Dear STR Members:

LIKE MANY OF YOU, I am looking forward to the upcoming World Congress of Thoracic Imaging, which will take place June 18 - 21 in Boston this summer. Preview of the scheduled educational and scientific programs shows an unparalleled richness of content reflective of the international composition and global experience and expertise of its participants who will be coming from 17 different countries. With this World Congress being the first to be held on North American soil, I encourage each of you to take advantage of this rare opportunity and attend this special event!

I would like to congratulate and thank STR’s Standards Committee on their work on the recently published “2016 SCCT/STR guidelines for coronary artery calcium scoring of noncontrast noncardiac chest CT scans: A report of the Society of Cardiovascular Computed Tomography and Society of Thoracic Radiology”. With STR’s effort led by Dr. Paul...
Cronin, these guidelines recommend evaluation and reporting of coronary artery calcification in all patients who undergo a noncontrast chest CT. For those of us who have or will incorporate this recommendation into our clinical practices, this document serves as an invaluable resource.

In August 2016, President-Elect, Dr. Tom Hartman and Secretary, Dr. Cris Meyer attended the Intersociety Summer Conference on “Big Data and Machine Learning.” Linkages developed by them at this meeting have resulted in STR being invited to participate on the Dataset Subcommittee of the ACR Informatics Commission. Dr. Carol Wu has agreed to serve as our STR representative on this important ACR subcommittee, which is tasked with defining and designing radiologists’ future in a machine-learning world. Dr. Wu’s activity and perspective will be further supported and informed by the newly formed STR Big Data Subcommittee, which she will also chair.

STR’s 35th Annual Development Campaign led by Dr. Gerry Abbott has already had a strong start with donations received from all members of the Executive Council. Please show your support for our society’s research and educational missions by making a donation – we are aiming for 100% participation this year.

Finally, I would like to announce an important transition for the STR. With the retirement of Barbara McLeod (please read her letter to STR membership in this edition of Inspiration) and the closure of Matrix Meetings, a committee composed of Executive Council members (myself, Tom Hartman, Cris Meyer, Caroline Chiles, Gerry Abbott, Sanjiv Bhalla, and Jane Ko) was formed to search for our society’s next association management company through a request for proposal process. Veritas Meeting Solutions has been selected as the committee’s unanimous first choice and will begin working with Matrix to transition society documents and services in mid April.

On behalf of all STR members, I would like to express our deep gratitude to Barbara and her Matrix team (Shelly Jones, Tracy Parks, Carol Demulling, and Jill Horstmann) for their 15-years of partnership – STR’s growth and success over this period would not have been possible without Matrix’s loyal support and exemplary services.

Sincerely,

Ann N. Leung, MD
President, Society of Thoracic Radiology
AFTER 33 YEARS of living my passion as an educational meeting planner, association manager and personal business owner, it is with a heavy heart that in July, 2017, I will be announcing my retirement and the closing of Matrix Meetings, Inc.

It has been my privilege and honor to work with the STR officers, executive council and members and to watch our Matrix and STR collaboration achieve great successes in membership growth, meeting registration growth, and in the creation and implementation of cutting edge, well received educational meetings.

Over our 15 year collaboration, I have taken great pride in being a part of your mission and looking back on all that we have accomplished together to meet the educational needs of the STR.

Your society leadership and members have ample reason to be proud as you continue to flourish as a well-respected resource and provider of educational opportunities. I am confident the STR will continue to attract the best and brightest and to grow as the premier leader in the education and training of thoracic radiologists.

I have come to know and respect so many individuals in the STR; working with all of you has been a remarkable experience and a highlight in my career.

The Matrix team joins me in extending our best wishes for your continued success.

Barbara McLeod
The Tall Ships are Coming!

Thomas E. Hartman, MD

The Tall Ships will be visiting Boston from June 17-22, 2017. As luck, (and good planning) would have it, The World Congress of Thoracic Imaging 4 (WCTI 4) will take place at the Hynes Convention Center in Boston, Massachusetts from June 18 -21, 2017. This will be a great opportunity to view these majestic vessels and learn from worldwide experts in thoracic imaging at the same time.

Registration and hotel accommodations for the meeting are now available on the World Congress website which is


The meeting is sponsored by five societies: The Society of Thoracic Radiology, the Fleischner Society, the European Society of Thoracic Imaging, the Korean Society of Thoracic Radiology and the Japanese Society of Thoracic Radiology. The Executive Committee for the meeting is chaired by Dr. Theresa McLoud and includes Dr. Gerald Abbott and Dr. Alex Bankier.

The Educational Program Committee chaired by Dr. Thomas Hartman has put together an Instructional Program organized into 3 tracks that will run concurrently over the first 3 days. The tracks include Lung Cancer/ Pulmonary Nodules, Interstitial Lung Disease, and Thoracic Imaging Core Knowledge. In addition to the Instructional courses, there will be daily multidisciplinary Plenary Sessions addressing topics including Lung Cancer Screening; a case based interactive discussion entitled “Lung Tumor Board, Ask the Experts,” COPD and Interstitial Lung Disease. There will also be a Pediatric Thoracic Imaging session on the opening day of the meeting. The meeting will conclude with a half day dedicated to cardiovascular imaging including a Plenary Session on Cardiac Imaging with lectures on 3D Printing and Cardiac PET/MR.
The Scientific Program Committee which is chaired by Dr. Phillip Boiselle and Dr. Jane Ko has already accepted 172 scientific abstracts. There will be 114 oral presentations delivered during 19 sessions. The scheduling of topics is concordant with the instructional courses for each day. There is also a series of 18 Hot Topic oral abstracts which will be presented during 3 sessions on Functional and Quantitative Imaging, Quantitative Imaging: CT Technology and Cardiac. There will also be 58 digital scientific posters presented for review.

The Educational Exhibit Committee is chaired by Dr. Melissa Rosado de Christenson. The Educational exhibits will include 125 thoracic topics and 29 cardiovascular topics. Each first author has been assigned a 15-minute period to be present at his or her exhibit to answer questions during specific time periods.

Don’t miss WCTI 4 or the Tall Ships! Register now!
Normally, this issue would be devoted to the recently held STR Annual Meeting, describing the event highlights, hot topics and attendance statistics for those left behind in their practices while the rest of us enjoyed our professional family reunion. The World Congress in Thoracic Imaging coming up this June promises an exciting scientific and educational program. And yet this multinational, multi-society conference is more than just an opportunity to learn a few extra bits of thoracic imaging data sitting in a darkened lecture hall fighting adult onset attention deficit disorder. It is an opportunity to meet colleagues around the globe, explore ideas with researchers with similar interests, connect to young members in search of a mentor, catch up with old friends and make some new ones.

To that end, I have solicited the help of the Boston insiders in the STR to compile a list of “don’t miss” things to do and places to dine. I hope you find it helpful as you plan to get the most out of the upcoming meeting. Can’t wait to see you there!

Recommendations from the STR Locals:

Hynes Convention Center is located in Boston’s Back Bay, the section of town bordered by Huntington Ave. to the south, the Charles River to the north, Charles Gate St. to the west, and Boston Public Garden/Common to the east. Boylston St. is where the majority of hotels, Copley Square, Boston Public Library and many other businesses are located. It is also the location for the finish line of the Boston Marathon. Newbury St. is known for having trendy boutique stores, galleries, more restaurants and bars, many of which are located in old, restored brownstones and have sidewalk seating. Comm. Ave, Marlborough and Beacon Streets are residential and one of the largest collections of Edwardian and Victorian architecture in the country, and is a beautiful area to walk around, in particular along the park through the center of Commonwealth Ave, from Massachusetts Ave to the Public Garden (about a one mile walk). For those who enjoy walking, consider following either Arlington, Dartmouth, Fairfield Streets or Mass. Ave. to the Charles, each of which has direct access to a beautiful park along the river, called the Esplanade, where you’ll find sailboats, docks and lots of benches to sit and enjoy the views. The Public Garden is also a beautiful place to visit, with walking paths, ponds and “swan boat” rides, and is only about a mile from Hynes.
For nearby dining, the Back Bay has lots of bars and restaurants along Boylston, right in front of the convention center. While festive and very popular, many of these tend to be touristy and very busy. However, there are excellent choices:

**Steaks and Fine Dining**

- Abe and Louie’s Steakhouse  [http://abeandlouies.com/](http://abeandlouies.com/)

**Seafood**

- Atlantic Fish Co.  [http://atlanticfishco.com/](http://atlanticfishco.com/)

**Pubs, Café’s and Bars**

- Parish Café – some of the best sandwiches in the city, along with a great draft beer selection. The wait to get a table is very much worth it.  [http://parishcafe.com/](http://parishcafe.com/)
- Wally’s Café – a small “hole in the wall” jazz and blues club 15 minutes walk from the Hynes Convention Center.  [http://www.wallyscafe.com/](http://www.wallyscafe.com/)

**French**

- La Voile  [http://www.lavoileboston.net/](http://www.lavoileboston.net/)

**Bakery**

- Flour Bakery – best sticky buns in the city!  [https://flourbakery.com/](https://flourbakery.com/)

**Italian**

Nearby Boston neighborhood highlights:

**Kenmore Square** and the adjacent **Fenway** area are easily walkable, located about a mile from Hynes, near the BU main campus and have many good casual bars and restaurants, especially along Brookline Ave. near Fenway Park:

- **Eastern Standard** – located in the Hotel Commonwealth on Kenmore Sq., which is has both indoor and also outdoor seating (American cuisine). [http://www.easternstandardboston.com/](http://www.easternstandardboston.com/)
- **Island Creek Oyster Bar** – an excellent seafood restaurant. [http://www.islandcreekoysterbar.com/](http://www.islandcreekoysterbar.com/)
- **Fenway Park** – unfortunately the Red Sox are away during the week of the WCTI meeting.

**The South End**, about a mile walk or Uber from Hynes, is one of the best areas in Boston for small, upscale restaurants, many of which are located along Tremont Street.

- Petit Robert, a small French restaurant [petitrobertbistro.com](http://petitrobertbistro.com)

**The North End** is located close to the waterfront, about a 2 mile walk from Hynes (longer if taking a cab or Uber). A small neighborhood with probably the highest concentration of Italian restaurants and pastry stores in the city, and is a great place to walk around. Landmarks in the North End include the Old North Church (of “one if by land and two if by sea” fame – where the lanterns were placed to warn the minutemen of the British approach) and the Paul Revere House, for history buffs. It is also just a few blocks from the Aquarium and a great place to wind up for dinner after spending the afternoon near the waterfront on a whale-watching boat, etc.

- Mamma Maria on North Square in the North End, fairly upscale but excellent food (get reservations early. [http://www.mammamaria.com/](http://www.mammamaria.com/)
- Mike’s Pastry for cannolis. [https://www.mikespastry.com/](https://www.mikespastry.com/)
- Modern Pastry don’t let the name fool you – old Italian bakery. [http://www.modernpastry.com/](http://www.modernpastry.com/)
Charlestown section of Boston is located opposite the North End, across the Charles. The **USS Constitution and Museum** as well as the **Bunker Hill Monument** are located here US Naval History buffs.

**Faneuil Hall/Quincy Market** area is about a two mile walk from Hynes and is very popular for shopping. It has many small restaurants and bars, but is one of the more touristy areas in Boston.

**Beacon Hill** has beautifully restored old houses and while largely residential, Charles St. in particular is quite picturesque and worth a visit, lined with small shops and a few restaurants:

- **No. 9 Park** – a highly-rated, upscale restaurant located on Park St.  
- **Emmet’s Irish Pub** – on Beacon St., just down the road from the State House is a great place for a casual lunch and/or drinks, featuring live Irish music on weekends.  
- **Scampos** – in the Liberty Hotel (formerly a jail)  
  [https://scampoboston.com/](https://scampoboston.com/)

**The Back Bay** gets its name from the fact that it is built upon what was once part of Boston’s bay, converted in the 19th Century to the current neighborhood through extensive landfill. It has an interesting history, which can be explored online for those wishing to learn more. I have included a few of the websites below:

  [https://backbayhouses.org/](https://backbayhouses.org/)
  [http://www.bc.edu/bc_org/avp/cas/fnart/fa267/bos_fill3.html](http://www.bc.edu/bc_org/avp/cas/fnart/fa267/bos_fill3.html)

**Other Boston attractions:**

- **New England Aquarium**
- **Museum of Science**
- **Boston Harbor Islands** – ferries are nice day trips.   
  Whale-watching and dinner cruises are also available.
- **Museum of Fine Arts** has a new impressionist wing.  
- **Freedom Trail Walk**
- **JFK Library**
For those arriving early:

**Boston Pops Concert** – ends June 17th

**Tall Ships** – sail into Boston Harbor on June 17th. Find a tall building or take a harbor cruise and watch them come in. A great reason to start your visit early!

For Food Network fans, here is a link to the Boston restaurants that have been featured on Diners, Drive-Ins and Dives: [http://www.thedailymeal.com/top-11-boston-eateries-diners-drive-s-and-dives-21214](http://www.thedailymeal.com/top-11-boston-eateries-diners-drive-s-and-dives-21214)

Locals recommend Open Table (app or website) for most reservations in Boston, and the Uber app to get around (taxis can be tougher to flag down in peak times).

**Special thanks to Drs. Ackman, Arndt, Cunningham, Fintelmann, Hammer, Madan, McLoud, Miller, Muse, and Shepard for all their enthusiastic recommendations!**
STR 35th Anniversary Fund Raising Campaign

**STR Members** will soon be receiving an email message asking them to contribute to the STR 35th Anniversary Fund Raising Campaign. In your e-mail is a personalized link to the donation section of the Society’s web page. The Society’s officers and executive council are “all in.” We hope to similarly attain 100% participation of the STR members. The goal of this campaign is to honor the STR’s 35th anniversary by fortifying the STR Research and Education fund – a great source of pilot grant support for young investigators in our subspecialty.

Our goal of 100% membership participation can only be attained if you participate. Regardless of whether this is your first year in the Society or you were a founding member you are important to the Society. Every donation enables the STR to expand and enhance its Research and Educational missions and advance the progress of our subspecialty.

The STR has grown steadily in size and stature since its founding in 1982 and now has 830 members. All our members enjoy the STR’s outstanding educational and scientific programs and the great sense of fellowship and camaraderie that makes our Society such a special organization. We are dedicated to mentoring and advancement of our members-in-training and young investigators.

Thank you for making this campaign a successful tribute to the 35th anniversary of the Society of Thoracic Radiology.

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“The Society of Thoracic Radiology seed grant provided invaluable support for my research and career. Thank you to the STR Research and Education fund and its contributors for supporting young investigators.”

— Jane Ko, STR Grant Recipient, 2000
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