days in advance by mail or 7 days in advance by email.

Changes will be adopted/rejected at the 2007 Annual Business Meeting. Additional changes regarding organizational structure and membership may be necessary due to the growth of the STR.

*Standards
Committee*

Ann Leung - Chair, Loren Ketai, Hrudaya Nath, Helen Winer-Muram, Mark Parker, Edith Marom, Irena Tocino, Pam Woodard, David Hansell, Claudia Henschke

At the request of the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality, members of the Standards Committee reviewed "Non-invasive imaging for coronary artery disease", a document that had been developed by the Duke Evidence-based Practice Center to facilitate informed discussion at the Medicare Coverage Advisory Committee. A special thanks to Dr. Charles White who served as an ad hoc committee member in this review process. The Standards Committee has also been working with Drs. Curtis Langlotz and Theresa McLoud of the RNSA Radlex Steering Committee to review and revise the lexicon for thoracic radiology. The goal of the Radlex project is to develop a single language that can be used to describe salient aspects of an imaging examination to facilitate organization of multiple diverse information sources. The Standards Committee is slated to meet during RSNA to develop new initiatives.

*Awards
Committee*

Gautham Reddy - Chair, Elizabeth Moore, Tomas Franquet, Mylene Truong, Narinder Paul, Annetta Frazier, Joel Fishman (Scientific Sessions Chair)

**Gold Medal
Awards Sub-
committee**

Carl Zylak - Chair, Jeffrey Galvin, Stephen Swensen, Sanford Rubin

*Program
Committee*

Jud Gurney (President-elect) - Chair, Jannette Collins (Secretary), Charles White (Treasurer), Phillip Boiselle (ACR Representative), Gerald Abbott (Education Chair), Gautham Reddy (Awards Chair), Joel Fishman (Scientific Session Chair), R. C. Gilkeson (R&E Chair), Eric Stern (Electronic Media Chair)

*Scientific
Sessions
Committee*

Joel Fishman - Chair, Cris Meyer -Vice Chair, Paul Cronin, Sanjeev Bhalla, Tan-Lucien Mohammed, Sujal Desai, Gautham P. Reddy (Awards Chair)

*R&E Fund
Committee*

R. C. (Chip) Gilkeson - Chair, Reginald Munden, U. Joseph Schoepf, Geoffrey Rubin

*ARR
Representative*

David Lynch

*ACR
Representative*

Phillip Boiselle, Paul Molina-alternate

**Ad Hoc
Committees**

*Intersociety
Relations
Committee*

Ad Hoc Committees

Jeffrey Klein - Chair, Jonathan Goldin, Phillip Boiselle (ACR Representative), Paul Molina (Alternate ACR Rep), David Lynch (ATS AND ARR Representative), Jeffrey Kanne, Geoffrey Rubin, Andre Duerinckx, Ella Kazerooni, Robert Steiner, Dewey Conces, David Hansell, Lisa Diethelm, Robert Tarver, Alan Brody, Theresa McLoud.

ATS: David Lynch, our liaison to the ATS, has been appointed to the ATS International Congress Committee. He will be the moderator for the 2007 ATS Postgraduate Course in Radiology. Our goal for the future will be for STR to co-sponsor this course with the ATS so the STR can put its name on this course. Jeff

*Annual Meeting
Assessment
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Klein has been named to the ATS Training Committee and will be involved in a session at the 2007 ATS meeting geared towards pulmonary/critical care fellows. Jeff has encouraged the ATS Training Committee to encourage their fellows to attend the STR annual postgraduate course and to view the STR online lecture series developed by the electronic media committee.

ACR: Phil Boiselle is the representative to the ACR, with Paul Molina his alternate. Paul attended the 2006 ACR meeting on the STR's behalf and was involved in discussions of "pay for performance" initiatives being created by the AMA. ACR practice guidelines for portable chest radiography, pediatric and adult chest radiography were reviewed by the Standards Committee.

Fleischner: The Fleischner Society opted not to pursue a joint meeting with the STR for 2008.

STS: Lisa Diethelm is our contact with the STS, and we hope to promote an imaging session at their annual meeting.

ACCP: Dewey Conces was invited to the ACCP annual meeting in October as the STR representative but was unable to attend. He will make contact with the ACCP about STR participating in their annual meeting, consensus statements, and committees.

Reginald Munden - Chair, H. Page McAdams, Jud Gurney, R.C. Gilkeson, Ella Kazerooni, Donald Frush, Jannette Collins, Phillip Boiselle, (STR office)

