One of the pleasures of acting as your STR President is the opportunity to talk with many of you for various reasons and sometimes for no reason at all. My interactions with STR members over the past few months have reminded me of what has always attracted me to this group. Our members are characterized by their commitment: to thoracic imaging, to interdisciplinary interactions, to excellence in teaching and to advancing the field through research. I have been particularly impressed by the level of engagement of many members in multi-center imaging trials, several of which are likely to profoundly change the way we practice thoracic imaging. Our academic members are outstanding role models for our residents and fellows.

It is remarkable how even our hardest-working members invariably respond positively to a request for help, and I thank each of you who has volunteered for extra work in this way. At a time when every media outlet seems to tell us that the world is falling apart, it is refreshing to open this newsletter and read of the hard work of individual society members, building the future of our specialty.

I wish each of you a well-deserved summer break and look forward to communicating with you again in the fall.
JTI Editor’s Report

As you may know, the May 2010 issue of the Journal of Thoracic Imaging (JTI) featured the first part of a special 3-issue symposium devoted to advances in cardiopulmonary MDCT imaging that is guest edited by Joe Schoepf. The second part of the symposium will be published in the August 2010 issue and focuses upon cardiac MDCT applications.

In addition to these highlights of the printed version of JTI, I would like to bring to your attention 2 new features of the electronic version of the Journal that are providing a continuous flow of new content on a weekly basis: the JTI blog and Published-Ahead-of-Print (PAP). Through the JTI blog, we are providing more frequent new content and expanding the type of information that we are publishing to include a variety of informal offerings about topics of interest to cardiopulmonary radiologists. At the same time, the PAP section is rapidly increasing the speed of electronic publication of articles that will eventually be included in future issues of the journal. You may access these features on the journal website or subscribe to them as Really Simple Syndication (RSS) feeds, which allow for the content to come directly to you.

Moreover, with our new “Mobile View” feature, you can access all of the journal’s offerings on-the-go with your iPhone ® or other portable, internet-enabled mobile device.

When you visit the JTI website, you will also have access to web-exclusive content, including case reports, STR meeting abstracts and announcements, book reviews, special online collections, and a new ACR Appropriateness Criteria ® Review series. You may access the electronic version of JTI in 2 ways: 1) via the “Members Login” section of the STR website at www.thoracicrad.org or 2) directly at www.thoracicimaging.com. The first time that you visit the site directly (using #2), you will need to register using the information on the mailing label of your printed version of JTI. Simply click on the “Register” button located at the top right corner of the website, then enter your subscriber account number that appears on your journal label above your name (it starts with RTI). Registering also provides you with the opportunity to customize the site by saving your searches and creating personal article collections.
Report from the STR Electronic Media Committee

I am very pleased to report that this year the STR contracted with CMEinfo.com to publish the recorded content from the recent 2010 annual meeting, in DVD format. CMEinfo.com publishes self-study continuing education materials on video and does a great job of editing and professionally mastering each lecture, capturing much of the experience of attending the live course.

This collaboration accomplishes several important goals for the STR. Firstly, this agreement will allow us to continue to make a portion of the annual meeting content freely available on the STR website education portal (http://education.thoracicrad.org/online edu.htm), while at the same time, eliminating previous production expenses. At this time, there are over 50 freely available online lectures from the 2006-2008 meetings, and we anticipate adding another 15 or so new lectures from the 2010 annual meeting. Secondly, this agreement will produce a valuable revenue stream back to the STR which will help replenish the research and education foundation funds expended in producing past years educational content. This is a true win-win scenario! I would like to personally thank the course faculty for generously agreeing to contribute their expertise to this product.

The DVE will be published and available for purchase this July (http://www.cmeinfo.com/store_temp/Thoracic_Imaging_436.__asp).

Intersociety Collaboration

At the recent 2010 European Society of Thoracic Imaging (ESTI) meeting in Bern, Switzerland, your STR leadership began discussions with their ESTI counterparts about potential collaborations between our two societies. The initial goals of this collaboration would be to organize common sessions during our respective annual meetings, develop common activities especially in the fields of education and global outreach, and to maintain an open dialogue between representatives of the organizations each year to discuss present cooperation and future plans. Upon developing such collaborations, future outcomes may include the creation of joint guidelines, consensus statements, etc.

In the near future, we also feel that it would be important and beneficial to bring our sister organizations in Asia into similar discussions.

We would like to hear from you with your feedback and ideas on this society initiative. Please send any thoughts to Barbara McLeod, executive administrator of the STR at Barbara@matrixmeetings.com.
Since January 2010, the membership of the STR has increased to 742 members total. There are 122 members from outside the United States. We extend a welcome to our new active (35), in-training (12), and associate (1) members.

New 2010 STR Members

Nila J. Akhtar  Afshin Karimi  Anuradha S. Rebello
Abdullah M. AlJebreen  Tae Jung Kim  Rahul D. Renapurkar
Rajaa M. Almestady  Christopher Lee  Arnold Rotter
Samira Alturkistany  Todd Lovelace  Joyce D. Schroeder
Marcelo Benveniste  Carmen P. Lydell  Qasim S. Sheikh
Bijan Bijan  Conor G. Maguire  Jana L. Taylor
Ana-Maria Bilawich  Timothy J. Mickus  Thienkahi H. Vu
Maura J. Brown  Peter J. Moorton  Alan J. Woronoff
Ruth G. Brush  Arun Nachiappan  Mark S. Yuhasz
Brett B. Carmichael  Kathryn M. Olsen  Benjamin A. Zalta
Gilles E. Cote
Jeffrey R. Crass
Raymond T. Cummins
Dennis E. Der
Matthew J. DeVries
Achala Donuru
Maya Galperin-Aizenberg
Francisco Garcia-Morales
Myrna C.B. Godoy
Nikhil Goyal
Kumud Gugliada
Ashish Gupta
Antonio J. Gutierrez
Samanjit S. Hare
Travis S. Henry
Kitty U. Ho Cain
Elizabeth A. Jett
Stephen N. Kahn

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The Society of Thoracic Radiology (STR) Research and Education Fund, established to promote and support the educational and research initiatives of radiologists interested in thoracic imaging, continues the effort to improve the understanding and excellence of cardiothoracic radiology in 2010. The committee members have contributed generously both in terms of time and intellectual input.

In the 2010 fiscal year, the emphasis to promote the scientific endeavors of young investigators will be supported by an allocation of $30,000 to the Research Fund. In an effort to coordinate research support and facilitate the process of grant solicitation and review, the STR has a liaison with the Inter-Organizational Research Council (IORC) with the ongoing development of a common electronic application to streamline the application process.

In 2009, the application by Dr. Torigian from the Department of Radiology, Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania, on the “Feasibility and validation of positron emission tomography imaging for non-invasive assessment of targeted nanocarriers to treat pulmonary inflammation in a mouse model” was selected to receive $20,000 in seed grant support in 2010. This proposal was considered particularly exciting in terms of the proposed research undertaking and the likelihood that the results would aid in achieving larger funding.

Help us Name the Newsletter!

We are in the process of re-designing the STR newsletter and the STR logo. As part of this process we are looking for a name for our STR newsletter. We do not want to take this important step without the valuable input of our members. We hereby officially announce the “Name the STR Newsletter Contest” and hope you will participate.

Please email your ideas to: str@thoracicrad.org by August 31, 2010.

Melissa L. Rosado de Christenson, MD, FACR
STR Secretary
It is now official; the International Thymic Malignancy Interest Group (ITMIG) was conceived in New York, on May 6th, 2010 at 8:15AM. Thymic malignancies are uncommon, and their staging, classification, specimen handling and treatment are not clear. Overcoming these challenges is what motivated the creation of ITMIG. This is an inclusive organization from multiple specialties with 250 inaugural members from practically every continent around the world. Committees and workgroups have been and are being formed. Of particular interest to us radiologists are the:

- Research and Infrastructure Committee with its
  - Database Workgroup, formed to develop an international database including imaging and assessment of data quality
  - Innovation Workgroup, formed to actively seek innovative approaches, build collaborations with others outside of traditional specialties
- Communication and Education Committee, formed to raise standards of care through dissemination of information, collaboration with other organizations, create an educational forum to foster awareness of thymic tumors, and promote collaborative projects

The 2010 ITMIG meeting was very successful, and it came through loud and clear that radiologists with an interest in thymic tumors are wanted and needed. There is potential for growth and collaboration with the leaders in the field from different disciplines such as thoracic surgery, pathology, radiation oncology and medical oncology. We as chest radiologists should be involved, influence the creation and implementation of studies, and help shape the future therapy and decision making in thymic malignancies. I urge you to become an ITMIG member simply by signing up online (www.itmig.org). By signing up you will receive updates on meetings and projects, and you will be able to view and sign up for the different workgroups, where you could make a difference. Another way to express your interest in an ongoing project or to propose new ideas is by contacting Jennifer Schwartz (jschwartz@thymic.org).
The Image Interpretation session was held on Sunday February 28, 2010 and was one of the highlights of the Thoracic Imaging 2010 meeting. The session was moderated by Melissa Rosado-de-Christenson, MD. The expert panel included Tomás Franquet, MD from the Universidad Autónoma de Barcelona, Laura Heyneman, MD from Duke University Medical School, Diane Stollo, MD from the University of Pittsburgh Medical School, and Robert Suh, MD from the UCLA Medical Center. The experts discussed their approach to a variety of challenging thoracic imaging cases.

Moderator Melissa Rosado de Christenson, MD (center) with Image Interpretation panelists (from left to right) Robert Suh, MD, Diane Strollo, MD, Laura Heyneman, MD, Tomás Franquet, MD

2010 Image Interpretation Session Cases

Cervical Aortic Arch

Congenital Interruption of the Left Pulmonary Artery

Bordetella Bronchiseptica Pneumonia

Thymic Carcinoma
**STR - Save the Date 2011**

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

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- January 15, 2011

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