Update on the 2017 World Congress of Thoracic Imaging

The World Congress of Thoracic Imaging 4 will take place at the Hynes Convention Center in Boston, Massachusetts from June 18-21, 2017. The meeting is sponsored by five societies: The Society of Thoracic Radiology, the Fleischner Society, the European Society of Thoracic Imaging, and the Korean and Japanese Societies of Thoracic Radiology. The Executive Committee for the meeting is chaired by Dr. Theresa McLoud and includes Dr. Gerald Abbott and Dr. Alex Bankier.

The educational program is approaching completion with Dr. Thomas Hartman chairing the Education Program Committee. In keeping with the international nature of the meeting, the speakers and moderators represent 17 different countries. The program is organized into 3 tracks that will run concurrently during the first 3 days. The tracks include Lung cancer/Pulmonary nodules, Interstitial lung disease, and Thoracic imaging core knowledge. In addition to the instructional courses, there will be daily multidisciplinary plenary sessions addressing topics including lung cancer screening, a case based interactive discussion entitled “Lung Tumor Board Ask the Experts,” COPD and Interstitial Lung Disease. There will also be a pediatric thoracic radiology session on the opening day of the meeting. The meeting will conclude with a half day dedicated to cardiovascular imaging.
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The Scientific Program Committee which is chaired by Dr. Phillip Boiselle and Dr. Jane Ko have already accepted 177 scientific abstracts. There will be 114 oral presentations delivered during 19 sessions with scheduling of topics concordant with the instructional courses for each day. There will be 63 digital scientific posters. A call for late breaking “Hot Topic” abstracts has recently been announced to give researchers the opportunity to report recently generated research results. The abstract site will be open through Monday, January 23, 2017.

The Educational Exhibit Committee is chaired by Dr. Melissa Rosado de Christenson. The committee received 172 exhibit submissions, 23 poster board exhibits and 133 electronic exhibits have been accepted for presentation. They include a wide variety of both thoracic and cardiovascular topics. Each first author has been assigned a 15-minute period to be present at his or her exhibit to answer questions during specific time periods.

Registration and hotel accommodations for the meeting are now available on the World Congress website which is http://4wcti.org.
Dear STR Members:

I WOULD LIKE to bring to your attention the January 2017 issue of JTI, which kicks off the journal’s 32nd year of publication.

A highlight of this issue is a Self-Assessment (SA)-CME article devoted to imaging of the postoperative aorta by Drs. Larry Latson, Abe Deanda, and Jane Ko. This state-of-the-art article describes techniques for aortic repair, CT protocols, and imaging features of expected post-surgical changes and complications. For more information on free JTI SA-CME educational offerings, visit the Lippincott CME Connection portal to register online. Exams are certified for 1.5 AMA PRA Category 1 Credits and qualified by the American Board of Radiology for 1.5 SA credits.

The January 2017 issue also includes an excellent review article on CT diagnosis of nonspecific acute chest pain in the ED and a variety of original research articles, including a survey of STR members’ practices in percutaneous lung biopsy in the molecular profiling era.

As the New Year begins, the search for a new Editor-in-Chief of JTI is now underway. It has been a singular honor to serve as Editor-in-Chief for the past 6 years, and I am excited for the opportunities that new leadership will bring to the journal in the years ahead.

I look forward to working closely with our publisher Stella Bebos and Editors Emeriti Jeff Klein and Charlie White in selecting the journal’s 7th Editor-in-Chief. Please see the announcement below inviting nominations and applications for this position.
Editor-in-Chief Call: Journal of Thoracic Imaging

The Publisher is currently inviting nominations and applications for the position of Editor-in-Chief of the Journal of Thoracic Imaging (JTI).

JTI is a peer-reviewed journal directed to an audience of cardiac and pulmonary imaging radiologists. The journal publishes original articles and analytical reviews by leading experts concerning the use of chest radiography, computed tomography, magnetic resonance imaging, positron emission tomography, ultrasound, interventional procedures, and all other promising techniques in cardiopulmonary radiology.

JTI is published bimonthly and the journal reaches more than 4,000 subscribers worldwide via institutional and direct subscriptions. Candidates must hold an MD degree or equivalent and should have an ongoing clinical practice and/or academic position. Candidates must be an acknowledged expert in cardiopulmonary imaging, a member of leading professional societies in this subspecialty, and have considerable authoring and editing experience in prominent, peer-reviewed journals.

Candidates should have experience as an active member and peer reviewer on editorial boards of journals in the field, with a proven track record for excellence and timeliness. Candidates must possess excellent communication, organizational and interpersonal skills, as well as a wide network of professional contacts.
Job Description

► Provide a strong editorial vision representative of the goals of the Journal.
► Together with the Publisher, develop strategies to obtain high-quality content in both print and online formats, as evidenced by metrics such as increased citations, web traffic and readership scores.
► Champion the Journal at professional meetings, workshops and other appropriate forums.
► Select and lead an esteemed international Editorial Board whose knowledge base represents the topics covered in the editorial mission of the Journal.
► Ensure proper and expeditious manuscript flow to guarantee on-time publication, soliciting content and/or editorials as appropriate.
► Select and manage high-performing peer reviewers and Editorial Board members as needed.
► Make final editorial decisions on submitted manuscripts.

We request the Editor-in-Chief to commit to a 3-year term, commencing January 1, 2018. An honorarium will be provided as compensation for the Editor’s work on the journal. The initial term will follow a six-month overlap period with the current Editor-in-Chief beginning summer 2017. Interested individuals should send their curriculum vitae along with a 2-3 page vision statement for the journal by Friday, January 27, 2017 to:

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WE ARE EXCITED to announce that the STR Mentorship Program started up in 2015 and the Ad-hoc STR Mentoring Committee was established in 2016! Chaired by Aine Kelly (University of Michigan), who will be ably assisted by Georgeann McGuinness (New York University), Chi Wan Koo (Mayo Clinic) and Rachna Madan (Harvard Medical School). Aine and her committee share much experience formally and informally mentoring (and being mentored) and are excited about this new (ad)venture! The mentoring process helps with career planning and development, fosters relationships with others in the field, and allows networking and professional development.

Mentees were solicited through the STR and invited to rank their desired mentors from a list. Following this, allocations (mentor-mentee pairings) were made akin to the residency match process! Mentees could choose up to four different areas to receive mentoring in, including research, education, administration, and journal review.

Mentoring is up and running already, with 10 mentees and 13 mentors enrolled to date. Mentors and mentees come from diverse academic and work settings and stay in touch by either meeting face-to-face during STR and other conferences or online/by phone. As part of the program, mentors and mentees check in every month or two to assess progress and challenges. Mentors and mentees have Dr. Kelly and her committee to consult with for any questions or guidance, and they are provided with helpful resources, including articles on mentoring, links to useful presentations, and relevant websites and organizations.

At the start of the program mentees outlined their short, medium and long-term goals to their mentors. Mentors and mentees will check on goal progress twice annually and submit reports to the committee. To date, informal feedback on the program has been largely positive, and we plan to formally survey participants, for objective feedback, so that we can (continually) improve things!
It's a great way to get more involved in the STR family! If you have any questions or need information, please drop us an e-mail – we would really love to hear from you!

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STR 35th Anniversary Fund Raising Campaign
Gerald F. Abbott, MD

THE SOCIETY OF THORACIC RADIOLOGY (STR) is beginning the celebration of its 35th anniversary year by launching a fundraising campaign to honor that milestone and fortify its Research and Education fund.

All STR members should feel a great sense of pride that the Society has grown steadily in size and stature since its founding in 1982 and now has 850 members. We all have a special connection to the STR – not just for the outstanding educational and scientific benefits it has offered over those 35 years, but also for the wonderful sense of fellowship and camaraderie that makes the STR such a special organization.

An e-mail will be sent to every STR member in the coming weeks, offering them the opportunity to donate to this special campaign. Members of the STR 35th Anniversary Campaign Committee will then follow-up on that initial solicitation to contact members directly. Our goal is to attain 100% participation by every member, regardless of their age or level of experience. A small donation from a new, younger STR member will count just as much as a larger donation from a more established member as we seek to reach that goal of 100% participation by every member.

We now have 100% participation by members of the STR Executive Council. We hope every member will follow their example and help us make this campaign a great success and a fitting tribute to the Society’s 35th Anniversary. Every donation will enable the STR to expand and strengthen its Research and Educational missions and advance the progress of our subspecialty. We hope all members will join this campaign and show their support for the STR and its mission.

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Gerry Abbott, Sanjeev Bhalla, Phil Boiselle, Brett Elicker, Jeremy Erasmus, Melissa Rosado de Christenson and Amita Sharma.

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- Spring: March 15
- Summer: June 15
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