From our President

As I begin my term as president, I extend sincere thanks to Dr. Charles White, whose thoughtful stewardship over the past year has left the Society in excellent shape. His diplomatic skills served us particularly well as he steered the STR through the successful Second World Congress of Thoracic Imaging in Valencia. I look forward to being able to draw on his sound wisdom in the coming year.

Great credit for the success of the 2010 Annual Meeting goes to the Matrix Meetings, Inc. staff, including Barbara McLeod, Jan Severson, Tracy Parks, and Shelly Jones. It is such a pleasure to work with their group. Audiovisual support by the hardworking Mark Nesse was excellent. The suggestions of the Program Committee (Drs. Gerald Abbott, Jannette Collins, Melissa Rosado de Christenson, Laura Heynemann, and Charles White) were invaluable in shaping the educational program. Dr. Sanjeev Bhalla and his Scientific Committee members (Drs. Prachi Agarwal, Matthew Cham, Jeffrey Kanne, Ronald Kuzo, Smita Patel, and Gautham Reddy) produced an excellent scientific program within a very short period of time, and ably moderated the well-attended scientific presentations. The Awards Committee (Drs. Gautham Reddy, Elizabeth Moore, Carole Dennie, Mylene Truong, Jonathon Leipsic, Tan-Lucien Mohammed, Annetta Frazier, and Sanjeev Bhalla) did an excellent, efficient job of judging the scientific presentations and posters. Most importantly, thanks are due to the speakers who produced talks of excellent quality.

At the Annual Meeting it was a pleasure to meet many new members and fellows attending their first meeting. We learned with excitement that STR membership has grown dramatically, and now exceeds 700, with over 30 in-training members. Many thanks are due to Dr. Tom Hartman and his Membership Committee for working hard to enroll these individuals. I believe our most important task over the coming year is to support these new members as they embark on their careers, and to engage them in society activities.

We are deeply saddened by the death of Dr. Jud Gurney. He embodied the spirit of STR: low-key, thoughtful, creative, friendly, focused on excellent teaching and science, and always ready with his infectious laugh. We will miss him profoundly: it is up to each of us to keep his spirit alive.
In Memoriam: Jud W. Gurney, MD, FACR

Introduction by Tan-Lucien H. Mohammed, MD, FCCP:

In typical Jud fashion, he wrote his own autobiography, choosing how he wished to be remembered.

Past President, Society of Thoracic Radiology (2007-2008)
(September 7th, 1954 – March 18th, 2010)
Husband – Father – Brother – Friend – Doctor – Teacher

The Life and Times of Jud W. Gurney, MD, FACR

“I grew up in Riverton, Nebraska (population 300), in the Republican River valley. Mom was a schoolteacher and Dad operated a grain elevator. I had one dog (Dodie) and one sister, Rajaena, eight years older, whom was my second mother. Without asking, she would often drop what she was doing and make me chocolate chip cookies for no good reason. I graduated from Franklin High School as Valedictorian, was President of my class twice and served as President of the Student Council. I played the organ at the state Lion’s Club music contest and went to the International Science and Engineering Fair twice. After high school, I attended the University of Nebraska on a four-year Hawksworth Engineering Scholarship. I was a member of Farmhouse Fraternity, a true builder of men. At Christmas break my senior year, I received acceptance to medical school. I took classes that interested me my last semester (music and art appreciation) and failed to complete my major and graduate. Mom never forgave me.”

“I went to the University of Nebraska Medical Center at a time when medical school was three years. I took four years to complete mine (a little slow, I guess). At the time of medical school graduation, I discussed my predicament with my mother with the Registrar and since all I lacked for my baccalaureate was a major they gave me a Bachelor of Medicine degree. I was now back in the good graces of my mother. (I’m one of the few with a “BM” degree). During medical school, I won the Alfred A. Richman International Essay contest from the American College of Chest Physicians (ARDS: Update Pathophysiology and Management). I was told that my year- long work on this essay was a complete waste of time. I went to Boston to receive the award and was given $1000 - I sure liked the money!”

“After medical school, I entered an Internal Medicine Residency at UNMC. During my residency, I had the best paper by a House Officer at the Midwest Research contest (Enhanced Calcium Absorption with in vivo Intestinal Perfusion of Bile). I had to learn how to operate on bile ducts of rats. It was then I decided that radiology would be better for me so I switched into the radiology residency at UNMC. My senior year, I was president of the House Officers’ Association. After residency, I served as the Scanlon Fellow in Thoracic Imaging at the Medical College of Wisconsin in Milwaukee.”

“My radiology career was primarily at UNMC (with short stints at Creighton Medical Center, Medical College of Wisconsin, and the Mayo Clinic). I had a rewarding career. I served as the second Melvin Figley Fellow for Radiology Journalism, sponsored by the American Journal of Radiology (I got to spend one winter month in San Diego). I finished my career as the Dr. Charles A.
Dobry Professor of Radiology (a very special honor for me). I was President of the Nebraska Radiological Society in 1994 and President of the Society of Thoracic Radiology in 2007. I won the Fleischner Society Memorial Award (Likelihood of Malignancy in Solitary Pulmonary Nodules using Bayesian Analysis). I also served as an American Board of Radiology examiner and wrote questions for the written examination, published a few papers (sixty), wrote a few books (ten), and even wrote a software program. I won ten awards for exhibits at the RSNA and ARRS, was a visiting professor over fifty times, traveled to Belgium and Brazil, and gave four named lectures. I gave almost 100 presentations at meetings across the United States and Canada. I served on the Sunday night unknown film panel at the RSNA. Fortunately, I got both my cases right so I wasn’t embarrassed in front of 5000 attendees! In 1997, I served a one-year sabbatical as a Neuroradiology Fellow at the University of Utah. The experience as resident was once again humbling for me. We lived in Park City, learned to ski and fish for brown trout. I’ve run my own web site (chestx-ray.com) since 1996. (Got me fired from Mayo - their loss.) My primary area of interest was Thoracic Imaging, but I did Mammography, Ultrasound (Milwaukee), Neuroradiology, and Body CT. I even did knee MRs when one of our faculty members left abruptly. I was a “B” reader (specialist in pneumoconiosis) and served as a consultant to the CDC investigating vermiculite dust exposure in Libby, Montana. I was on the editorial boards of Radiology and the Journal of Thoracic Imaging. In 1996, I was elected as a Fellow of the American College of Radiology.”

“I met my wife, Mary, playing softball on the UNMC league when I was in my radiology residency. She played second base, I third. She had her eye on shortstop, so I moved over to that position. We were married during my fellowship training in Milwaukee. We are approaching our 25th wedding anniversary. She’s tolerated all our moves (she will be happy to go over details). We have a son, Ian, and a daughter, Antonia “Annie”. Both are in college, figuring out where their destinies lie. Ian is at Creighton. Annie is at Notre Dame. None of my accomplishments would have been possible without their love and support.”

“Well, that pretty much is it. I’d like to be remembered as a good radiologist. I loved the residents, and I hope they learned a little from me. The state educated me, and I tried to give a little back to make up for it!”

2010 Silver Medal Award Ceremony

On January 30th of this year, in the presence of family, friends, colleagues, and former students, Jud was the recipient of The Nebraska Radiological Society’s Silver Medal Award. Only awarded nine times in 28 years, the Silver Medal is the highest honor the society gives an individual in recognition of exceptional quality and service in the professional and personal lives. Jud has an outstanding record of accomplishments and an esteemed reputation as a human being and as a radiologist in the State of Nebraska and internationally. The video tribute created for this occasion can be viewed at:

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=X9dJgGPTemo (Part One)
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OGyCYxO__Fg (Part Two)

Expressions from the Gurney Family

“As Jud struggled over the past 10 months fighting cancer, he was overwhelmed by the outpouring of kindness, love, and support that he received from each of you. He lived each day as if it were a gift, never taking life for granted. Although he is no longer with us, his legacy lives on in all of his accomplishments and in the hearts of all those he touched along the way.”
Gold Medalist Award

Introduction by Charles White, MD

Theresa McLoud, MD, Professor of Radiology at Harvard Medical School was awarded the Gold Medal Award of the Society of Thoracic Radiology (STR) during the Thoracic Imaging 2010 annual meeting. Her numerous contributions to radiology and to our subspecialty, in particular, have made her one of the most recognized chest radiologists on the planet and most deserving of the STR's highest recognition.

Dr. McLoud received her undergraduate degree at Boston University in Boston and her medical degree at the McGill University Faculty of Medicine in Montreal, Canada. She completed a thoracic imaging fellowship at Yale University in New Haven, Connecticut and returned to her native Boston as a faculty member of Harvard Medical School. She is Associate Radiologist-in-Chief and Director of Education for the Department of Radiology at Massachusetts General Hospital.

Dr. McLoud's extensive scholarly activities and consistent service to organized radiology are well known. Her dedication to the STR has been immense. A Founding Member and Past President (1989-1990), she has donated her time to numerous committees and society activities, remains an active member and a capable advisor to the leadership, and still finds time to attend and speak at nearly every STR annual meeting. She served as program director for the last two World Congresses in Thoracic Imaging and delivered an outstanding educational curriculum, which ensured broad international participation and immense success of these activities.

Her devotion to our subspecialty serves as an exemplary model to all who work in the field. There can be no individual more worthy than Dr. Theresa McLoud to receive our society's highest honor for lifetime achievement.
The STR held a successful Annual Meeting at the Hotel del Coronado in San Diego, California on February 28 through March 3, 2010. The conference had 420 registrants with 60 in-training attendees, 33 of whom were presenters. There were also 64 international registrants, including 32 from Canada.

The four high-quality scientific abstract sessions included 22 scientific presentations. These sessions had close to if not a record attendance. Similarly, the refresher and case presentations were of high quality and very informative, keeping attendance high despite the beautiful weather and amazing locale. SAM credit was also offered in 4 sessions during the week. There were 55 educational and scientific posters.

Dr. Kevin Brown, Professor and Vice Chairman in the Department of Medicine at National Jewish Health in Denver, Colorado delivered an exciting and informative Benjamin Felson Memorial Lecture titled “Communication in Radiology: What the Clinician Needs to Hear.” His presentation covered the need for clear communication within reports and how patient care improved the more a clinician and radiologist interacted beyond the written report. Below are the four major summary points of his lecture.

- Pattern of disease
- Individual features and their distribution
- Extent of disease
- Differential diagnosis in order of likelihood
- Radiologist’s level of confidence with regards to the diagnosis
STR Awards
Chair of Awards Committee: Gautham P. Reddy, MD, MPH

Oral Presentations

**Outstanding Scientific Presentation**

**Jack Westcott Award** – All authors received certificates and the presenter received a paperweight and $1,000

**Jason Huckleberry, MD,**
University of New Mexico
**Accuracy of Non-gated Chest CT for the Detection of Left Atrial and Left Ventricular Enlargement**
HUCKLEBERRY J, Haltom S, Issac T, Gabaldon J, Ketai L  
**Outstanding Scientific Presentation by Fellow** – Received certificates for all authors and a book by Dr. Webb

**Eun Jin Chae, MD, PhD,** University of Ulsan College of Medicine, Asan Medical Center
**Quantitative Assessment of Air Trapping in COPD by Using Automatic Registration of Inspiration/Expiration CT Scans**
Poster Presentations – All authors received certificates. Please refer to the complete listing of awardees at http://www.thoracicrad.org/meetings/2010/str_2010.htm

**Magna Cum Laude**

*Marcus Wade, MD, University of Alabama, Birmingham*

Evolving Role of Imaging in Thoracic Aortic Endograft Stent Treatment: Post Op Surveillance

WADE M, Patel BN, Aggarval H, Watts J, Singh S

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**Case of the Day Winner**

**Overall Winner:**

*David Greenberg* (course participant) - Received a certificate and a book by Dr. Gurney

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**JTI Editor’s Report**

Phil would like to bring to your attention the upcoming May 2010 issue of JTI, which includes the first of an outstanding two-part symposium on MDCT that is guest-edited by Joe Schoepf. This issue is being dedicated to the memory of Jud Gurney and contains an “In Memoriam” article written by his friend and colleague, Gerry Abbott. The May issue also includes the second installment of “25-on-25,” in which 25 international cardiopulmonary radiologists respond to the question: “Which potential advance or line of research of the last 25 years failed to live up to your expectations?”

He also encourages you to check out the Journal's new electronic features at www.thoracicimaging.com, including the JTI blog and the “published ahead of print” section, as well as upcoming web-exclusive STR content, including abstracts from the 2010 STR meeting and a formal announcement of the STR Gold Medal Award (both to be published online in May 2010). The JTI blog and “published ahead of print” sections are frequently updated with new content, thus providing a more continuous flow of new material than the printed version of the journal.
Upcoming meetings

The 2011 STR annual meeting and post-graduate course will be held March 6 - 9, 2011 at the Hyatt Regency Coconut Point, Bonita Springs, Florida.

The 3rd World Congress of Thoracic Imaging will be held June 8 - 11, 2013 in Seoul, South Korea at the Convention and Exhibition Center (COEX).
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Residency: University of Minnesota, Minneapolis
Fellowships: Cardiothoracic radiology at Duke University
Future plans: Career in academic cardiothoracic radiology

Michael Hope, MD
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George Knight, MD
Residency: University of Washington
Fellowships: Cardiothoracic Imaging at University of Washington

Dharshan Vummidi, MD
Residency: Residency at Manchester, UK
Fellowship: Cardiothoracic imaging at University of Washington
Thoracic Imaging 2010 in Pictures

Meeting Room

Scanlon Symposium Jannette Collins and Aine Marie Kelly

John Wandtke and Lisa Diethelm

STR Reception – Hotel del Coronado at Sunset
Thoracic Imaging 2010 in Pictures

Tomás Franquet with Sanjeev Bhalla

Thanks to Matrix Meetings: Barbara McLeod, Shelly Jones and Tracy Parks (from left to right)

Morning at the Del Coronado

The Del Coronado in twilight

For additional photos from the 2010 annual meeting, see the STR website at http://www.thoracicrad.org/meetings/meeting_archives.htm