Dear STR Members:

IT IS AN HONOR and a privilege to serve as President of the Society of Thoracic Radiology. I am deeply indebted to my 33 predecessors, whose past leadership has helped to build and shape the society into the vibrant and robust organization that it is today.

Coming off the cusp of our successful annual meeting in Carlsbad, I am highly energized by the talent, commitment and engagement of our diverse membership, which is over 800 members strong. I am also inspired by the society’s broadening reach via new collaboration agreements with other international thoracic imaging societies, joint educational efforts with the American College of Radiology (ACR) and other organizations, patient advocacy initiatives, and other outreach activities.
Our society’s expansive reach was highly evident during our recent multidisciplinary “Essentials of CT Screening for Lung Cancer” seminar that preceded our annual meeting. Through our partnerships with ACR, the American Lung Association-California, the California Thoracic Society, the Bonnie J. Addario Lung Cancer Foundation and others, we created a unique and timely platform for a lung cancer screening conversation that involved not only cardiothoracic radiologists, but also patients, patient advocates, and physicians from a variety of disciplines, including pulmonary medicine, thoracic surgery, radiation oncology, cardiology and preventive medicine. Via the power of live streaming, our reach extended beyond the hundreds of attendees packed in the conference room to also include participants across the US and abroad. The event helped to energize our membership and to position the STR as the educational leader for this important topic.

Looking forward to the year ahead, I am fortunate to have the counsel and support of a talented and highly dedicated team of STR Officers, including Ann Leung, Thomas Hartman and Cristopher Meyer. Ann is partnering with Jeffrey Kanne, Educational Committee Chair, in planning the 2016 annual meeting, which will be held March 13-16, 2016, at the beautiful Hyatt Regency Resort & Spa at Gainey Ranch in Scottsdale, Arizona. A call for topics announcement was recently emailed to STR members. Building upon the success of our recent lung cancer screening seminar, Ann is planning a 1-day seminar that will be aimed at educating the general radiology community about this topic. Please mark your calendars now and make plans to attend next year’s meeting!

In closing, I am truly humbled and honored by the opportunity to lead STR. I enthusiastically look forward to working together to harness the society’s collective talents and energy to further our mission of promoting education, research and fellowship in cardiothoracic imaging. Working together, the society can flourish beyond our most ambitious imaginings!

Sincerely,
Phillip M. Boiselle, MD
President, Society of Thoracic Radiology
Outgoing President’s Letter
Jeremy J. Erasmus, MD

Like many of you, I recently attended the annual STR meeting in Carlsbad. The course was by all measures a major success and I thank Dr. Phillip Boiselle, and his co-director, Dr. Jeffrey Kanne, for designing an outstanding, comprehensive postgraduate radiology course in cardiothoracic imaging. The course was preceded by a day long multidisciplinary symposium, “The Essentials of CT Screening for Lung Cancer,” developed by co-directors Drs. Deni Aberle, Caroline Chiles, and David Lynch, which was a huge success.

As the immediate Past President I would like to take this opportunity to provide the members with a brief review of the Society’s activities during my 12-month term. The STR has been engaged in many important issues this past year. Early lung cancer detection/screening has been at the forefront and the STR and its members have been actively engaged in the debate and formulating and directing policy. The decision by CMS to fund screening was, in large part, achieved through the efforts of our members. In this regard, STR Past-President Dr. Ella Kazerooni and many other STR members devoted considerable time and effort to achieve this favorable outcome. In addition, the Lung Imaging Reporting and Data System (Lung-RADS®) was produced by the ACR Lung Cancer Screening Committee, also led Dr. Ella Kazerooni with strong representation from STR membership.

In keeping with our mission of leading cardiothoracic imaging nationally, members of the STR worked in collaboration with the ACR on the recently released “STR-ACR Practice Parameters for the Performance and Reporting of Lung Cancer Screening Thoracic CT” and completed two additional ACR-STR Practice Parameters for “the Performance of High-Resolution CT (HRCT) of the Lungs in Adults,” and “the Performance of Cardiac Scintigraphy.” Additionally, a Fleischner/STR Lung Cancer Screening program will be held during the 2015 ACR Annual Meeting. The STR is also collaborating with the ACR, SPR and NASCI on a new PET/CT Cardiac Imaging Parameter that will be developed for the 2016 cycle with Drs. Narainder Gupta and Greg Gladish representing the STR. Furthermore, the STR has co-branded with the ACR and the Fleischner Society to present HRCT courses nationally; Drs. David Naidich, David Lynch and Jeffrey Kanne are the course directors of the four three-day courses.
The STR has an ever increasing international footprint in cardiothoracic imaging. The STR will contribute to the educational program of the International Workshop for Pulmonary Functional Imaging (IWPFI) seventh annual meeting to be held in Edinburgh, Scotland in 2015 and this effort has been led by Dr. Mark Schiebler. Two US-based STR members, Drs. Myrna Godoy and Chi Wan Koo and two Korea-based STR members, Drs. Jin Mo Goo and Hyun-Ju Lee, will participate in the KSTR-STR Intersociety Symposium Program during the Korean Congress of Radiology to be held in Seoul, Korea. We are also engaged with our national and international colleagues in preparation for the Fourth World Congress of Thoracic Imaging to be held in Boston in June 2017 under the presidency of Dr. Theresa McLoud. Dr. Gerald Abbott will also play a leading role in this undertaking.

The STR has fostered relationships with international radiological societies, an effort coordinated by Drs. Mark Schiebler and Gautham Reddy. The STR has signed collaborative agreements with the Korean Society of Thoracic Radiology (KSTR) and the Japanese Society of Thoracic Radiology (JSTR) committing to a five-year period of collaboration in scientific and educational pursuits to promote excellence in thoracic imaging. These agreements develop common activities, especially in the fields of education, lung cancer screening and global outreach, and serves as a template for future collaboration.

More locally, the STR continues to support the weekly online case review session being managed under the direction of Dr. Jeffrey Kanne, the Education Committee and the Electronic Media Committee. These webinars are being recorded and archived. The webinar and the archived materials are available to all interested radiologists and I would encourage you to actively support this superb educational endeavor. In addition, we have recently established an STR twitter account and this effort is being directed by Dr. Brett Carter.
The ability, commitment and collegiality of the STR members are defining strengths of our Society. However, this alone will not ensure our success. Vision, a commitment to mission and financial stability are essentials. Regarding the financial standing of our Society, the Executive Committee, with leadership from Dr. Thomas Hartman, chair of the Budget and Finance Committee, have over the last year, been reviewing our finances and have initiated a restructuring of our investments to place us on a sounder footing with a more robust investment strategy. Additionally, the Corporate Relations Committee headed by Dr. Joseph Schoepf, obtained a fairly substantial financial contribution to the Society by commercial vendors.

Finally, I would like to express my sincere appreciation for the opportunity to serve the STR and I would like to thank the members of the STR and all those who have over the year been actively engaged on the Society’s behalf, including the officers, Phillip Boiselle, Ann Leung and Thomas Hartman, the Committee chairs and members, and the Matrix support staff.

I hope the coming summer brings an opportunity to relax and spend time with family. I look forward to seeing you at future meeting including the next STR meeting in Phoenix, Arizona.

Jeremy J. Erasmus, MD
Outgoing STR President
I would like to bring to your attention the May 2015 issue of JTI, which features the first installment of a two-part symposium devoted to “Imaging of Cardiopulmonary Emergencies” that is expertly edited by Drs. Sanjeev Bhalla and Johnny Vlahos. Along with a stellar group of expert contributing authors, they have succeeded in creating an outstanding compendium of review articles that describe state-of-the-art imaging of emergent conditions of the heart, aorta, pulmonary arteries and lung parenchyma.

- Diagnosing acute pulmonary embolism with computed tomography: imaging update, by Dr. Devaraj and colleagues.
- Acute traumatic aortic injury: practical considerations for the diagnostic radiologist, by Dr. Raptis and colleagues
- Acute aortic syndromes: current status, by Drs. Ridge and Litmanovich
- Coronary computed tomography angiography for the assessment of acute chest pain in the emergency department: evidence, guidelines, and tips for implementation, by Dr. Ropp and colleagues
- Diffuse Parenchymal Abnormalities in an Acutely Dyspneic Patient: A Pattern-Based Approach, by Dr. Sharma and colleagues
- Acute Thoracic Findings in Oncologic Patients, by Drs. Carter and Erasmus

The first 4 articles listed above are published in the May issue. The latter two articles will be published in the July issue, but are accessible now in the published ahead of print section on the journal website. Additional highlights of the May 2015 issue include an Expert Opinion feature devoted to CT myocardial perfusion imaging and the 2015 STR scientific and educational abstracts.

I would also like to remind you of JTI’s free SA-CME offerings, which can be found online in our CME collection. Visit the Lippincott CMEConnection portal to register online in order to take full advantage of these offerings.
Lung Cancer Screening Symposium
Caroline Chiles, MD

THE STR sponsored a one-day seminar on The Essentials of CT Screening for Lung Cancer on Saturday, March 14, 2015, in conjunction with the annual meeting at the Park Hyatt Aviara in Carlsbad, CA. The seminar was intended to not only cover a wide range of topics related to lung cancer screening, but also to appeal to a diverse audience of health care professionals. The 360-person attendance (301 on-site, 59 live stream) illustrates the tremendous interest in screening. Under the leadership of Drs. Deni Aberle, Phil Boiselle, David Lynch and Caroline Chiles, the course provided attendees up-to-date information about lung cancer screening, as well as guidance for establishing multidisciplinary lung cancer screening programs. Co-sponsors of the course were the California Thoracic Society, the American College of Radiology, the Bonnie J. Addario Lung Cancer Foundation, and the American Lung Association in California.

Dr. Theresa McLoud opened the course by reviewing the global burden of lung cancer, and the potential for CT screening to impact overall mortality from lung cancer. Drs. Deni Aberle, co-PI of the National Lung Screening Trial and Mathias Prokop, co-PI of the NELSON trial, reviewed the current evidence for CT screening for lung cancer based on data from the NLST and the European trials. For screening to be accepted in the US, it must not only be effective at reducing mortality, but it must also be cost-effective. Dr. William Black addressed this issue in his comparative analysis of CT screening performed in the NLST. Following the NLST report in 2011 of a 20% mortality reduction in eligible participants screened with low-dose CT, Dr. Brady McKee moved rapidly to establish a screening program at the Lahey Hospital in Burlington MA, and shared with the audience lessons learned from his experience. He introduced a theme that was oft-repeated during the seminar— you need a team of dedicated individuals to establish a lung cancer screening program that can cover all the bases from smoking cessation guidance through lung cancer diagnosis and treatment.

Dr. Christine Berg, co-PI of the NLST, reviewed current eligibility guidelines from the US Preventive Services Task Force (USPSTF) and the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) regarding patient eligibility and also explored risk modeling as a means of improving
patient selection as CT screening for lung cancer matures. Drs. John Mayo, Myrna Godoy, and Ella Kazerooni discussed some of the technical aspects of screening: performing CT at the lowest achievable radiation dose, measuring and characterizing lung nodules, and using standardized reporting systems such as Lung-RADS to facilitate nodule management.

The symposium included lunch for all participants, and featured two speakers who highlighted the patient’s perspective. The Bonnie J. Addario Lung Cancer Foundation (www.lungcancerfoundation.org) co-sponsored the symposium, and the President and CEO of the Foundation, Bonnie J. Addario, was present to share her personal story of surviving Stage III-A lung cancer. Following her diagnosis in 2004, she was motivated to develop a resource to empower and educate lung cancer patients, and promote cutting-edge research. Her foundation is now one of the largest philanthropies dedicated exclusively to research, early detection, education and treatment of lung cancer. Ms. Addario received a standing ovation from the audience, for her moving description of her personal goal of reducing the suffering caused by lung cancer.

Just as lung cancer treatment has become more personalized, prevention and early detection of lung cancer also requires an approach tailored to an individual’s smoking history, occupational exposures, family history, and current health status. Dr. Iain Smith, a pulmonologist at UCLA, described his shared decision making process – counseling patients about smoking cessation, their eligibility for CT screening, and the risks and benefits of undergoing screening.

The afternoon sessions offered a choice of programs. The “radiology track” included a more detailed review of nodule identification, measurement and characterization, provided by Drs. Ann Leung and Jane Ko. Dr. Geoffrey Rubin provided an update of nodule identification with CAD. An important aspect of screening programs is the ability to follow lung nodules over time, so that potential lung cancers do not “fall through the cracks.” Dr. Debra Dyer reviewed her experience with nodule tracking at the University of Colorado Denver. The “radiology track” also reviewed management of nodules suspicious for lung cancer, including the role for PET-CT (Dr. Reggie Munden) and percutaneous CT-guided biopsy (Dr. Jo-Anne Shepard). Dr. Kavita Garg provided a pictorial review of the reclassification of pulmonary adenocarcinoma. Overdiagnosis remains a critical aspect of screening for any cancer, including lung cancer, and Dr. Ned Patz shared his perspective on this oftentimes controversial topic.
The “clinical track” guided participants through some of the other challenges to setting up and running a successful lung cancer screening program, including gaining the support of hospital administrators (Dr. Andrea McKee), recruiting patients (Dr. Francine Jacobson), maximizing the opportunities for smoking cessation (Dr. Jonathan Samet), and developing a business plan (Dr. Ralph Drosten). In the second half of the “clinical track”, three leading clinicians each described their role in lung cancer screening from the perspective of cardiology (Dr. Karol Watson, UCLA), pulmonology (Dr. Gerard Silvestri, MUSC), and cardiothoracic surgery (Dr. Douglas Wood, U Wash). Dr. Charlie White concluded the “clinical track” by describing his multidisciplinary approach to lung cancer screening at U Maryland.

The one-day symposium concluded with a panel discussion (Drs. Aberle, Berg, Black, Kazerooni, Silvestri, and Wood), providing the audience an opportunity to “consult the experts.”

The entire lung cancer seminar is now available on-line. The on-line course is free for those who attended the meeting, either virtually or in-person, and can be accessed at http://www.prolibraries.com/str/events/lung2014/event, using the login information provided to them. For those who did not attend the meeting, all 36 sessions of the seminar can be purchased for $325 at http://www.prolibraries.com/str/?select=conference&conferenceID=1. STR members receive a discounted rate of $100 for access to the entire library of lectures. The on-line course provides up to 11.00 hours of CME.
THE SOCIETY of Thoracic Radiology hosted its 33rd annual meeting and postgraduate course March 15-18, 2015 at the Park Hyatt Aviara Resort in Carlsbad, California. The meeting attendance included 437 registrants and over 118 faculty. In addition to U.S. attendees, international registrants came from Argentina, Australia, Brazil, Canada, Costa Rica, Germany, India, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Netherlands, New Zealand, Saudi Arabia, Singapore, South Korea, Spain, Switzerland, and the United Kingdom.

The Program Committee, headed by President-Elect Phillip Boiselle, MD in conjunction with the education committee chaired by Jeffrey Kanne, MD designed an outstanding, comprehensive postgraduate radiology course in cardiothoracic imaging. The format this year was changed to 15-minute lectures and combined scientific and education sessions, which was enthusiastically preferred in evaluations by a majority of participants. The course was preceded on Saturday, March 14, 2015 by an all-day multidisciplinary symposium: “The Essentials of CT Screening for Lung Cancer” described by Dr. Caroline Chiles in this newsletter.

The Saturday multidisciplinary symposium set the stage for a robust session devoted to lung cancer screening, which remained the focus of the STR three named lectures: the Scanlon Lecture presented by Christine D. Berg, MD entitled “Who Should Be Screened for Lung Cancer: Weighing Risks and Benefits”, the Gordon Gamsu Memorial Lecture presented by Gerard A. Silvestri, MD on the “Management of Screen-Detected Nodules: A Pulmonologist’s Perspective” and, the Benjamin Felson Memorial Lecture entitled “CT Screening: Role of the Thoracic Surgeon” presented by Douglas E. Wood, MD.

Dr. Douglas Wood described the role of the thoracic surgeon in lung cancer screening during the Lung Cancer Screening Seminar, Saturday, March 14, 2015. He also presented the Benjamin Felson Memorial Lecture entitled “CT Screening: Role of the Thoracic Surgeon.”
Many topics were discussed at the meeting including a thorough review of diffuse lung diseases, infections, vascular disease, oncology and lung cancer screening, mediastinal imaging, COPD and airways disease, and cardiothoracic emergencies. A career development session for fellow and junior faculty members was presented by Drs. Phillip Boiselle and Jeffrey Klein as a primer on publishing in radiology journals. This was followed by a panel discussion with Drs. Ann Leung, Eric Stern, and Pat Colletti from AJR and concluded with a reception for students, residents, and fellows, which gave aspiring academic thoracic imagers the opportunity to meet and discuss the future of chest radiology with senior members of the STR.

A new format for the interactive case session hosted by Drs. Andetta Hunsaker and Rachna Madan entitled “Reading Cases with the Experts” encouraged audience participation in unknown cardiothoracic cases using the electronic audience response system. The ESTI speakers this year were well known to our society: Dr. David Hansell challenged thoracic imagers to critically think about how much clinical information is enough to interpret an HRCT and Dr. Sujal Desai explored the classification and manifestations of chronic pulmonary aspergillosis.

For those attendees unable to stay through Wednesday, you missed a very thought provoking closing section with talks that challenged the status quo. Dr. Jonathan Chung introduced compelling new methods in resident education, and Dr. Mark Gosselin encouraged critical thinking in medicine, challenging many of our firmly held beliefs – for instance, do bicycle helmets really improve bicycle safety and decrease the incidence of head injuries or will hands free cell phone use in the car actually decrease MVAs? If you want to know, you will have to stick around next year or e-mail Mark.
Thanks to all the STR members who participated in the annual meeting and made the meeting such a success.
Oral Presentation Winners

Jack Westcott
CT Perfusion (CTP) of Pulmonary Lesions: Translational Research Analyzing the Utility of CTP in the Classification of Pulmonary Lesions as Benign or Malignant Compared to Histopathology
Shaun Nordeck, MSRS, RRA
NORDECK S, Watumull L, Arbique G, Xi Y, Zhang D and Brewington C

Best Oral Presentation by a Junior Faculty
Optimizing Dose Reduction for Coronary Artery Calcium Scoring with Iterative Reconstruction – A Within Patients Analysis
Martin J. Willemink, MD
WILLEMINK MJ, den Harder AM, Budde RPJ, Leiner T and de Jong PA

Magna Cum Laude
Imaging of the Cardiothoracic Manifestations of Vasculitis: Pearls and Pitfalls
Zeeshan S. Bhatti, MD
BHATTI ZS, Vummidi D and Singer O

Cum Laude
Anomalous Origin of Coronary Artery from the Pulmonary Artery: Postoperative Imaging Evaluation
Aska Kandathil, MD
KANDATHIL A, Dennie C, Pena E, Shah A and Agarwal P
ACR LungRADS: Structured Reporting and Management for CT Lung Cancer Screening
Dharshan R Vummidi, MRCP, FRCA
VUMMIDI DR, Kazerooni E and Quint L

Certificate of Merit
Cardiac Diffusion Weighted Imaging: A New Kid on the Block
Jordi Broncano, MD
BRONCANO J, Luna A, Martin T and Sanchez Gonzalez J
Beyond Bronchitis: A Review of the Congenital and Acquired Abnormalities of the Bronchus
Katherine A. Kaproth-Joslin, MD, PhD
KAPROTH-JOSLIN KA, Hobbs SK and Chaturvedi A
Thoracic Manifestations of Primary Histiocytic Disorders
Nana Appiawiah, MD
APPIAWIAH N, Browne L, Sirajuddin A, Ocazionez D, Restrepo CS and Vargas D
Spectrum of Thoracic Extranodal Non-Hodgkin Lymphoma: Detection Strategies and Problem-Solving
Matthew P Bligh, MD, M.ASc
BLIGH MP, Borgaonkar J, Burrell S and Manos D
Imaging Assessment after Multimodality Therapy in Esophageal Carcinoma
Brett W. Carter, MD
CARTER BW, Palacio D, Truong MT and Betancourt SL
Granulomatous Lung Disease: Distinguishing Clinical Features and Imaging Findings
Joanna E. Kusmirek, MD
KUSMIREK JE, Kanne JP and Meyer C
Optimization of Spatial and Contrast Resolution for Coronary Artery Wall Imaging: A Phantom Study
Hany Kashani, MD, MSc
KASHANI H, Ursani A and Paul N

Case of the Day Winner
Scott Simpson, Temple University, Philadelphia, PA

Overall Winner
Scott Simpson, Temple University, Philadelphia, PA
2015 Gold Medal Tribute

Jeffrey S. Klein, MD

On Monday, March 16, 2015 at the 33rd Annual Society of Thoracic Radiology (STR) Meeting & Postgraduate Course in Carlsbad, California, the Society’s Gold Medal was awarded to Denise Aberle of the Department of Radiological Sciences, David Geffen School of Medicine (DGSOM) at UCLA. The society’s gold medal is awarded annually to an individual who has provided outstanding service to the field of cardiothoracic radiology.

Dr. Aberle is a native of Wichita, Kansas. She attended college at the University of Kansas in Lawrence, Kansas, graduating with a B.A. with honors in French Literature. After receiving her medical degree and completing an internship at the University of Kansas Medical Center in Kansas City, Kansas, she completed an internal medicine residency at Boston University Medical Center. Her career in radiology began with a residency in diagnostic radiology at the UCLA School of Medicine including a chief residency, followed by fellowship training at UCLA in body CT and a dedicated thoracic imaging fellowship at the University of California San Francisco School of Medicine. It was her year at UCSF School of Medicine that Deni trained with Drs. Gordon Gamsu and Richard Webb, both of whom have had significant influence on her academic career. While Deni would readily acknowledge countless senior academicians, colleagues, and students who have influenced her career, her primary mentor during her subspecialty training and as a clinician scientist was the late Dr. Gordon Gamsu, past STR president and previous STR Lifetime Achievement Award recipient. She credits Gordon with having instilled in her the drive to ask questions and formulate systematic methods to test hypotheses. Most importantly, through Gordon she saw first-hand the meaning of professional integrity.

Following her fellowship at UCSF, Dr. Aberle returned to UCLA in 1987, becoming Section Chief of Thoracic Imaging in 1988 and currently serving as Professor and Vice Chair of Research in Radiological Sciences.

Dr. Aberle has provided exceptional service to UCLA and to numerous professional organizations during her distinguished career. Since joining the UCLA faculty she served as Section Chief of Thoracic Imaging from 1988-2005, as Vice Chair for Research since 2001, and on multiple university
committees relevant to research, informatics, and strategic planning. She has served in a leadership capacity for multiple national radiological, research, and medical organizations, most notably as president of the Society of Thoracic Radiology from 1997-1998, deputy chair of the American College of Radiology Imaging Network (ACRIN) from 2008 to 2013, and more recently as Chair of the ECOG-ACRIN Early Detection, Diagnosis and Surveillance Committee. In recognition of her contributions to UCLA Radiological Sciences, Dr. Aberle was awarded the Leo Rigler Outstanding Teaching Award in 1998. For her scientific accomplishments Dr. Aberle was awarded the Outstanding Scientific Leadership in Thoracic Radiology from the Society of Thoracic Radiology in 2011 as well as awards from the ACRIN, the International Association for the Study of Lung Cancer, the American Lung Association, the Clinical Research Forum, and the UCLA Clinical Translational Science Institute.

With all of her accomplishments as clinician, educator, and her service to radiology and medicine, it is in the research arena where Dr. Aberle has had her greatest impact on our subspecialty. Dr. Aberle has been a funded investigator since 1988, exploring diverse subjects in thoracic radiology including the use of high-resolution CT in occupational lung disease, PACS for thoracic imaging, functional and quantitative lung imaging, and the evaluation of the solitary pulmonary nodule. However, it was her role as national principal investigator from 2002-2013 of the ACRIN arm of the National Lung Screening Trial, the largest and most influential randomized trial in the history of thoracic radiology, for which she is most widely recognized.
To her mind, the NLST was a triumph on several fronts. The NLST ACRIN, of which she was national PI, was a fledgling organization at the time of trial launch. Many of the 22 radiologists who were site PIs were not seasoned clinical trialists; moreover, ACRIN’s infrastructure was only developing relative to the highly efficient NLST-LSS infrastructure that had been in place for nearly a decade already. To Deni’s mind, the ACRIN investigators knew that the NLST, one of the most expensive of the NCI’s individual undertakings, was much more than a big trial with a mortality endpoint. These investigators also collected at their considerable individual costs the additional data beyond mortality endpoint that would inform screening-related quality of life, influences of screening on smoking, cost-effectiveness, and the collection of biospecimens that can validate potential molecular biomarkers of early lung cancer. The NLST was a collective in which each of the sites – their radiologists, and their supporting staff – must take credit for success. As she loves to say, “The NLST was about a bunch of radiologists fundamentally changing practice. Those radiologists, her STR colleagues, should never, ever forget their role in establishing the evidence that changed public policy on early lung cancer detection.”

While Dr. Aberle has published and presented on a broad spectrum of topics in thoracic radiology during her career, she has devoted much of her time over the past 15 years educating physicians, the media, and the public on the structure, results, and implications of the NLST and more broadly on the rational use of CT for lung cancer early detection.

Deni has been married for over 33 years to her husband Dr. John Adams, Vice Chair of Research in Orthopaedic Surgery, Director of the UCLA Orthopaedic Hospital Research Center, and Professor of Orthopaedic Surgery; Medicine; and Molecular, Cell and Developmental Biology in the David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA. They have two beautiful daughters, Wesley and Annie, ages 24 and 22, respectively, both of whom have chosen professions in the entertainment industry. Despite her academic accomplishments, Deni acknowledges that it is her two daughters for which she has earned the highest critical acclaim.
THE RESEARCH COMMITTEE would like to inform the membership of the upcoming September 15 deadline for seed grant proposals. Seed grant funding is aimed towards supporting young investigators who are interested in pursuing novel research in thoracic and cardiac imaging. Junior faculty within 5 years of completion of their fellowship and current fellows are given preference. Spring has arrived, and therefore now is a great time for junior and senior faculty members to reach out to one another to discuss research ideas, identify those who are interested in applying, and formulate aims and hypotheses for applications.

For those who are interested in applying, please refer to the guidelines for the grant proposals on the STR website (http://thoracicrad.org/?portfolio=research), including information pertaining to submission process, budget considerations, and funding requirements. An optional letter of intent can be submitted prior to the proposed grant application deadline. The grant proposal and supporting documents include a research plan (background, specific aims, research design, references), budget, and letters of support such as from a collaborating STR senior member, if the applicant is at the junior faculty level. The STR would like to thank the research committee members for their past and current efforts in the review process.

At this year’s annual meeting, Dr. Chi Wan Koo and colleagues from the Mayo Clinic STR presented research titled “Magnetic Resonance Imaging of Part Solid Nodules,” which was supported by the funding from the STR and contributions from its members to the Research and Education Fund.
Professorship Letter
Craig W. Walker, MD

As many of you remember, Dr. Jud W. Gurney, a long-time University of Nebraska Medical Center faculty and member of STR, passed away March 18, 2010. To honor Dr. Gurney’s life and recognize his numerous accomplishments, a fundraising effort was begun to establish a $500,000 endowed professorship in his name that would forever be associated with the UNMC Department of Radiology.

We are very pleased to report that our goal is close at hand. Gifts and pledges of nearly $465,000 have been raised to date. On behalf of Jud’s family and his colleagues at UNMC, please accept our sincere thanks for all that the society and its membership have done. Your efforts have been truly amazing. We are anxious for the day that the Jud W. Gurney Professorship is fully funded allowing its use to permanently cement Jud’s legacy at UNMC as a cherished colleague, teacher and friend.

Additional information about Dr. Gurney and opportunities to contribute can be found at www.nufoundation.org. Click on Give Now to make your gift today, or call Brenda Helget at the University of Nebraska Foundation at 402-502-4111, or email her at brenda.helget@nufoundation.org.

Thank you again for helping honor Jud’s legacy and I hope to soon report that his professorship is fully funded.

Craig W. Walker, MD FACR
Chair, Department of Radiology
UNMC
2015 KSTR-STR Joint Symposium
Mark Your Calendars

A KOREAN Society of Thoracic Radiology (KSTR) - Society of Thoracic Radiology (STR) Intersociety Joint Symposium will take place on September 11th during the Korean Congress of Radiology at COEX in Seoul, Korea (September 9-12, 2015, http://www.kcr4u.org/index.htm). This joint symposium consists of six lectures on the topics of lung cancer screening in the US and Korea, and updates in lung cancer screening. Two US-based STR members (Myrna Godoy and Chi Wan Koo) and two Korea-based STR members (Jin Mo Goo and Hyun-Ju Lee) will speak at this symposium.

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ITMIG
Mark Your Calendars

The International Thymic Malignancy Interest Group (ITMIG) invites STR members to submit an abstract for the International Thymic Malignancy Interest Group (ITMIG) meeting in Shanghai, China, October 23-25, 2015. Come to the meeting and join an engaged multispecialty community of physicians promoting progress in mediastinal tumors. ITMIG is open to all disciplines in medicine but is in particular need of thoracic imagers. It is the ideal multidisciplinary forum to mingle, and make connections with leaders in the treatment of thymic diseases. Prizes will be given for the best abstract and posters; travel grants are available for trainees. For details visit www.itmig2015.org.
2016 STR Annual Meeting
Mark Your Calendars

The STR 2016 Thoracic Imaging Course will be held March 13 through March 16 at the stunning Hyatt Regency Scottsdale Resort & Spa at Gainey Ranch in Scottsdale, Arizona.

Set amidst flowering cactus and framed against the majestic McDowell Mountains, Hyatt Regency Scottsdale Resort & Spa is minutes from a host of activities and miles from the ordinary. Enjoy the endless wonders of our 27 acres and breathtaking vistas blended with intriguing Native American Culture and pampering amenities. This distinctive resort features include spacious guestrooms, private balconies, a 2½ acre water oasis with ten pools and sand beach, 27 holes of championship golf on-property, award-winning Spa Avania, 4 tennis courts and 4 restaurants.
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