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STR Gold Medalist

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S. David Rockoff, M.D.

The first gold medal award of the Society of Thoracic Radiology was awarded on this 25th anniversary year to Dr. S. David Rockoff. The purpose of this award is to recognize a person who has rendered distinguished or extraordinary service to the Society of Thoracic Radiology or has made outstanding contributions to the science of cardiothoracic imaging. As such, the award is not necessarily limited to Society members, nor is the Society under obligation to present the award annually, although that is the intention.

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*Members Business
Meeting*



Film Panel

Dr. Rockoff, regarded by many as the founding father of our society, organized a meeting of radiologists interested in furthering the science and practice of thoracic radiology, at the RSNA in 1982. From this meeting, the Society of Thoracic Radiology was born. Dr. Rockoff was the founding president of the Society, and served as the executive director for 3 years, assuring its orderly development in those early years. As the letters of support written on Dr. Rockoff's behalf attest, it was largely through his dogged persistence that the Society of Thoracic Radiology came into being, and has now grown into a strong organization with over 600 members.

Over the past 25 years, many of the goals originally envisioned by Dr. Rockoff have become realized. The steady growth in membership of the Society and formalizing the training and curriculum of Cardiothoracic Radiologists are just two of his goals.

Having graduated from Syracuse University and receiving his M.D. degree from Albany Medical College and a Master of Science in Radiology from the University of Pennsylvania, Dr. Rockoff enlisted in the U.S. Navy taking his internship at the National Naval Medical Center in Bethesda, Maryland. His interest in chest disease was demonstrated very early when he became the Assistant Director for Tuberculosis Control in the Navy in 1956. After his radiology training at the University of Pennsylvania under the late Dr. Eugene Pendergrass, Dr. Rockoff became chest and research radiologist at the National Institutes of Health. It was during this time that he founded the Journal of Investigative Radiology. He then served on the faculties of Yale and Washington Universities, and subsequently was selected to be Chairman of Radiology at The George Washington University Medical Center in 1971 at the tender age of 39. As such, he acquired the third CT scanner in the United States and the fourth in the world. He is also noted for having helped in the treatment of President Ronald Reagan following the assassination attempt in 1983 and co-authored the only first hand account of the medical aspects of that event.

Dr. Rockoff was an appropriate person to have been the prime mover for starting and developing the Society of Thoracic Radiology. He has been a thoracic radiologist for over 45 years and has trained many radiologists in this specialty, many whom are members of the Society. Today, he is retired but continues to publish and write radiology articles. Although, Dr. Rockoff could not attend the meeting in person to receive this award, he does send his apologies, best wishes, and conveys his great thanks and gratitude to the Society for this signal honor.

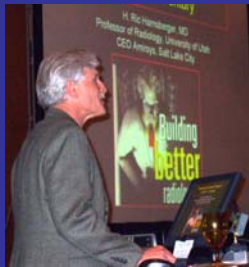
2007 Annual Meeting Summary

The Society of Thoracic Radiology celebrated its 25th anniversary at the 2007 annual meeting, held March 25-29 at the Red Rock Resort, Casino & Spa in Las Vegas. With about 430 physicians from 45 countries in attendance, the meeting showcased a strong international base and proved a great success. The quality speakers kept the audience in their seats and away from the slots throughout the week, dispelling casino hopes of a bonanza from free-spending, loose-living radiologists.

The first recipient of the Society's Gold Medal Award for outstanding lifetime achievement was Dr. S. David Rockoff, the first President of STR. Although Dr. Rockoff was not able to attend the meeting, he sent his thanks and bestwishes to the Society.



*Red Rock Resort, Casino & Spa
Las Vegas, Nevada*



*Benjamin Felson
Lecture*

Dr. H. Ric Harnsberger gave the Benjamin Felson memorial lecture on *The Evolution of Information@ the Viewbox*. Dr. Warren Geffer was the guest speaker for the Scanlon Symposium on Pulmonary Physiology. The energetic efforts of Dr. Gerry Abbott and his team allowed the sessions on Interstitial Lung Disease and Pulmonary Vascular Imaging to be offered as self-assessment modules. Dr. Shawn Teague moderated an interactive cardiac workshop, using several different workstation models. An audience response system, available throughout the meeting, proved that the audience was usually awake and retaining information. The ever-popular Film Panel, moderated in gentlemanly style by Dr. Phillip Boiselle, pitted founding members against current officers in a close battle that proved that the founding members have forgotten more than their juniors will ever know.

The quality and number of scientific presentations continues to improve. This year, 110 abstracts were received, from which 21 were selected as oral presentations, and 66 as poster presentations. The first Jack Westcott Award for the best oral presentation given by a resident was to Dr. Terrance Healey, from Brown Medical School-Rhode Island Hospital, for his presentation on *Chronic Effects of Smoke Inhalation on Inspiratory and Expiratory 64-row Multidetector HRCT*. Awards for posters are listed below.

Thanks to Dr. Eric Stern for his outstanding photography: more photos are available on the website. **(Check the STR website for the 25th Anniversary presentation and more photos of the meeting.)**

25 Years Worth Celebrating

Dr. Larry Goodman, chair of the Historical Committee, coordinated the celebration of the Society's 25th Anniversary. Society members at the meeting received commemorative mugs and a replica of the brochure from the 1982 meeting. A trivia contest tested members' knowledge and memories of 1982. A video montage in the Exhibit Hall featured flattering

pictures of various society members and meeting brochures. Sixteen remarkably youthful-looking founding members (photographed below) attended a special luncheon. At the STR reception, Dr. McAdams offered a champagne toast to the Society.



Founding members at luncheon

STR Membership

The steady increase in the number of senior members and members-in-training is most encouraging. The number of members-in-training has doubled during the past year.

Membership statistics:

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
Senior member	427	429	455	464	475	505	522
Associate	0	3	4	6	9	8	5
In-training	15	15	23	18	20	14	31
Honorary	6	9	9	9	9	9	9
Emeritus	43	48	50	57	59	65	68
TOTAL	491	504	541	554	572	601	634

The membership application can be found on the STR web site (www.thoracicrad.org).

STR Research

STR seed grants are becoming increasingly competitive. Six proposals were submitted in February 2007.

Several previous grant recipients have indicated that the seed grant program was important to them in developing their academic career. Dr. Michael Sneider was awarded a grant for a project entitled "Multidetector computed tomography in the evaluation of acute chest pain in the emergency department" in 2002. The grant helped him develop solid methodology for this project, and he has continued in academic radiology; he is now Assistant Residency Program Director at Christiana Care Health System in Newark, DE. Dr. Mizuki Nishino was awarded a STR research seed grant for a project entitled "Loss of Anteroposterior Intralobar Attenuation Gradient of the Lung: Correlation with Pulmonary Function" in 2005. The results were presented at the First World Congress of Thoracic Imaging, and were published in *Academic Radiology* in 2006. Dr. Nishino is currently a radiology resident at Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center, and planning to pursue a career in academic radiology.

*From left to right
in photo:*

Drs. Zylak, Miller,
Matthews, L.
Goodman, Reich,
Sagel, Muhm,
Rubin, Barnhard,
Chalaoui, Khan,
Grossman, Gefter,
Newell, Steiner,
Godwin

*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!!*

STR Bylaws

The STR has updated its Bylaws, as suggested by the Rules Committee. The current bylaws can be found on the STR website at www.thoracicrad.org.

STR Annual Meeting Awards

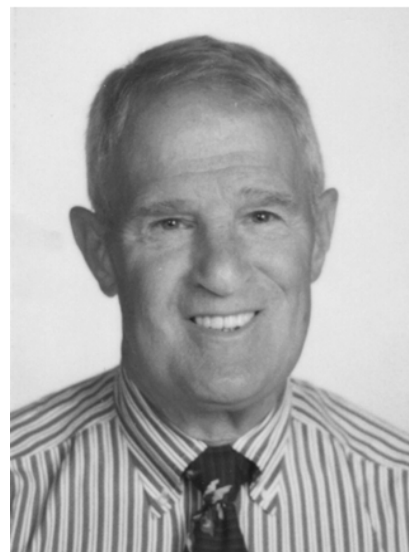
Please join the STR in congratulating the following award winners, their institutions and their mentors:

Oral Presentations

The first **JACK WESTCOTT AWARD** was given to the best oral presentation by a resident. The award was given by Dr. Irena Tocino to **Terrance T. Healey, MD** at Brown Medical School-Rhode Island Hospital for his presentation entitled *Chronic Effects of Smoke Inhalation on Inspiratory and Expiratory 64-row Multidetector HRCT*. His co-authors were Dr. Gerald Abbott, ML Stanchina, and SS Braman.



Terrance T. Healey, MD



1932 – 2003
Jack L. Westcott, MD

Jack Westcott Award
for best oral abstract
presented by a
resident

Best Oral Paper Presented by a Fellow to Sebastian Ley, MD

The paper was entitled *Impact of Different ECG Gating Methods and Breathing Schema on MRI Flow Measurements in the Pulmonary and Systemic Circulation* from the German Cancer Research Center with Drs. J. Ley-Zaporozhan, M. Puderbach, and H-U. Kauczor as co-authors.

Poster Presentations

MDCT Evaluation of Tracheobronchial Stenoses – Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center - Jay R. Catena, MD, D. Litmanovich, A. Ernst, V. Dialani, PW Spirn, PM Boiselle

NTM (Non-Tuberculous Mycobacterium) Diseases at CT: New Five Forms and Its Schematic Illustrations – Chung-Ang University Medical Center - Semin Chong, MD, TS Kim, KS Lee, WJ Koh, J. Han

Poster Awards

Magna Cum Laude

- Jay Catena

Cum Laude

- Semin Chong
- Tadesse Eshetu
- A. Goela
- Kei Yamada

Certificate of Merit

- Edem Chen
- Matthew Gilman
- Yuen-Li Ng
- Demetris Patsios
- Janice Sung
- J.G. Yi

PET/CT and Endoscopic Ultrasound (EUS) in Management of Esophageal Carcinoma: A Pictorial Review – The Cleveland Clinic Foundation - Tadesse Eshetu, MD, SN Shah, T-LH Mohammed

A Practical Approach to Cardiac Findings on the Standard MDCT of the Thorax for Non-Cardiac Radiologists – Massachusetts General Hospital - A. Goela, MD, SR Digumarthy, A. Sharma, S. Abbara, JO Shepard

MDCT Evaluation of Congenital Airway Abnormalities Presenting in Children and Adults – Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center - Kei Yamada, MD, EY Lee, A. Ernst, DM Boyer, D. Feller-Kopman, PM Boiselle

Combined Endoscopic and Endobronchial Ultrasound Find Needle Aspiration for Mediastinal Staging of Lung Carcinoma – Mayo Clinic Jacksonville - BL McComb, JMS Pascual, Edem F. Chen, MD, M. Raimondo, TA Woodward, MM Johnson, M. Al-Haddad, J. Hardee, J. Odell, MB Wallace

Expanding the Differential Diagnosis of Cystic Lung Disease at HRCT – University of Cincinnati Medical Center - Matthew D. Gilman, MD, FX McCormack, CA Meyer

Imaging of Lung Transplantation – Saarland University Medical Center - Yuen-Li Ng, MD, N. Paul, A. Walsham, TB Chung, D. Patsios, S. Keshavjee, G. Weisbrod

Low-Dose Computed Tomography as a Screening Tool Post Prior Asbestos Exposure for Early Lung Cancer and Mesothelioma - University Health Network and Mount Sinai Hospital - Demetris Patsios, MD, H. Bayanati, G. Dong, N. Paul, M. Johnston, H. Roberts

PET/CT of Lung Cancer: An Educational Exhibit – Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania - Janice Sung, MD, WB Geffer, A. Alavi, DA Torigian

Various Findings of Breast Lesions on Routine Chest CT- Konkuk University Hospital - J.G. Yi, MD, JH Park, SJ Kim

Case of Day

1st place - *Keith Begelman, MD* (member) received a book entitled Book "Diagnostic Imaging – Chest" by Dr. Gurney et al donated by Elsevier Publishing.

2nd place - *Sudhakar Pipavath, MD* (Member) received a book entitled "Cardiac Imaging-Case Review Series" by Dr. Reddy et al donated by the author.

Case of the Day Awards

Contact the STR office to have your name placed on a list of potential STR committee members to be considered for a 2008 appointment.

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TO ATTEND:*

STR Standards

The Standards Committee is currently organizing an effort, led by Dr Ann Leung, to develop an interdisciplinary position paper on the optimal work-up and imaging of suspected pulmonary embolism in pregnancy. We have invited the participation of members of the American Thoracic Society, the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists, and the American Association of Physicists in Medicine. Interested members of these societies are currently seeking the endorsement and financial support of their respective Executive Committees. Once the scope of the project and society participants have been finalized, we would like to complete the project within a 12 - 18 month time period.

STR Intersociety Activities

The intersociety committee continues to develop relationships with the allied societies including ATS, ACCP, STS, ACR, Fleischner, and ESTI.

David Lynch is a member of the ATS International Conference Committee, and is working on developing a co-sponsorship of the annual postgraduate imaging course held at the beginning of each ATS meeting.

Jeff Klein is a member of the ATS Training Committee, and will be doing a session for pulmonary/critical care fellows at 2007 ATS. He will encourage pulmonary fellows to access our on-line lectures and attend the annual STR postgraduate course. We are also trying to encourage the ATS to include STR radiologists on consensus statements requiring imaging input.

Phil Boiselle continues in his role as the STR's ACR representative, with Paul Molina as his alternate.

Dewey Conces is working on developing a relationship with the ACCP and determine if our members can perhaps provide imaging expertise in imaging at their annual meeting.

Lisa Diethelm is making contacts with the STS to see how we can work with the thoracic surgical society.

STR NEW WEBSITE

The STR has launched a new website. The format is different and all the information is updated. Please be sure to check the website at www.thoracicrad.org for current information.

2008 Annual Meeting

The 2008 annual meeting will be at the Sanibel Harbour Resort and Spa, a 4-Diamond AAA resort close to Fort Myers, Florida. The hotel overlooks Sanibel and Captiva Islands on Florida's southwest Golf Coast and is a gracious 85-acre seaside resort with world-class amenities. Mark your calendars now (March 2-5), for your trip to this peaceful, lovely spot.

*2008 ANNUAL
MEETING*

*March 2-5, 2008
Fort Myers, Florida*



*Sanibel Harbour Resort & Spa
Fort Myers, Florida*

*2009 ANNUAL
MEETING*

*May 30-June 2,
2009
Valencia, Spain*

*World Congress Thoracic Imaging- II
2009 in Valencia, Spain*

Following the outstanding 2005 World Congress in Florence, the STR, Fleischner Society, European Society for Thoracic Imaging, Japanese Society of Thoracic Imaging, and Korean Society of Thoracic Imaging will join forces for the second Congress in 2009 in Valencia, Spain. Dr. Jose Vilar will serve as chair of the Congress. Valencia is the current site of the America's Cup sailing competition - watch for it on TV.

