FROM THE STR PRESIDENT:

Dear STR Members:

IT HAS BEEN my great privilege to serve as the 30th President of the Society of Thoracic Radiology. We will soon come together at the STR Business Meeting during the 3rd World Congress of Thoracic Imaging in South Korea and will welcome Dr. Eric Stern as the next STR President. At this time of transition, I am delighted to report that the STR is a mature radiological organization with a record number of active members and a strong financial standing. This is the result of the hard work and contributions of numerous volunteers and ultimately all the STR members.

Dr. Jeremy Erasmus, Program Committee Chair for the 2014 STR Annual Meeting and Postgraduate Course, and his committee have already started planning the curriculum of the STR 2014 Postgraduate Course, which will take place March 16-19 in San Antonio, Texas. STR members will receive a
call for topics early this summer. I encourage all of you to consider attending and/or participating as a presenter or speaker to enhance the educational quality of our annual meeting.

The leadership of the STR and the Fleischner Society have begun discussions regarding the 4th World Congress of Thoracic Imaging (4WCTI), proposing that the next congress take place in North America in 2017. Both societies enthusiastically endorsed the nomination of Dr. Theresa McLoud, STR and Fleischner Society member and Past President, to serve as President of the 4WCTI. We are excited by the prospect of holding this meeting in North America and are delighted that Dr. McLoud will bring her extensive knowledge and organizational skills to the planning of this activity.

I want to personally thank all the STR volunteers who worked with me this year to ensure the continued success of our Society including the STR Officers, Committee Chairs and Committee Members. As always there are those who labored above and beyond the call of duty on behalf of the Society. Indeed, three STR members will receive the 2013 STR President’s Award and are recognized in this newsletter.

I also thank all STR members who contributed to the 30th Anniversary Development Campaign. The STR Research and Education Fund was seriously depleted as I started my presidential term. I am happy to report that we are close to reaching 50% of the campaign goal. If you have not yet contributed to the campaign I urge you to do so by visiting the Society website (www.thoracicrad.org). All contributions are welcome, regardless of their amount. Your contribution can help us reach an ancillary goal of participation by 50% of our members, at which point the STR will donate an additional $30,000.00 to the R & E Fund. This will allow us to continue to support the research efforts of our young investigators for several years to come.

Finally, I want to thank Ms. Barbara McLeod and her staff at Matrix Meetings for the immense assistance they provided me during my year as STR President. I signed a new three-year contract with Matrix Meetings early this year and know that they will help the future STR leadership in the work that lies ahead. I also want to recognize Matrix Meetings for their most generous contribution to the STR 30th Anniversary Campaign, which attests to their support of our mission and their loyalty to our organization.
The 2013 STR Presidential Awards
Dr. Rosado de Christenson

I want to officially recognize three STR volunteers who distinguished themselves through exceptional leadership and service to the Society of Thoracic Radiology. They will be formally recognized during the 2013 STR Business Meeting, which will take place in Seoul, South Korea, during the 3rd World Congress of Thoracic Imaging in June 2013. The STR Executive Committee has unanimously endorsed these awards. I thank these outstanding STR members for their valuable contributions to the STR mission, and for setting such fine examples by their service and volunteerism.

Dr. Matthew Gilman is Associate Director of the Division of Thoracic Imaging and Intervention of the Department of Radiology at the Massachusetts General Hospital, and an Instructor of Radiology at Harvard Medical School. He has been an active member of the STR for 11 years and has served on STR committees for the past 6 years. He currently chairs the Fellowship Subcommittee of the STR Education Committee. Over the last few years, Matt led his subcommittee in efforts to create and approve the STR Cardiothoracic Imaging Fellowship Curriculum, published in 2010. In addition, Matt completely revised the STR Fellowship database and updated all contact information for the benefit of all fellowship directors and trainees seeking information on pursuing a cardiothoracic imaging fellowship. For his outstanding work and leadership, the STR presents to Dr. Matthew Gilman the 2013 President’s Award.
Dr. Jane Ko is Associate Professor of Radiology at New York University School of Medicine where she serves as Fellowship Director of Thoracic Imaging at the New York University Langone Medical Center. She has been an STR member in good standing for the last 15 years, has served on STR committees for the past 8 years, and is currently Chair of the STR Research Committee. Under her leadership the committee has reviewed numerous grant applications and awarded four research grants totaling $73,000.00. Jane and her committee recently completed a comprehensive revision of the process for submitting and reviewing seed grant applications and established a process for managing the awarding of research funds. Recently, after the discontinuance of the Inter Organizational Research Cooperative (IORC), Jane and her committee formulated a new process for submission of grant applications directly to the STR and established methodology for receiving and reviewing these applications. For her immense dedication and leadership, the STR presents to Dr. Jane P. Ko the 2013 President’s Award.

Dr. Christopher Meyer is Professor of Diagnostic Radiology at the University of Wisconsin School of Medicine and Public Health where he serves as Vice Chair of Finance and Business Development. He has been an STR member in good standing for the last 20 years and has served on STR committees for the past 9 years. Dr. Meyer currently chairs the Rules Committee. Last year he led that committee in the difficult task of completely revising the STR Bylaws to reflect the maturity and current status of our organization. Cris and his committee drafted language to accommodate the institution of three new committees and established the STR Code of Ethics. This work resulted in the creation of two new documents that will greatly serve the STR and its members for many years to come. Finally, Cris worked closely with a parliamentarian to ensure that the bylaws changes were in complete compliance with the Society’s Articles of Incorporation. For his immense work and leadership, the STR presents to Dr. Cristopher A. Meyer the 2013 President’s Award.
The Great Debate
Lung Cancer Screening

Dr. Rosado de Christenson

On 14 April, 2013 members of the Society of Thoracic Radiology presented the inaugural “Great Debate in Radiology” during the 2013 annual meeting of the American Roentgen Ray Society (ARRS). Co-sponsored by both societies, the session attracted a large audience and was very well received. Dr. Ella Kazerooni, STR and ARRS Past President, moderated the session. Dr. Phil Boiselle, STR Treasurer and Editor of the Journal of Thoracic Imaging, opened the session with a presentation titled “Who should be screened?” in which he reviewed some of the generally accepted inclusion criteria for patients undergoing lung cancer screening. Dr. Theresa McLoud, STR and ARRS Past President, followed with a presentation titled “Who should interpret the screening study and should radiologists have specific training or credentialing to interpret screening studies?” Dr. Kazerooni then presented a session titled “Screening nuts and bolts: Financials, liability and update on the US Preventive Services Task Force position.” The session closed with a debate between Dr. Charles White, STR Past President, and Dr. Richard Battaforano, a thoracic surgeon at the University of Maryland. They discussed the advantages of having a multidisciplinary approach to lung cancer screening. Finally, individuals from the audience posed questions and related their own experiences in various established screening programs around the nation.

The STR leadership thanks the American Roentgen Ray Society for allowing our society to present this material and engage in the continued conversation about lung cancer screening.
I WOULD LIKE to take this opportunity to thank those STR members who have contributed to the radiology work that has been accomplished so far in the International Thymic Malignancy Interest Group (ITMIG): Drs. Rosado de Christenson, Bruzzi, Hara and Ketai for their work in establishing standard report terms for CT reports of anterior mediastinal masses suspicious for thymoma, and Drs. Aviram, Tomiyama, Viswanathan, and Truong for their contribution to the ITMIG educational module. It is thanks to their and other ITMIG members’ hard work and enthusiasm that ITMIG has grown exponentially since its inception in May 2010. We have, however, only a few radiology members in ITMIG. There are great opportunities for growth in ITMIG that STR members should take advantage of, part of which can be seen in ITMIG’s December 2012 newsletter at www.itmig.org. Our involvement in the formation of the imaging recommendations, new staging and treatment plans is crucial. Our voice needs to be heard outside of our private societies to change medicine and form national and international career-long ties with our fellow clinicians working aside us in the different disciplines that treat chest-related ailments. There are ample opportunities in ITMIG for a chest radiologist, a few of which include: retrospective meaningful research with ITMIG’s retrospective database with close to 8,000 thymoma cases; involvement with ITMIG’s prospective database which will open up numerous imaging-related meaningful research opportunities; writing or collaborating with our fellow clinicians in NIH grant proposals for this rare disease; participating in the needed multi-institutional treatment research project in which radiology plays a crucial role at patient entry and follow-up; becoming active in one of the many ITMIG committees which need radiology input for the formation of policies, educational material, data collection, etc. ITMIG is a young and welcoming multidisciplinary society. Please take a moment, consider joining (application at www.itmig.org) and if any of you would like to contribute, participate or take advantage of the opportunities ITMIG has to offer, please let Pam Bruce know (pbruce@thymic.org) and you will be contacted. You may wish to take advantage of the following opportunity to mingle with this friendly multidisciplinary group at the 4th International Thymic Malignancy Interest Group Meeting which will take place on September 6-7, 2013 in Bethesda, Maryland. The abstract submission site has opened and is accepting abstracts. There are reduced rates for ITMIG members and fellows (link: http://www.itmig2013.org/scientific-program/scientific-program.html).
I would like to bring to your attention a timely new JTI symposium on “Thoracic MRI” at www.thoracicimaging.com

This symposium was expertly edited by Dr. Yoshiharu Ohno and includes a series of state-of-the-art review articles devoted to MRI imaging of lung cancer, cystic fibrosis, emphysema, pulmonary thromboembolism, and pulmonary arterial hypertension.

The pulmonary arterial hypertension symposium article by Dr. Mark Schiebler and colleagues is certified for 1.5 AMA PRA Category 1 CME credits and is also approved as a Self-Assessment Module (SAM) by the American Board of Radiology. This article expands our CME-SAM offerings, which also include recently published articles devoted to advances in thymoma imaging and delayed enhancement cardiac MR imaging by Drs. Edith Marom and Karen Ordovas, respectively. CME-SAM credits are offered free of charge to STR members.

STR members who serve as reviewers for JTI may also earn 3 AMA PRA Category 1 credits for successful peer-review of a manuscript. I hope that STR members will find these opportunities helpful for meeting their professional development and maintenance of certification needs.
Recognition of contributors to the STR Development Campaign

THANK YOU for your generous donations to the 30th Anniversary Fund.

AS OF APRIL 15, 2013

PATRONS | $5,000 and above
Lynn Broderick, Jeffrey Klein
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Donations may be made at www.thoracicrad.org
All donors will be recognized at future venues of the society.
I read the STR Anniversary Newsletter. It was a very good job. Just for historical interest, the first Society logo was designed by David Rockoff to show both plain radiography and cross sectional imaging of the lungs and heart, and was drawn by his assistant using a felt tipped pen. When I was president, I redrew the logo using my computer and MacDraw and borrowing an illustration from one of my books, but maintained David’s original design. As I recall, I asked his permission to do the revision, and he related the story to me. My redrawn logo was the first shown in the sequence of logos in the 30th Anniversary newsletter. I added 1982, because that was the date of the organizational meeting at the Palmer House during the 1982 RSNA annual meeting. I hid my initials within the lower lobe bronchi (I am not sure if it was right or left). They looked like vein branches in the original image, although I am not sure the detail remains.

From my perspective of 30 years, the most important thing in an academic career in thoracic imaging, or anything else, is the development of relationships, with colleagues, fellows, residents, and students, which are immensely important in individual development and in the progress of our discipline. That is exactly what the STR provides.
Kudos to the folks who set up the JTI iPad app. User-friendly and streamlined, it is the best journal app that I have seen.

Also, the STR educational videos posted on-line are a fantastic resource. I frequently recommend them to our residents and fellows. Makes me proud to be a society member.

~ H. Henry Guo, MD, PhD
STR Member
Upcoming meetings
Mark Your Calendars

Thoracic Imaging

SOCIETY OF
Thoracic Radiology
Annual Meeting & Postgraduate Course

MARCH 13-16, 2014
Grand Hyatt San Antonio Hotel
San Antonio, Texas

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STR Meeting
March 13-16
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Important Dates:

June 24, 2013
Call for Topics Opens

July 8, 2013
Call for Topics Due

September 16, 2013
Call for Abstracts Open

November 11, 2013
Call for Abstracts Due
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HRCT Course

# HIGH RESOLUTION CT OF THE CHEST

**JANUARY 23–25 | APRIL 10–12 | AUGUST 9–11 | OCTOBER 28–30**

Earn up to **33.25 AMA PRA Category 1 Credits™** and **4 SAM credits**

Course Overview

This three-day course, led by Course Directors David Naidich, MD, and David Lynch, MB, ChB, is designed to provide practicing radiologists with the skills and understanding necessary to interpret high resolution CT of the chest in diffuse infiltrative lung diseases. During the program, participants will receive lectures on specific aspects of HRCT interspersed with hands-on interpretation of related cases. Faculty will provide direct supervision and assistance. The integration of clinical, radiologic and pathologic information will also be discussed.

**Target Audience**

General radiologists and/or non-thoracic imaging fellowship-trained radiologists that are called upon to interpret HRCT studies in their practice.

**Program Objectives** At the conclusion of this course, participants will be able to:

1. State the clinical indications and optimal approach for high resolution imaging of the lung parenchyma
2. Utilize approach to CT differential diagnosis based on pattern and distribution of abnormality
3. Recognize clinical features of the common interstitial lung diseases
4. Describe the importance and mechanism of multidisciplinary consultation in diagnosis of interstitial lung disease

“This course was well done. ILD has been a difficult area for me. This course has made it more manageable."

**Night Before**

6:00 p.m. Workstation Refresher Session
6:30 p.m. ACR Education Center Classes

**Day 1**

7:00 a.m. Registration and Continental Breakfast
8:00 a.m. Introduction: CT Technique, Anatomy and Dose
8:30 a.m. Pattern-Based Approach — Nodules
9:00 a.m. Workstation Introduction
9:15 a.m. Supervised Case Review #1
10:00 a.m. Break
10:15 a.m. Idiopathic Interstitial Pneumonias
10:45 a.m. Collagen Vascular Disease
11:15 a.m. Supervised Case Review #2
Noon
Lunch
12:30 p.m. Supervised Case Review #3
1:00 p.m. Nodular Lung Diseases
1:30 p.m. Consolidating Lung Diseases
2:00 p.m. Supervised Case Review #4
2:45 p.m. Break
3:00 p.m. Cystic Lung Diseases and Emphysema
3:30 p.m. Supervised Case Review #5
5:30 p.m. Cocktail Reception
6:00 p.m. Optional Time for Self-Review of Cases
10:00 p.m. ACR Education Center Classes

**Day 2**

7:00 a.m. Optional Time for Self-Review of Cases
8:00 a.m. Large Airways Disease
8:30 a.m. Supervised Case Review #6
9:30 a.m. Small Airways Disease
10:00 a.m. Break
10:15 a.m. Pulmonary Hypertension and Vasculitis
11:30 a.m. Supervised Case Review #7
11:45 a.m. Noon
Lunch
12:30 p.m. Supervised Case Review #8
1:45 p.m. Break
2:00 p.m. Supervised Case Review #9
2:30 p.m. Supervised Case Review #10
3:30 p.m. Break
4:00 p.m. Optional Time for Self-Review of Cases
10:00 p.m. ACR Education Center Classes

**Day 3**

7:00 a.m. Optional Time for Self-Review of Cases
8:00 a.m. Clinical Radiologic-Pathologic Correlation
9:00 a.m. Panel Cases
10:00 a.m. Break
10:15 a.m. Supervised Case Review #11
11:30 a.m. Noon
Lunch
12:30 p.m. Supervised Case Review #12
3:00 p.m. Course Concludes
Lectures are in Bold

Attendees who complete a minimum of 100 cases will be awarded a Certificate of Proficiency stating they meet the Maintenance of Competence case requirement as specified in the ACR Practice Guidelines for the Performance of High-Resolution Computed Tomography (HRCT) of the Lungs in Adults.

**Designation Statement:** The American College of Radiology is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education to provide continuing medical education for physicians.

**Accreditation Statement:** The American College of Radiology designates this live activity for a maximum of 33.25 AMA PRA Category 1 Credits™. Physicians should claim only the credit commensurate with the extent of their participation in the activity. Qualified on 08/31/2013, this activity meets the American Board of Radiology’s criteria for a self-assessment (SAM) activity and is designated for up to 4 SAM credits toward the ABR Maintenance of Certification program.
On behalf of the organizing committee of the 6th International Workshop for Pulmonary Functional Imaging (IWPFI), you are invited to attend the 6th IWPFI to be held on July 18-20, 2013 at the Madison Concourse Hotel. The purpose of this meeting is to share the latest information in functional lung and cardiac imaging. Over 60 world experts are slated to speak. The program is organized by major topics. There will be a plenary session on Thursday highlighted by Drs. Hiroto Hatabu, Yoshiharu Ohno and Hans-Ulrich Kauczor. Lung cancer molecular imaging and radiation toxicity will be discussed on Friday highlighted by Drs. Ken Krohn, Thomas Guererro, and Paul Keall. There will be a parallel session on Saturday, Cardiopulmonary Vascular Imaging, with Drs. David Kiely, Frank Rybicki and David Levin and a QIBA breakout session organized by Dr. David Lynch. This meeting should be of interest to all STR members and we hope that you will consider joining us.

This program is cosponsored by the STR.

https://www.radiology.wisc.edu/education/conferences/iwpfi
The 2015 STR meeting will be held March 15 through March 18, 2015 at the spectacular Park Hyatt Aviara Resort in Carlsbad, California. Located just north of San Diego, this casually elegant resort is secluded amidst 200 acres of verdant hillsides and valleys, with views of the Pacific ocean and an adjacent wildlife sanctuary.

In addition to providing state-of-the-art conference facilities, this 5-diamond resort offers spacious guestrooms with private balconies that overlook the ocean, lush gardens, or golf course.

Recreational opportunities abound, including tennis, golf, a state-of-the-art fitness center and spa, and beach butler service. Listed in *Travel+Leisure* as one of the world’s best hotels, it is also rated as the best golf resort in San Diego by *Golf Digest* in 2012.

Be sure to bring your spouse and family members to enjoy all that the resort and the adjacent Carlsbad, La Jolla, and San Diego communities have to offer.
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