



STR Newsletter

Spring 2004

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*276 Registrations
as of March 01
increase of 20% as
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Scientific
Abstracts to be
Presented

- 35 Posters
- 15 Oral

2004 Thoracic Annual Meeting

The STR 2004 meeting will be at the Westin Mission Hills Resort in Rancho Mirage, California from March 28 - April 1. This is a luxurious resort with Spanish-Moorish architecture and landscaping that was remodeled in 2001. Facilities include a full service spa, 3 pools, tennis, world-class golf, hiking, biking, and basketball and soccer areas. In addition, it is only minutes from the glitz and glamour of Palm Springs, California. Even if you like the cold and snow, there is a reason to come join us.

Meeting highlights include the *Benjamin Felson Memorial Lecture* which will be given by thoracic surgeon Stephen G. Swisher* (more information later in newsletter), on "Multidisciplinary Care of Thoracic Malignancies: A Thoracic Surgeon's Perspective of the Radiologist's Role," a very hot topic given the rapid

advances in imaging technology. The *Scanlon Symposium on Lung Cancer* will cover topics from screening to diagnosis, intervention to staging, and imaging pitfalls, as well as the role of advanced technologies, such as fast multidetector CT and CT/PET. The *Unknown Film Panel* is always a highlight to see if the experts really know their stuff when the pressure is on!

This is a world-class Thoracic Imaging meeting with emphasis on cardiac and pulmonary imaging. So, toss aside your winter clothes for a week and join us for Thoracic Imaging 2004 at the Mission Hills Resort in Rancho Mirage, California.



*"No golfer can ever
become too good to
practice"* May Hezlet



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Thoracic Imaging
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Programs

2005



The first annual World Congress of Thoracic Imaging will be held during May of 2005 in Florence, Italy. The preliminary program containing registration, hotel accomodation, and abstract submission information will be circulated in spring 2004. The program will be designed to appeal to pulmonologists as well as radiologists. A few of the main topics will be: molecular imaging, computer aided diagnosis, imaging in the critically ill, idiopathic interstitial pneumonias, and multidetector CT. The program will include joint plenary sessions and parallel tracts, one designed for radiologists and one for pulmonologists.

The Congress will be held at the Palazzo dei Congressi, Piazza Aduè 1, a semi-circular auditorium with 1,000 seats. Further information will be posted at www.oic.it/thoracicimaging as it becomes available.



Current Fellows at STR Fellowship Programs

Thoracic Radiology Fellowship Programs are located in 32 different institutions around the United States and Canada.

Below are several institutions with current thoracic imaging fellows.

The following institutions have one individual in their fellowship program: *Duke University*, *Mallinckrodt Institute – Washington University*, *University of California – San Francisco*, *University of Colorado*, and the *University of Miami*. Both *Albert Einstein College of Medicine* and the *University of Maryland* have two fellows in their thoracic radiology programs. *Massachusetts General Hospital* has one clinical fellow and two research fellows while the *University of British Columbia* has three fellows in their program. The institution that reported the largest number of fellows in thoracic radiology was the *University of Michigan* with four! The STR congratulates all of the institutions on attracting young physicians to the field of thoracic imaging.

Journal of Thoracic Imaging Names New Editor



After five years of service, Dr. Jeffrey Klein is stepping down as the Editor of the *Journal of Thoracic Imaging*. Dr. Charles White of the University of Maryland has accepted the position of editor, beginning summer 2004. Here are some of his thoughts regarding the future of the journal.

My first step on becoming the new editor of the *Journal of Thoracic Imaging* is to extend my heartfelt thanks to outgoing editor, Dr. Jeffrey Klein, on a job well done. He and his predecessors, Drs. Eric Milne, Sandy Rubin, and Rick Webb, conceived and cultivated a journal that has evolved into an unquestioned cornerstone of thoracic radiology. I look forward to building on this strong foundation.

During my editorship, the Journal will continue to publish the popular invited symposia and state-of-the-art articles that are its hallmark. Current valuable features, such as the computers-in-radiology series, will be maintained and I anticipate that others will be added in time. Original and authoritative peer-reviewed articles in both pulmonary and cardiovascular imaging will remain a centerpiece of the Journal.

Among my most important priorities is the strengthening of the formal relationship between the Journal of Thoracic Imaging and the Society of Thoracic Radiology that was begun under Dr. Klein's direction in 2000. Fostering this affiliation can only be of mutual benefit to both parties, and will likely take the form of increased inclusion of the proceedings of the Society in the pages of the Journal.

Thoracic radiology is truly global in scope. Compelling evidence of the reality of this is the upcoming international meeting of thoracic radiology in Florence, Italy next year. Both the Journal and the Society will have prominent roles at this landmark meeting. My vision is that the Journal of Thoracic Imaging and the Society of Thoracic Radiology, in partnership, will continue to expand their world-class leadership in thoracic radiology.

* Benjamin Felson Lecturer

Dr. Stephen G. Swisher is an Associate Professor, Associate Surgeon and Director of the Esophageal Cancer Program in the Department of Thoracic and Cardiovascular Surgery at the University of Texas M.D. Anderson Cancer Center. He is a world expert in the treatment of lung and esophageal cancers and has given over 158 presentations and lectures at national and international conferences. He also has extensive research experience in lung and esophageal cancer and has recently focused on developing novel gene therapy strategies to treat lung and esophageal cancer. He is the Principal Investigator of the initial Phase I trial evaluating treatment of non-small cell lung cancer with intratumoral Ad-p53 and the first Phase II trial to evaluate the efficacy of radiation therapy and intratumoral Ad-p53 to treat patients with locoregionally advanced non-small cell lung cancer. Dr. Swisher will present the 2004 annual Ben Felson Memorial Lecture, titled "Multidisciplinary Care of Thoracic Malignancies: A Thoracic Surgeon's Perspective of the Radiologist's Role".

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STR Committee Updates

Research Committee

The First Annual Research Forum in Miami Beach resulted in several excellent ideas for promoting research, including identification of research priorities, developing subspecialized research interest groups, promoting relations with sister societies, and creating a section of the STR website for those interested in participating in multi-center studies.

Email solicitations will shortly be sent out to solicit participation in research interest groups.

One practical outcome of the meeting was a proposal to allow the Seed Grants to provide limited salary support. With the approval of the Executive Committee, it was agreed that up to 50% of the amount of the grant would be available for salary support.

Dr. David Lynch is the STR representative to the Academy of Radiology Research (ARR). This group is actively involved in lobbying for support for imaging research both at the newly established National Institute for Biomedical Imaging and Bioengineering and at other NIH Institutes. Ed Nagy, the executive director of the ARR, is interested in helping the society develop a relationship with the NHLBI. It may be helpful for the Society to develop a panel of radiologists who would be available to review imaging-related grants on specific topics. Anybody who has suggestions or concerns about the NHLBI review process for imaging-related grants, or other suggestions for ARR activities, should contact Dr. Lynch at david.lynch@uchsc.edu.

Upcoming grant deadlines

June 15

October 15

Please plan to attend the 2004 Thoracic Imaging Research Forum at the STR Annual Meeting: March 31, 2004, 12-1 PM.

STR Seeks Self Accreditation

The Society will be seeking accreditation through the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME) in 2004. The self-study will be done this spring and summer.