FROM THE STR PRESIDENT:

Dear STR Members:

SUMMER IS ALMOST OVER and the STR Officers and Committees continue to work towards advancing the mission and vision of our organization. Weekly conversations with Matrix Meetings and Monthly Officer Teleconferences, during which we welcome the participation of various STR committee representatives, have served to keep us focused as we continue to work on behalf of your Society. Several important issues are currently under discussion including:

• Preparations for launching the STR 50th Anniversary Fund drive to strengthen the resources of the STR Research and Education Foundation
• Review of our membership database to ensure enhanced access to the Journal of Thoracic Imaging through mobile devices
• Discussion of proposed Society of Chairs of Academic Radiology Departments (SCARD) guidelines for fellowship recruitment
• Revision of the STR bylaws by the Rules Committee
• Continuing preparations for our participation in the 3rd World Congress of Thoracic Imaging

“A pessimist sees the difficulty in every opportunity; an optimist sees the opportunity in every difficulty.” ~ Winston Churchill
I had the privilege of being one of several STR members participating in the very successful recent meeting of the European Society of Thoracic Imaging (ESTI), which took place in London, June 22-24. Outgoing ESTI President and STR member Dr. Sujal Desai, the ESTI leadership, and members extended a warm welcome to us “Yanks” and provided an exciting and comprehensive educational program, greatly enhanced by outstanding didactic sessions presented by several STR members, including Dr. Denise Aberle, Principal Investigator of the National Lung Screening Trial.

The Education and Electronic Media Committees have selected a number of outstanding didactic lectures recorded during the 2012 STR annual meeting for inclusion in our society website. These lectures were recorded by CMEInfo and form part of their current CME offerings. The lectures are available (from CMEInfo) to STR members who require CME credits at a discounted rate. More importantly, selected recorded lectures are now available for viewing – free of charge – on the STR website. The revenue stream that results from our collaboration with CMEInfo is used to enhance future STR educational activities. On behalf of the entire Executive Committee, I thank those STR members who gave permission to record their lectures during the STR annual meeting. Their contribution to the society is greatly appreciated.
We are proud to present in this issue the Cardiothoracic Imaging Fellowship trainees enrolled in thoracic and cardiothoracic fellowship programs in the United States and Canada. We welcome these young colleagues to our subspecialty and wish them great success in their future endeavors.

At the beginning of August, I had the privilege of representing the STR at the annual Intersociety Summer Conference (ISSC) sponsored by the American College of Radiology (ACR). The topic for discussion will be Radiology Online: Information, Education and Networking. Representatives from the numerous radiological societies met in Telluride, Colorado, for a series of lectures and discussions on available electronic resources. A summary report of the meeting proceedings will be published in an upcoming edition of the STR newsletter.

I hope you are enjoying a pleasant summer. If you have any ideas or suggestions on how to improve and enhance the activities of our Society, please do not hesitate to contact me, the Matrix Meetings staff, or any of the STR Officers or Committee Chairs.
I WOULD LIKE TO BRING TO YOUR ATTENTION a timely new JTI symposium on “CT Screening for Lung Cancer” at www.thoracicimaging.com. The symposium follows on the heels of recent multi-society guidelines for screening select populations at risk for lung cancer and is designed to help you to successfully navigate this emerging area of thoracic imaging practice.

The symposium was edited by James Ravenel and includes an interesting and informative array of invited editorial and review content. Editorial highlights include perspectives on CT screening from a radiologist, a thoracic surgeon, and a primary care physician. An accompanying “Expert Opinion” feature addresses current barriers to CT screening. A series of state-of-the-art review articles provide practical guidance for performing and interpreting low-dose CT screening studies, establishing a CT screening clinic, measuring nodules, and managing solid and subsolid lung nodules. An article on the current status of tobacco policy and control rounds out the issue.

To reach as broad an audience as possible, we are publishing the symposium as open-access content. Please share this link with any of your trainees and colleagues who may be interested in learning more about this topic:

http://journals.lww.com/thoracicimaging/Pages/currenttoc.aspx

The next time you visit the JTI website, be sure to check out our “Published Ahead of Print” section. We are now publishing articles online ahead of print within a few months after acceptance, so this is a great way to keep up with the latest offerings of the Journal.

Looking ahead to the fall, we will publish an exciting symposium devoted to “Evidence-Based Cardiopulmonary Imaging” guest edited by Joe Schoepf. We will also launch a new iPad app and introduce a streamlined log-in process for STR members. Details about these initiatives will follow in the months ahead!
STR at ESTI

Melissa L. Rosado de Christenson, MD
STR President

THE SOCIETY OF THORACIC RADIOLOGY (STR) participated in the recent 2012 meeting of the European Society of Thoracic Imaging (ESTI) held June 22-24 in the historic Church House in London’s Westminster area, adjacent to its famous cathedral. The meeting was organized under the leadership of ESTI President and STR member Dr. Sujal Desai. The meeting was a huge success with over 600 course registrants, a record attendance that necessitated use of an overflow room in which the live lectures were broadcast.

As part of our STR-ESTI collaboration agreement, two STR speakers were selected by the ESTI leadership to present two topics requested by the ESTI program committee. I had the privilege of representing the STR together with Dr. Denise Aberle. We both participated in a session entitled Lung Cancer Screening, which was co-moderated by Drs. Stefan Diederich and Gerald Abbott (STR Past President). Several other STR members and leaders represented our society and were featured speakers in the program including Drs. Susan Copley, Smita Patel, Sanjeev Bhalla, Tomás Franquet, Alexander Bankier, Martine Remy-Jardin and David Hansell.

Our British hosts could not have been more gracious. The British Institute of Radiology hosted a faculty dinner on Saturday, June 23, at The Old Hall in Lincoln’s Inn. The hall was built by King Henry the VII, who ascended the
During this elegant event, STR members congratulated Dr. Desai as he concluded his term as ESTI President and welcomed ESTI’s new president, Dr. Martine Remy-Jardin. Dr. Remy-Jardin expressed enthusiasm for renewing the STR-ESTI collaborative agreement, which will soon be drafted and approved.

I want to thank all the speakers and course attendees who represented STR at ESTI. I believe that the ESTI leadership was pleased with the participation of their American colleagues as their talks enhanced the very high level of scientific and educational quality of the meeting. It was indeed an honor to participate in this joint venture with our colleagues from “across the pond.”
Development Committee to Launch 30th Anniversary Fund Campaign

The STR’s New Development Committee will launch a 30th Anniversary Fund campaign in the fall, seeking to fortify the funds available for research and educational activities of the Society. The campaign’s goal is to raise $125,000 for those purposes. The STR 2012 Research Grant, awarded to Dr. Jonathan Chung, is featured elsewhere in this newsletter and exemplifies the scholarly stimulation that these activities create. A summary of the Society’s previous research grants and educational projects will be included in fund-raising materials to be distributed to all STR members during the campaign.

Members of the STR Development Committee are Gerry Abbott (Chair), Joel Fishman, Terry Healey, Loren Ketai, Ann Leung, Theresa McLoud, Reggie Munden, and Bob Tarver. A corollary goal of the campaign is to achieve 100% participation by all members of the Society.

STR Research and Education Foundation

Call for Seed Grant Applications

The STR Seed Grant Funding is aimed at offering seed grant support for young investigators to pursue novel research in thoracic imaging and related fields. The next seed grant submission deadlines are October 15, 2012 and January 15, 2013. The society is currently accepting applications for the seed grants currently for review after these deadlines. Letters of intent are encouraged. Please refer to the STR research webpage for guidelines and further information at http://thoracicrad.org/research/guidelines.htm.
Research Committee Report
Jane P. Ko, M.D.

THE SOCIETY OF THORACIC RADIOLOGY announces the funding of $16,202 towards a research proposal: “Use of 1.5T proton MRI in the initial assessment and follow-up of Mycobacterium avium complex (MAC) pneumonia” submitted by Dr. Jonathan Chung, principal investigator, and colleagues at National Jewish Health in Denver, Colorado.

A graduate of Washington University School of Medicine in St. Louis, Missouri, Dr. Chung completed a transitional year at Scripps Mercy Hospital in San Diego, California. Subsequently, he completed a residency in Diagnostic Radiology at the University of Washington in Seattle, Washington, where he received the Roentgen Resident/Fellow Research Award from the Radiological Society of North America. Dr. Chung subsequently completed his cardiopulmonary imaging training at the Massachusetts General Hospital in Boston, Massachusetts. Currently, he serves as an Assistant Professor at National Jewish Health in Denver, Colorado.

The project evaluates proton magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) techniques in addition to new techniques for lung parenchymal imaging. The proposal utilizes recent advancements in MRI that maximize image quality by minimizing motion and susceptibility artifacts. In their proposal, Dr. Chung and investigators will study the accuracy of MRI in comparison to high-resolution computed tomography for the initial assessment and follow-up of Mycobacterium avium complex pneumonia. The investigators will also further develop new MRI techniques for evaluating the lung parenchyma directed towards this topic. The overall objective is to reduce radiation exposure to patient populations by confirming MRI’s role as a valid alternative to CT in the management of chronic diffuse lung diseases.
STR 2012 Post Graduate Course
Lectures now on-line!

THE SOCIETY OF THORACIC RADIOLOGY once again partnered with CMEinfo to capture a large number of lectures from the 2012 Annual Meeting and Post Graduate Course. These lectures, available free of charge in the Education Portal on the STR website, represent some of the best cardiothoracic radiology didactic sessions on the internet and provide valuable education opportunities to members and non-members alike.

Upcoming Thoracic Imaging Courses

► ARRIS Chest Imaging Symposium
October 5-6, 2012
Crowne Plaza Redondo Beach and Marina Hotel, Redondo Beach, CA
Course Director: David Naidich, MD
www.arrs.org

► ACR HRCT
October 5-7, 2012
Westin Reston Heights, Reston, VA
Course Directors: David Naidich and David Lynch
http://www.acr.org/meetings-events/ec-hrct

► Chest Imaging
October 15-17, 2012
The Fairmont Copley Plaza, Boston, MA
Course Directors: Andetta R. Hunsaker, MD and Jo-Anne O. Shepard, MD
www.cme.hms.harvard.edu/courses/chestimaging

► Chest 2012 (ACCP)
October 20-25, 2012
Georgia World Congress Center, Atlanta, GA
Course Director: Jeffrey Kanne
http://2012.accpmeeting.org/home
http://2012.accpmeeting.org/program/radiology-focus
THE 3RD WORLD CONGRESS of Thoracic Imaging (WCTI) will be held June 8-11, 2013 at COEX in Seoul, Korea. A large number of distinguished leaders from the five member societies (STR, Fleischner Society, ESTI, JSTR, and the KSTR) will come together to discuss recently emerging issues and exchange the latest information in the field of thoracic radiology.

The Organizing Committee is diligently planning a superior program with comprehensive scientific sessions and symposia. The congress will foster the development of new perspectives in thoracic radiology and offer relevant and practical educational content. The program will include plenary sessions, instructional courses, case-based reviews, and unknown case panels.

Seoul is a major metropolitan area with numerous cultural attractions and direct flights from multiple cities in North America. Plan to join your fellow STR members at the 3rd WCTI. For current congress information, you may link to the 3rd WCTI site by visiting the STR website at http://www.thoracicrad.org/.
Cardiothoracic Imaging Fellows 2012-2013

Albert Einstein College of Medicine and Montefiore Medical Center

Larry Allen Latson Jr.

PLACE OF ORIGIN | Cleveland, OH
RESIDENCY | Albert Einstein/Montefiore Medical Center, Bronx, NY
FUTURE PLANS | Academic career focused on thoracic radiology as well as adult and congenital cardiac imaging.

Andrew J. Plodkowski

PLACE OF ORIGIN | Morristown, NJ
RESIDENCY | SUNY Health Science Center at Syracuse
FUTURE PLANS | Cardiothoracic and musculoskeletal radiology at an academic setting.

Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center

Som Mai Le

PLACE OF ORIGIN | Montreal, Canada
RESIDENCY | University of Montreal, Montreal, Canada
FUTURE PLANS | University of Montreal Hospital Center.

Brigham and Women’s Hospital

Vishal Anand

PLACE OF ORIGIN | Vancouver, Canada
RESIDENCY | University of Calgary, Calgary, Canada
FUTURE PLANS | Return to Canada to accept a hospital position in Cardiothoracic and Breast Imaging.

Ruth Dunne

PLACE OF ORIGIN | Ireland
RESIDENCY | St. James’s Hospital, Dublin, Ireland
FUTURE PLANS | Center of Evidence Based Imaging Fellowship, Brigham and Women’s Hospital.
Cardiothoracic Imaging Fellows
2012-2013

Cleveland Clinic

Rajaa Almestady
PLACE OF ORIGIN | Saudi Arabia
RESIDENCY | Saudi Arabia + USA
FUTURE PLANS | Return to Saudi Arabia to practice.

Nadia Shah
PLACE OF ORIGIN | Canton, OH
RESIDENCY | Aultman/Mercy Hospital in Canton
FUTURE PLANS | Still working on future plans.

Kavitha Yaddanapudi
PLACE OF ORIGIN | India
RESIDENCY | G.B. Pant Hospital, New Delhi, India
FUTURE PLANS | Musculoskeletal radiology fellowship 2013-14.

Duke University Medical Center

Juliana Bueno Melo
PLACE OF ORIGIN | Cali, Colombia
RESIDENCY | Fundación Clínica Valle del Lili, Cali, Colombia
FUTURE PLANS | University of Virginia.

Michael Raymond Moynagh
PLACE OF ORIGIN | Dublin, Ireland
RESIDENCY | Radiology, Mater Misericordiae University Hospital, Dublin, IE
FUTURE PLANS | Unknown at this time.
Cardiothoracic Imaging Fellows
2012-2013

Emory University
School of Medicine

Douglas Bober
PLACE OF ORIGIN | Bridgeport, CT
RESIDENCY | SUNY-Upstate Medical Center, Syracuse, NY, 1977 to 1981.
FUTURE PLANS | Either academic or specialized radiology position in Cardiothoracic Imaging or Breast Imaging, or additional fellowship(s) or locum tenens.

Indiana University Hospital

Silanath Peungjesada
PLACE OF ORIGIN | Thailand
RESIDENCY | Thailand
FUTURE PLANS | Practice in an academic setting.

Mallinckrodt Institute of Radiology
(Barnes Jewish Hospital)

Daniel Vargas
PLACE OF ORIGIN | Chile
RESIDENCY | University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio
FUTURE PLANS | To be determined.

Mallinckrodt Institute
of Radiology

Clint Jokerst
PLACE OF ORIGIN | Ste. Genevieve, MO
RESIDENCY | Mallinckrodt Institute of Radiology
FUTURE PLANS | Academic chest radiology.
Cardiothoracic Imaging Fellows
2012-2013

Massachusetts General Hospital

Thoracic and Cardiac Imaging Fellows:

Naveen Kulkarni
PLACE OF ORIGIN | Karnataka, India
RESIDENCY | Kasturba Medical College, India
FUTURE PLANS | Academic Radiology.

Michael Lu
PLACE OF ORIGIN | Boston, MA
RESIDENCY | University of California San Francisco, San Francisco, CA
FUTURE PLANS | Academic Cardiothoracic Radiology.

P. Gabriel Peterson
PLACE OF ORIGIN | Westminster, MD
RESIDENCY | Residency National Capital Consortium, Washington, D.C.
FUTURE PLANS | US Army Radiologist.

Christopher Walker
PLACE OF ORIGIN | Appleton, MN
RESIDENCY | University of Washington, Seattle, WA
FUTURE PLANS | Academic Chest Radiology.

Cardiac Imaging Fellow
Ali Devrim Karaosmanoglu
PLACE OF ORIGIN | Turkey
RESIDENCY | Gazi University Medical School, Ankara, Turkey
FUTURE PLANS | Academic Radiology.
Cardiothoracic Imaging Fellows
2012-2013

Darin White
PLACE OF ORIGIN | Kindersley, Saskatchewan
RESIDENCY | College of Medicine, University of Saskatchewan, Saskatoon, SK
FUTURE PLANS | Academic thoracic radiology.

Hisham Wahba Mikhael
PLACE OF ORIGIN | Cairo University, Egypt
RESIDENCY | Cairo University

Stephen Hobbs
PLACE OF ORIGIN | South Carolina
RESIDENCY | University of Kentucky
FUTURE PLANS | Academic Thoracic Radiology.

Jason Huckleberry
PLACE OF ORIGIN | Alaska
RESIDENCY | University of New Mexico Health Sciences
FUTURE PLANS | Academic cardiopulmonary radiology or private practice in a large multispecialty group

Roy Raad
PLACE OF ORIGIN | Lebanon
RESIDENCY | American University of Beirut Medical Center, Lebanon
FUTURE PLANS | PET-CT fellowship 2013-2014.
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Oregon Health & Science University

Michael E Thomas
PLACE OF ORIGIN | Pocatello, ID
RESIDENCY | Integris Baptist Medical Center/ Oklahoma City, OK
FUTURE PLANS | Teaching and thriving in Academic Medicine.

Ottawa Civic Hospital

Hamid Bayanati
PLACE OF ORIGIN | Iran
RESIDENCY | University of Ottawa
FUTURE PLANS | Work in Ontario, Canada.

Saint Luke’s Hospital of Kansas City

Vineeta Sethi
PLACE OF ORIGIN | Indian
RESIDENCY | Christian Medical College, LDH, India
FUTURE PLANS | Academic practice in cardiothoracic radiology.

The Toronto Hospital

Ryo E. C. Benson
PLACE OF ORIGIN | Korea
RESIDENCY | Indiana University Medical Center
FUTURE PLANS | Thoracic radiologist in an academic institution.

Miranda Durand
PLACE OF ORIGIN | South Africa
RESIDENCY | Nelson Mandela School of Medicine, University of KwaZulu Natal, South Africa
FUTURE PLANS | Return to South Africa in July 2013.

Sonja Kandel

Gillian Murphy

Katherine Tweed
Cardiothoracic Imaging Fellows
2012-2013

The Toronto Hospital
Adam Wallis

PLACE OF ORIGIN | United Kingdom
RESIDENCY | Bristol (Severn Deanery), United Kingdom
FUTURE PLANS | Consultant Thoracic Radiologist, United Kingdom.

University of California, Los Angeles
Scott J. Genshaft

PLACE OF ORIGIN | Canton, OH
RESIDENCY TRAINING | Diagnostic Radiology, David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA
FUTURE PLANS | Diagnostic and interventional work with focus on thoracic pathology, particularly in interventional oncology, thromboembolic disease, and chronic venous occlusions of the thorax.

University of California, San Francisco
Tony Sedlic

PLACE OF ORIGIN | Vancouver, BC
RESIDENCY | University of British Columbia
FUTURE PLANS | Return to Canada and continue with academic interests in community radiology.

University of Maryland Medical System
Elliott K. Gozansky

PLACE OF ORIGIN | Atlanta, GA
RESIDENCY | University of Maryland School of Medicine
FUTURE PLANS | Academic Cardio-Thoracic Radiology.
Cardiothoracic Imaging Fellows
2012-2013

University of Maryland Medical System

Jason Lempel
PLACE OF ORIGIN | New York
RESIDENCY TRAINING | Norwalk Hospital
FUTURE PLANS | Academic Radiology.

University of Michigan

Tom Bryson
PLACE OF ORIGIN | Lansing, MI
RESIDENCY | University Hospitals Case Western Reserve University, Cleveland, OH
FUTURE PLANS | Seeking a position as a diagnostic radiologist.

Yasir Alshaikh Deeb
PLACE OF ORIGIN | Jeddah Saudi Arabia
RESIDENCY | King Hussain Medical Center, Amman, Jordan
FUTURE PLANS | Seeking a position as a diagnostic radiologist.

Mohamed Sayyouh
PLACE OF ORIGIN | Pennsylvania
RESIDENCY | National Cancer Institute, Cairo University, Cairo, Egypt
FUTURE PLANS | Seeking a position as a diagnostic radiologist.

University of North Carolina

Ertan Pamuklar
PLACE OF ORIGIN | Turkey
RESIDENCY | Gazi University in Ankara, Turkey
FUTURE PLANS | Unknown.
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Elizabeth Barak
PLACE OF ORIGIN | USA
RESIDENCY | Tufts Medical Center, Boston, MA
FUTURE PLANS | Academic Radiology

Kenneth Cavorsi
PLACE OF ORIGIN | University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA
RESIDENCY | Albert Einstein Medical Center
FUTURE PLANS | Undecided.

Maya Galperin-Aizenberg
PLACE OF ORIGIN | Israel
RESIDENCY | Assaf HaRofeh Medical Center, Israel
FUTURE PLANS | Academic Thoracic Radiologist.

Ramya Gaddikeri
PLACE OF ORIGIN | India
RESIDENCY | B.J. Medical College, Pune, Maharashtra, India
FUTURE PLANS | Pursue additional training in the United States with plans of a career in Cardiac and Thoracic Imaging.

Lauren Lynn Ihde
PLACE OF ORIGIN | New Orleans, LA
RESIDENCY | Los Angeles County/USC Hospital
FUTURE PLANS | After completing Cardiothoracic and Interventional Fellowships I hope to find my niche in a group near the Santa Clarita Valley in Southern California.
Cardiothoracic Imaging Fellows
2012-2013

Piyaporn Boonsirikamchai
PLACE OF ORIGIN | Bangkok, Thailand
RESIDENCY | Chulalongkorn University, Bangkok, Thailand
FUTURE PLANS | Work in an academic setting.

Rashmi Katre
PLACE OF ORIGIN | Pune, Maharashtra, India
RESIDENCY | Radiology Residency Training completed at Seth GS Medical College and KEMH Mumbai, India
FUTURE PLANS | Stay in the academic practice with special interest in Cardiothoracic Imaging.

Demetrius Dicks
PLACE OF ORIGIN | South Carolina
RESIDENCY | University of Washington
FUTURE PLANS | Academic cardiac and thoracic imaging, with a focus on education.

Jitesh Ahuja
PLACE OF ORIGIN | Delhi, India
RESIDENCY | All India Institute of Medical Sciences, New Delhi, India
FUTURE PLANS | Unknown.

Darra Murphy
PLACE OF ORIGIN | Ireland
RESIDENCY | Royal College of Surgeons, Dublin, Ireland
FUTURE PLANS | Staff at VGH/UBC in July 2013.
Cardiothoracic Imaging Fellows
2012-2013

Rajan Naidoo
PLACE OF ORIGIN | Canada
RESIDENCY | West Penn Allegheny Health System, Pittsburgh, PA
FUTURE PLANS | Unknown.

Vancouver General Hospital

Gopi Kota
PLACE OF ORIGIN | Ongole, India
RESIDENCY | Kasturba Medical College, Manipal Academy of Higher Education, Manipal, India
FUTURE PLANS | Return to India to work in an academic center

Wake Forest University School of Medicine

Vancouver General Hospital
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