President’s Address

By Charles S. White, MD

The second World Congress of Thoracic Imaging was held in May in Valencia, Spain. Valencia is famous for its oversized oranges, its delicious paellas and its post-modernist architecture. In keeping with the last theme, the meeting was held at the recently built and spectacularly designed convention center. Attendees stayed at several high-quality hotels nearby. The entire complex is convenient to Valencia’s historic district, its major cultural attractions and a beach situated on the Mediterranean Sea.

The meeting was well-attended, with over 1,300 attendees from around the world. The international panel of speakers included many members of the Society of Thoracic Radiology. The Society was well represented in the numerous refresher courses, scientific sessions, and poster exhibits not to mention the exciting film panel, which had a Pirate theme. All in all, the second World Congress was a very successful conference and a terrific opportunity for Society members to meet and compare notes with their counterparts from around the globe.
STR members and guests at the World Congress of Thoracic Imaging in Valencia, Spain

Theresa McLoud, MD and Christian Herold, MD, moderators of the unique (pirate-theme) World Congress Image Interpretation Session

Jose Vilar, MD, PhD, local host of the Second World Congress of Thoracic Imaging

Fun Facts from the WCTI-II

Number of Attendees: 1311
Most Numerous Registrations by Country: Spain-315, Italy-179, USA-110
Attendees From: 56 different countries
Number of Lectures: 70
Number of Symposium: 5
Number of Workshops: 1
Number of Electronic Posters: 402
Number of Oral Scientific Presentations: 167
Number of Exhibits: 17
Plans for Next WCTI-III

Plans are underway for the Third World Congress of Thoracic Imaging. Meeting organizers are giving strong consideration to holding the meeting in Seoul, South Korea during the spring of 2013. Members of the Korean Society of Thoracic Radiology have been important contributors to local and international activities in the field and are confident that the congress would provide a high–level scientific and refresher course program modeled after the first two World Congresses. In addition, they expect that the meeting would achieve financial success based on expected high attendance from Asian radiologists and substantial support by the corporate sector.

Seoul is a major metropolitan area with multiple large convention centers. The city has numerous cultural attractions, and there are direct flights from multiple cities in North America, including several on the East Coast.
Report from the Editor of Journal of Thoracic Imaging

Phil Boiselle, MD, Editor of the Journal of Thoracic Imaging (JTI), reports that the recent JTI readership survey showed that the journal is highly valued by its readers. In response to the survey results, the journal will begin to incorporate several new features, including practical "How I Do It" articles, editorials on controversial issues, invited review articles by non-radiologists, and radiology-pathology correlation articles. The survey results also showed strong support for the continued presence of symposia, which were the highest rated feature among current JTI offerings.

Phil would also like to bring to your attention the recently published August issue of JTI, which includes an exciting symposium on COPD that is guest-edited by Bob Steiner, Past-President of the STR. The electronic version of the August issue also includes the publication of all oral scientific abstracts that were presented at the recent Second World Congress of Thoracic Imaging meeting in Valencia, Spain. Phil encourages you to check out the recently enhanced electronic version of the JTI, which can be accessed via the members’ network portion of the STR website or directly at www.thoracicimaging.com

STR Member Contributions Welcome

Dr. Rosado-de-Christenson and the members of the STR Publications Committee welcome contributions to the STR Newsletter from the general membership. Please refer to the publication dates and deadlines on this issue for further information.
Member News

An endowed chair has been set up with the University of Nebraska Foundation in Dr. Jud Gurney’s name. Anyone wishing to contribute to that fund should contact Dr. Craig Walker, Chairman of Radiology at the University of Nebraska.

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Dr. Gurney wishes to thank the Society members for the lovely flowers and to let the Society know they were greatly appreciated. The flowers were sent to Dr. Gurney during his recent illness.

Dr. Page McAdams, STR Past President (2006-2007), is pictured with Dr. Jud Gurney, STR Past President (2007-2008)

The STR Publications Committee thanks Drs. Gerald F. Abbott and Eric Stern for contributing photos to this issue of the STR Newsletter.
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Thoracic Imaging-2010
February 28- March 3, 2010
Hotel del Coronado
San Diego, CA

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Walking on the Beach in Coronado

Thoracic Imaging-2011
March 6-9, 2011
Hyatt Regency at Coconut Point Resort & Spa
Bonita Springs, FL