Treasurer’s Report:

Dear STR Members:

I am happy to report that the financial health of the STR in 2015 remains strong. The Budget and Finance Committee is responsible for managing the financial resources of the STR. The main areas on which the committee has focused this year have been on diversification of our investment portfolio, review of fees for the Annual Meeting and Membership, and the annual budgeting process.

Historically, the STR had invested its funds entirely in bonds, and while that was successful, it did expose the STR to increased risk relative to a more diversified portfolio. Therefore, the Budget and Finance committee decided to shift some funds to stocks in order to better balance our investments. With the help of Cedar Rapids Bank and Trust (CRBT), roughly 30% of the portfolio has now been invested in stock funds, with roughly 60% in bond funds and the remainder in cash and cash equivalents. The portfolio is reviewed quarterly with CRBT and rebalanced in order to keep the percentage of funds in each type of investment vehicle within our targeted range.

An inspiration...a long, deep breath of the pure air of thought... could alone give health to the heart.

~ Richard Jefferies
The costs of the STR Annual Meeting have been increasing and after reviewing the expenses for the 2015 meeting, it was determined that costs of the Annual Meeting were no longer being covered by registration fees. The Budget and Finance Committee reviewed the history of registration fees charged by the STR and determined that the last time that the registration fees had been increased was 2010. Therefore, it was decided that increasing the registration fee would be appropriate to continue to cover costs. After benchmarking STR registration fees with similarly sized medical meetings, it was determined that the STR would increase fees for the 2016 Annual Meeting for Senior Members by $50 to $745 and $50 to $1175 for non-members.

Administrative and other costs to the STR have also been increasing since 2010, which was the last time membership dues rose. To maintain the fiscal health of the organization, it was determined that an increase in membership dues was also warranted. Therefore, the Annual Membership dues for Senior Members for 2016 were increased to $440 from $390. Recognizing the financial constraints on our Members-in-Training, it was elected to leave their annual dues unchanged.

Prudent financial stewardship requires a robust budgeting process. In the past, the STR has managed its finances by ensuring that annual membership dues and meeting registration fees covered our expenses, and given the size of the organization during that period, that was sufficient. However, as the organization has grown and expanded its scope, providing opportunities such as research grants for example, it has become apparent that a more formalized budgeting process would be beneficial to closely manage the finances of the STR. Therefore, the committee has moved to implement an annual budgeting process that will begin in 2016.

In closing, I wish to thank the STR membership for this opportunity. It has been my privilege to serve as the STR Treasurer for the last two years. The organization remains on a solid financial footing, and the work of the Budget and Finance Committee has ensured that it will continue its strong position going forward.
I WOULD LIKE to bring to your attention the January 2016 issue of JTI, which ushers in the 31st year of publication for the journal. In reflecting on the past year, I would like to express my gratitude to the STR for its ongoing support of the journal and to the many individual STR members who contribute as editors, authors, reviewers and readers.

A highlight of the January issue is our annual Editors’ Recognition Awards for Distinction in Reviewing in 2015. This issue also includes a selection of timely cardiopulmonary original research articles, the ACR Appropriateness Criteria® for Occupational Lung Diseases, and a pictorial essay devoted to pulmonary valve anatomy and abnormalities.

I also encourage you to visit our Published Ahead of Print section at www.thoracicimaging.com to access an exciting collection of state-of-the-art review articles devoted to Diffuse Lung Diseases. In March, these articles will be published as a symposium issue, which has been expertly guest edited by Jonathan Chung and Jeff Kanne. In the year ahead, we will also publish a timely symposium on Lung Cancer Imaging guest edited by James Ravenel. Look for these features and more in the coming months!
Editors’ Recognition Awards for Distinction in Reviewing

Jeanne Ackman
John HM Austin
Brett Carter
Matthew Cham
Jonathan Chung
Paul Cronin
Sujal Desai
Jonathan Dodd
Teri Franks
Tomás Franquet
Seth Kligerman
Edward Lee
Diana Litmanovich
David Lynch
David Naeger
Mizuki Nishino
Mark Schiebler
Dorith Shaham
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Charles White
Carol Wu
Global Impact of the STR
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THE SOCIETY OF THORACIC RADIOLOGY has a total membership of over 800 with approximately 150 international members from 25 countries including Argentina, Austria, Belgium, Brazil, Canada, Chile, France, Ireland, Israel, Japan, Mexico, Netherlands, New Zealand, Republic of Singapore, Saudi Arabia, South Africa, South Korea, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Taiwan, Thailand, United Kingdom. (see membership map on page 7)

Our members are actively involved in sharing their expertise in thoracic imaging throughout the world. We recently distributed a survey to determine the global reach of the STR. We received 220 responses, 79% from the U.S., 8% from Canada and 13% from a variety of other countries with 48% of respondents reporting travel in the past 5 years to lecture or work in thoracic imaging outside the country in which they primarily practice. The heat map illustrated provides some information regarding the scope and concentration of the STR’s global impact. (see global heat map on page 8)

The STR Intersociety Relations Committee under the leadership of Co-Chairs, Drs. Mark Schiebler and Gautham Reddy has strengthened ties with several international thoracic imaging societies. The STR and the Korean Society of Thoracic Radiology (KSTR) signed an agreement committing to a five-year period of collaboration in scientific and educational pursuits to promote excellence in thoracic imaging in July 2014 and the Japanese Society of Thoracic Radiology (JSTR) signed a similar agreement in September 2014.

The STR and the European Society of Thoracic Imaging have a long-standing collegial relationship with a signed collaboration agreement in place since 2012. The ESTI Annual meeting in June 2015 included a session entitled ESTI meets STR: Mediastinal tumours – An interactive session moderated by Dr. Eric Stern. Numerous STR members gave presentations at this meeting.
The Korean Congress of Radiology (KCR) held its annual meeting on September 9-12, 2015 and the Korean Society of Thoracic radiology (KSTR) and the STR participated in an Intersociety Symposium on lung cancer screening featuring Drs. Jin Mo Goo, Myrna Godoy and Chi Wan Koo.

The International Workshop for Pulmonary Functional Imaging (IWPFI) convened its annual meeting in Edinburgh September 29-October 1, 2015 and hosted a lecture series co-branded with the STR entitled the “Idiopathic Pulmonary Fibrosis” moderated by Drs. David Lynch and Warren Gefter.

The future of the STR’s global impact on thoracic imaging remains promising with plans for the World Congress of Thoracic Imaging to be held in Boston, Massachusetts on June 18-21, 2017 in collaboration with the Fleischner Society, ESTI, JSTR, and KSTR. Plans for this meeting are well underway with Drs. Theresa McLoud as President of the WCTI4, Tom Hartman Program Chair, Phil Boiselle as Scientific Sessions Chair and Melissa Rosado de Christenson as Chair of the Scientific and Educational Exhibits. The STR is a global presence in thoracic imaging thanks to the efforts and dedication of our many members worldwide.
Society of Thoracic Radiology Membership
Global Distribution
As of December 2015

STR Membership

North American
Canada
USA
749 Members

Latin America
Argentina
Brazil
Chile
Mexico
11 Members

Europe
Austria
Belgium
France
Ireland
Netherlands
Spain
Sweden
Switzerland
United Kingdom
27 Members

Africa & Middle East
Israel
Saudi Arabia
South Africa
7 Members

Asia
Japan
Korea
Singapore
Taiwan
Thailand
22 Members

Australia & New Zealand
13 Members

STR has over 800 Members (150 International Members) from 27 Countries
Worldwide Society of Thoracic Radiology Global Impact Survey Data

Drs. Myrna Godoy (top), Jin Mo Goo, and Chi Wan Koo (bottom) lecturing at the KSTR-STR Intersociety Symposium on lung cancer screening at the Korean Congress of Radiology.

STR members Drs. Charles White, Jeffrey Klein, Edith Marom, and Eric Stern with Dr. Mariaelena Occhipinti (second from right) from the Catholic University in Rome, Italy at the ESTI Meeting 2015.

Hotspots illustrating the global reach of STR members who have professionally traveled abroad within the last 5 years.
THE SOCIETY OF THORACIC RADIOLOGY (STR) announces the funding of the seed grant to Dr. H Henry Guo, MD, PhD, a Clinical Assistant Professor in the Thoracic Radiology and Nuclear Medicine Sections at Stanford University Hospital. A graduate from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology in molecular biology, he subsequently received his MD and PhD degrees from the University of Washington School of Medicine. Dr. Guo’s PhD research focused on the molecular mechanisms in DNA repair defects leading to cancer cell transformation. Following his radiology residency at Stanford in 2007, he completed fellowships in nuclear medicine and thoracic radiology at the same institution. Dr. Guo enjoys the combination of high-resolution anatomic and physiologic/molecular imaging offered by both the field of thoracic imaging and nuclear medicine. Current research interests include pulmonary uptake of radiotracers in lung diseases, imaging markers of cardiopulmonary disease, and three-dimensional printing from clinical imaging.

Dr. Guo’s STR funded project is titled: “Assurance of Subsolid Pulmonary Nodule Detection by Low-Dose CT, Facilitated by 3D Printing” and is directed towards consistent visualization of subtle pulmonary lesions on CT and dose optimization.

The STR congratulates Dr. Guo on his funding. The next STR seed grant deadline is September 15, 2016. Please refer to the STR website for further information on their research page http://thoracicrad.org/?portfolio=research.
Annual Course Update
Mark Your Calendars

Early Registration Discount deadline is February 3.
The Fourth World Congress of Thoracic Imaging will take place at the Hynes Convention Center in Boston, Massachusetts from June 18 – 21, 2017. The congress is sponsored by STR, the Fleischner Society, the European Society of Thoracic Radiology, and the Japanese and Korean Societies of Thoracic Radiology.

The following are officers of the Executive Committee:

Theresa C. McLoud, MD – President
Gerald Abbott, MD – Executive Secretary
Alex Bankier, MD – Treasurer

Planning is well underway, and major committees for the meeting have been formed with Dr. Thomas Hartman chairing the Program committee; Phillip Boiselle, the Scientific Program committee; Geoffrey Rubin, the Technical Exhibits committee; and Melissa Rosado de Christensen, the Scientific and Educational Exhibits committee. The program will include multidisciplinary plenary sessions, instructional courses as well as scientific abstracts and educational and scientific exhibits. Topics will include lung cancer, lung nodule management, interstitial lung disease, thoracic MRI, PET imaging, and interventional techniques, among others. A half-day program will also be devoted to cardiac imaging.

To learn more, please visit the website at http://4wcti.org/
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