Dear STR Members:

**IT IS SINGULAR HONOR** for me to serve as the 35th President of the Society of Thoracic Radiology. I have been a proud member of the STR since my entry into academic medicine and it is with great fondness that I recall my own first Annual Meeting when I was warmly welcomed by more senior society members. Then, as now, STR is an open and inclusive organization that is characterized by a remarkable culture of excellence, collegiality, and service. The STR serves as the professional nexus for thoracic radiologists and through its activities, both structured and informal, has facilitated the growth and success of two generations of its members. Building upon this strong legacy, my major priorities over the coming year will be to internally strengthen our organization and to externally increase recognition and influence of our society so that we
continue to actively define the role and practice of thoracic radiologists in the emerging paradigm of value-based medicine.

I was delighted to see many of you in attendance at our recent Lung Cancer Screening Symposium and Annual Meeting in Scottsdale where the breadth and depth of STR talent and expertise were showcased. I am happy to report that both meetings have proven to be programmatically and financially successful. Similar to last year, the 2016 lung cancer screening symposium was digitally captured and made available as a live stream, reaching an international audience including registrants in Israel, Saudi Arabia, and Australia. I want to express my personal thanks to course co-directors, Drs. Denise Aberle, Caroline Chiles, and David Lynch for having developed such a rich, timely, and educational program. For those of you who were unable to attend, this symposium (along with last year’s) is available as on-line CME from our STR website.

This year’s Annual meeting retained the format of 15-minute lectures and vertical sessions integrating scientific and didactic presentations debuted last year. New changes included an ePoster session and use of an electronic app for all meeting materials that enabled virtual elimination of paper. The resounding success of this year’s meeting can be directly attributed to the collective efforts of the many society members who participated in the program and gave uniformly high-quality educational and research presentations. I also want to specifically recognize Dr. Jeffrey Kanne and the Education Committee, Dr. Brett Carter and the Scientific Sessions Committee, Dr. Terrance Healey and the Awards Committee, and Dr. Joe Schoepf and the Corporate Relations Committee for their vital contributions to STR 2016.

Next year will mark the first time that the World Congress of Thoracic Imaging (co-sponsored by the European Society of Thoracic Imaging, Fleischner Society, Japanese Society of Thoracic Radiology, Korean Society of Thoracic Radiology, and STR) will take place on North American soil. The Organizing Committee led by World Congress President, Dr. Theresa McLoud is already hard at work developing the professional and social program of events for the expected international audience who will congregate at the Hynes Convention Center in Boston, June 18-21, 2017. Please mark your calendars and plan to attend what promises to be a spectacular meeting!
The STR will shortly be kicking off its 35th Anniversary Development Campaign under the leadership of Dr. Gerry Abbott. Member donations are essential to STR’s continued efforts to support thoracic radiology research and education including our junior faculty development and mentoring programs; for this campaign, we are targeting 100% participation and ask that all members make a contribution to support these important activities.

During my tenure as President, I welcome your input as to how collectively, we can improve the society and advance our mission. Please feel free to email (aleung@stanford.edu) and share with me your ideas on STR’s areas of opportunity. I look forward to working with the many dedicated and talented society members to bring STR to even greater heights!

Sincerely,
Ann N. Leung, MD
President, Society of Thoracic Radiology
Outgoing President’s Letter
Phillip M. Boiselle, MD

It has been an honor and privilege to serve as the President of the Society of Thoracic Radiology. Thanks to the collaborative efforts of many, the STR has made substantial achievements in the past year, building upon the strong foundation created by previous leadership and the vital contributions of our members.

In this letter, I will briefly highlight some of these key accomplishments, which have been facilitated by the dedicated efforts of our officers, committee chairs and members. I will focus on STR achievements in three major areas: 1) enhancing STR’s reputation as the premier and authoritative voice in cardiopulmonary education; 2) fostering the career development of our younger members; and 3) strengthening the financial stewardship and infrastructure of the society.

Regarding STR’s educational reputation, our recent 2016 course has set a new standard in cardiopulmonary education through its timely, dynamic and vital content. I congratulate and sincerely thank Ann Leung, Jeff Kanne, the Program Committee members and our course faculty for this tour de force!

Expanding beyond our annual course offerings, the STR has successfully collaborated with a variety of national and international societies to further our educational reach and enhance our reputation in the past year.

Highlights include partnerships with:
➤ ARRS to offer free lung cancer screening webinars to a broad audience of radiologists
➤ ACR to create an online lung cancer screening module and a lung cancer screening course at the annual ACR meeting
➤ American Thoracic Society and American Society of Thoracic Surgeons to create a forthcoming clinical practice guideline
➤ NASCI for a co-branded cardiovascular imaging session at our 2016 meeting
The STR also contributed to several international educational programs, including:

- International Workshop for Pulmonary Functional Imaging in Edinburgh, Scotland
- ESTI-Fleischner Meeting in Barcelona, Spain
- Intersociety Symposium Program at the Korean Congress of Radiology in Seoul, Korea

A variety of intersociety collaborations have been renewed and forged in the past year under the leadership of Mark Schiebler, Chair of the Intersociety Relations and Global Outreach Committee. Additionally, under the leadership of Sanjeev Bhalla and Jeff Kanne, our Electronic Media and Education Committees have worked collaboratively to refresh and enhance our online educational presence.

In terms of fostering the career development of our younger members, with guidance from Jane Ko and members of the Research Committee, we have recently awarded two Research and Education Foundation Seed Grants to Dr. Guo from Stanford and Dr. Tailor from Duke. Our STR Mentoring Program has been formally launched under the leadership of Aine Kelly, and we recently offered a career development program for junior faculty and trainees at our meeting in Scottsdale. Together, these efforts will help to ensure a pipeline of future leaders in our specialty.

Finally, as the society has grown in size and complexity, we have recognized a need to strengthen our financial stewardship and organizational structure. Under Tom Hartman’s steady leadership, we have diversified our investments and strengthened our accounting practices. Thanks to the talented efforts of Joe Schoepf and his Corporate Relations Committee, we reached a new milestone in corporate support for this year’s annual meeting. Looking ahead, a 35th anniversary capital campaign under the leadership of Gerry Abbott will help to ensure that we have sufficient resources to continue our research and educational initiatives in the coming years.
With regard to our organizational structure, the society will enhance its organizational efficiency by implementing a variety of changes to our committee structures based upon recommendations of a Past-Presidents’ Task Force consisting of Gerry Abbott, David Lynch, and Melissa Rosado de Christenson. This process also benefited greatly from the leadership and guidance of Edith Marom, chair of the Rules Committee, and Cris Meyer, STR Secretary and past-chair of the Rules Committee. Our new bylaw changes will also help to ensure that the STR builds a diverse and inclusive leadership that is representative of our society membership.

In summary, thanks to the collaborative efforts of many, the STR has continued along a very strong trajectory over the past year. With a record number of active members and strong financial standing, the STR is well poised to build upon these accomplishments under the outstanding leadership of Ann Leung, Tom Hartman, Cris Meyer and Caroline Chiles. Considering the strengths of our leadership and membership, I have no doubt that the STR will flourish beyond our most ambitious imaginings in the years ahead!
I AM PLEASED to announce the recent appointment of Joe Schoepf and Jeff Kanne as Deputy Editors of the Journal of Thoracic Imaging. Other recent additions to the JTI editorial team include the appointment of Mannu Kalra as Consulting Editor for Physics, Yoshi Ohno as an Associate Editor representing the Japanese Society of Thoracic Radiology, and Jonathan Chung as the new Editor for Electric Media. These individuals have joined our talented team of Associate Editors, including Jane Ko, Michio Kono, Jung-Gi Im, and Denis Tack.

Along with our team of editors, JTI is fortunate to have a highly committed editorial board and a dedicated group of reviewers, as well as the strong support of STR and other sponsoring societies. Each issue of JTI is a collective effort that benefits from the synergistic contributions from these groups. Toward this end, I would like to bring to your attention two exciting upcoming issues of JTI. First, our May 2016 issue of JTI will conclude a two-part symposium devoted to Imaging of Diffuse Lung Diseases guest edited by Jonathan Chung and Jeff Kanne. Highlights include a state-of-the-art review of idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis and a comprehensive review of lung morphology of the aging lung on HRCT.

Second, our July 2016 issue will feature a timely symposium devoted to Lung Cancer Imaging guest edited by James Ravenel. Highlights include updates on lung cancer screening, the role of MR and PET/MR in lung cancer staging, and image-guided therapy for lung cancer.

Look for these symposia along with a variety of original research articles, increased CME offerings, and more in the months ahead!
Annual Meeting Recap
Cristopher A. Meyer, MD

THE SOCIETY OF THORACIC RADIOLOGY hosted its 34th annual meeting and postgraduate course March 13-16, 2016 at the Hyatt Regency Scottsdale Resort and Spa at Gainey Ranch in Scottsdale, Arizona. The meeting attendance totaled 463 registrants including 122 faculty. This year we had 86 international registrants coming from Canada, Chile, France, Germany, India, Ireland, Israel, The Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Saudi Arabia, South Africa, South Korea, Spain, Switzerland, and the United Kingdom.

The annual meeting and postgraduate course was preceded on Saturday, March 12, 2016 by an all-day multidisciplinary symposium entitled “Lung Cancer Screening: Requisites for a High Quality Program” organized by course co-directors Drs. Denise Aberle, Caroline Chiles, Ann Leung, and David Lynch. There were 193 attendees including 32 virtual attendees live-streaming the symposium. Nodule risk stratification based on advanced texture analysis and nodule mass densitometry proved to be one of the “hot topics” at the symposium. In addition to didactic lectures, the symposium served as a forum for dialogue among faculty and attendees.

The Program Committee, headed by then President-Elect Ann Leung, MD in conjunction with the Education Committee chaired by Jeffrey Kanne, MD created an outstanding, comprehensive postgraduate radiology course in cardiothoracic imaging. The 15-minute lecture format introduced last year continued, as did the integrated scientific presentation and didactic lecture sessions. Four SAM sessions were devoted to Pulmonary Arteries and Aorta, Thoracic Oncology, Cardiac Imaging, and Pulmonary Infections. New this year was a session on Advances in Cardiac Imaging presented in partnership with the North American Society of Cardiovascular Imaging (NASCI).

In keeping with the principles of Radiology 3.0, several lecturers emphasized the importance of a patient-centric approach to imaging. Melissa Rosado de Christenson, MD presented her experience interacting with lung cancer screening patients in her presentation, “Speaking with Patients: Increasing the Visibility of Radiologists.” Another important presentation, “Lung Cancer Screening in an Inner City Population: Trials and Triumphs”, by Linda Haramati, MD, highlighted some of the challenges facing lung cancer screening programs in socioeconomically challenged populations. A recent Journal of the American Medical Association Special Communication (doi:10.1001/jama.2016.4226) reported a 10 year difference in life expectancy between the richest and poorest Americans; improving access to lung cancer screening for all individuals at risk is critical as these programs mature.

Because the 2015 career development session for fellows and junior faculty was such a success, the STR offered another career development seminar, focusing this year on grant funding. The annual student/resident/fellow reception, which followed, gave attendees the opportunity to meet and discuss the future of chest radiology with senior members of the STR and the STR Mentoring Program.

New to the STR Annual Meeting this year was the transition from paper to electronic educational and scientific posters. Attendees had the opportunity to discuss posters with their respective authors over the lunch breaks.

The intellectually stimulating content, beautiful weather, and collegiality of our thoracic imaging family made the 2016 meeting a real success. Thanks to all of the STR members and other attendees for their contributions to the meeting.
**Oral Presentation Winners**

**Jack Westcott**  
Prognostication in IPF: Analysis of Longitudinal Change in Computer and Visual CT Variables and FVC  
Joseph Jacob, MBBS(Hons), BSc(Hons), MRCS, MRCP, DTM&H, FRCR  
JACOB J, Bartholmai B, Nair A, Raghunath S, Wells A and Hansell D

**Best Oral Presentation by a Resident**  
Left Ventricular Late Gadolinium Enhancement Identified on Pre-procedure Pulmonary Vein Cardiac MR: Incidence, Pattern of Enhancement, and Clinical Implications  
Fareed R. Riyaz, MD,  

**Best Oral Presentation by a Junior Faculty**  
A Multicentre Evaluation of Inter-multidisciplinary Team Agreement for Diagnosis in Diffuse Lung Disease  
Simon L.F. Walsh, MD, PhD  
WALSH SLF, Wells AU and Hansell DM

**Poster Presentation Winners**

**Cum Laude**  
Phillip Guichet, BA  
Guichet P, Abtin F and Lee C

Peripheral Lung Lesion: Potential Pulmonary Adenocarcinoma?  
Arya M. Iranmanesh, MD  
Iranmanesh AM, McDonald R, Absher KJ and Zagurovskaya M.

Multimodality Imaging Approach, Staging and Therapy Assessment of Esophageal Cancer  
Erika L. Odisio, MD  
ODISIO EL, Erasmus JJ, Carter BW, Wu CC, Betancourt Cuellar SL and Godoy MC

**Certificate of Merit**  
The Heart of the Matter: Cardiac Imaging of Sarcoidosis  
Lea Azour, MD  
Azour L, Jacobi AHH and Cham MD

Pulmonary Manifestations of Common Variable Immunodeficiency  
Tami J. Bang, MD  
BANG TJ, Richards JC, Olson AL, Gelfand EW, Groshong SD and Lynch DA.

Value Added? Cardiothoracic MRI in the ICU Patient  
Narmadan A. Kumarasamy, MD, MPH  
KUMARASAMY NA, Tishbi N, Mukundan S, Levsky JM and Haramati LB

Pulmonary Hypertension: Review of the New WHO Classification  
Jay S. Leb, MD  
LEB JS, Chung MS, Kligerman SJ, Jeudy J, Frazier AA and White C

Primary Cardiac Tumors Associated with Genetic Syndromes: A Comprehensive Review  
Elizabeth Lee, MD  
LEE E, Ghadimi Mahani M, Lu J, Dorfman A and Agarwal P

**Case of the Day Winner**  
JoongChul Paul Yoon, MD, McGill University, Montreal, Canada

**Overall Winner**  
JoongChul Paul Yoon, MD, McGill University, Montreal, Canada
ON MONDAY, March 14th at the 54th Annual Meeting and Post Graduate Course, the Society of Thoracic Radiology awarded its Gold Medal to Dr. David Lynch an attending radiologist at the National Jewish Health Center and a faculty member in the Department of Radiology and Division of Pulmonary Sciences and Critical Care Medicine at University of Colorado.

Dr. Lynch, a native of Ireland, graduated from University College Dublin Medical School in 1979. He completed residency training in Internal Medicine and Radiology in Dublin, and then moved to San Francisco for fellowships in Thoracic Imaging (with Dr. Richard Webb and the late Dr. Gordon Gamsu) and Body Imaging. Since 1989 he has been an attending radiologist at National Jewish Health. He has authored or co-authored over 200 scientific papers, as well as numerous book chapters, review articles, and several books.

David has been committed to the study of diffuse lung diseases. His leadership in several multidisciplinary statements has highlighted the importance of radiology in defining interstitial pneumonias, and paved the way for successful clinical trials. His recent focus has been on quantitative imaging evaluation of the lungs. In this capacity, he has served as the principal radiology investigator for two large multicenter studies: COPDGene (with> 10,000 individuals) and IPFNET (with> 500 individuals with idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis). He is the Medical Director of the Quantitative Imaging Laboratory at National Jewish Health, and co-chair of the Lung Density Biomarker Committee of the Quantitative Imaging Biomarkers Alliance of RSNA.

Dr. Lynch with his family in attendance received the STR Gold Medal (From left: Maria Barsallo Lynch, Dermot Lynch, Eileen Lynch, David Lynch, Anne Lynch).
David has presented at every STR meeting since 1990, and has been active on multiple STR committees, culminating in his Presidency in 2010. He has made a major commitment to interdisciplinary education, and helped develop several important interdisciplinary activities on behalf of STR, including the annual postgraduate course in radiology for the American Thoracic Society, and the STR-Fleischner-ACR course on HRCT. As current treasurer of the Fleischner Society, he is active in the planning of the 2017 World Congress of Thoracic Imaging.

David has been married for 35 years to Dr. Anne Lynch, an epidemiologist. They have three children.
Seed Grant Funding
Jane P. Ko, MD

The Society of Thoracic Radiology (STR) would like to congratulate Tina Tailor, MD, who was awarded a seed grant of $19,000 in support of her grant proposal “Integration of CT imaging features with cell-free plasma DNA as biomarkers for early lung cancer detection in patients with indeterminate pulmonary nodules.” She is currently a Clinical Fellow in the Division of Cardiothoracic Imaging at Duke University Medical Center in Durham, North Carolina, and her mentor is Dr. Edward Patz at the same institution.

Dr. Tailor earned both her undergraduate education in Biomedical and Electrical Engineering and medical degree at Duke University. During medical school, she was a recipient of the Howard Hughes Medical Research Fellowship, where her research focused on angiogenesis and drug delivery in lung cancer. She successfully finished her residency, serving also as Chief Resident, in Diagnostic Radiology at the University of Washington Medical Center in Seattle, Washington. Her current research interests include integration of biomarkers with imaging for improved characterization of lung nodules and optimization of lung cancer screening. Dr. Tailor also has a strong interest in education. She will join the faculty in the Department of Radiology at Duke University Medical Center after completion of her fellowship.

The STR thanks its research committee members for their contributions. The next deadline for the STR seed grant is September 15, 2016. Please refer to the STR research website for further information http://thoracicrad.org/?portfolio=research).
Like Mother, Like Daughter. Amita Sharma, a member of the STR since 2008 and a thoracic radiologist at Massachusetts General Hospital, attended the STR Annual Course with her 16 year old daughter, Priya K. Shukla who presented a scientific abstract during the course entitled “CT Evaluation of the Displacement of Lung Nodules Following Lobectomy.” Priya, a junior at The Winsor School in Boston is the first author of this scientific abstract.
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