Dear STR Members:

**I AM HONORED** to be the STR President this year. As I begin my time as President, I am truly grateful to my predecessors who have established such a strong foundation for this organization as it enters into its 35th year.

There are two recent accomplishments that I would like to highlight. First, is the new web-based membership portal that was launched in mid-July. Through this portal, members will be able to pay dues, register for future STR meetings, access the JTI, and join members-only forums and discussion groups. If you have not logged on to the STR website recently, I encourage you to do so soon so that you can update your profile and begin to utilize the benefits of this new portal.

"The secret of change is to focus your energy not on fighting the old, but on building the new"

~ Socrates
Second, the STR is providing a new option for obtaining CME credit via the newly launched Cardiothoracic Core Curriculum on the website. There are currently more than 30 lectures covering various cardiothoracic imaging topics that are available to anyone who accesses the STR website. However, as an added member benefit, the STR is providing free CME credit for STR members who review these lectures.

The STR has recently changed management organizations. Matrix Meetings has been our management company for the past 15 years and has helped our organization grow and prosper. However, Barbara McLeod, the owner of Matrix, decided to retire, and so the STR undertook a search for a new management company. After sending out an RFP and following an interview process of the top candidates, the STR Management Selection Committee, led by Dr. Ann Leung, unanimously choose Veritas as our new management company. I would like to offer my heartfelt thanks to Barbara McLeod and all the members of Matrix who have so ably assisted the STR these last 15 years, and I would also like to welcome Veritas. Please see the article later in this edition introducing the members of our new management team.

As I mentioned earlier, the STR is currently celebrating its 35th year as an organization. The STR is committed to promoting education and research in cardiothoracic imaging. Your membership dues support the organization, but additional funds for support of research and other endeavors come from member donations. Therefore, as part of our 35th year celebration, we are undertaking a development drive headed by Dr. Gerry Abbott and are targeting 100% participation of the membership. The entire Executive Council of the STR has already made individual donations to the fund, and I encourage you to show your support for the STR by making your own donation. You can find information for pledging on the STR website.

Finally, it’s not too soon to start planning for the next STR Annual Meeting. It will be held in Austin, Texas from March 4-7, 2018. Dr. Cris Meyer as Program Chair with the assistance of Dr. Jeffery Kanne and the members of the Education Committee will have a great program for us. Austin will be a great location and for those who are interested, the South by Southwest® (SXSW®) Conference & Festivals starts the weekend of March 10th. So come for the meeting and stay for the start of SXSW!

Sincerely,

Thomas E. Hartman, MD
President, Society of Thoracic Radiology
I wish to begin by congratulating and thanking the entire World Congress of Thoracic Imaging organizing team led by President Dr. Theresa McLoud for the spectacular meeting recently held in Boston. This first world congress held on North American soil was a highly stimulating, rich, and memorable experience for all attendees and a wonderful way for STR members to network with our international colleagues.

It has been my honor and privilege to serve as the 35th President of the Society of Thoracic Radiology. Over the past year, I have been continually amazed, delighted, and humbled by the talents, commitment, and drive of our members to work collectively and collaboratively to advance our society’s mission. Through the ongoing hard work of our committees, we have achieved much, and below, I list some notable accomplishments over the term of my presidency along with the responsible individuals:

- Publication of the revised Cardiothoracic Curriculum for Diagnostic Radiology Residency (Drs. Elsie Nguyen, Jeffrey Kanne, and Education Committee)
- Publication of the SCCT/STR Guidelines for Coronary Calcium Scoring of Noncontrast NonCardiac Chest CT Scans (Dr. Paul Cronin and Practice Standards Committee)
- Development of Intersociety Collaboration Agreements with the American Society for Radiation Oncology and the Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Radiologists (Dr. Mark Schiebler and Intersociety and Global Outreach Committee)
- Reinvigoration of STR mentoring activities with creation of the Ad Hoc Mentoring Committee (Drs. Aine Kelly and Georgeann McGuinness)
- Creation of STR Big Data Subcommittee with STR participation on the ACR Dataset Subcommittee (Drs. Carol Wu, Tom Hartman, and Cris Meyer)
- Selection of Veritas Meeting Solutions as STR’s new administrative management company (Drs. Tom Hartman, Cris Meyer, Caroline Chiles, Gerry Abbott, Sanjeev Bhalla, and Jane Ko)
- Selection of Dr. Leah Lin from University of Southern California as the 2017 STR Seed Grant Recipient for her project entitled “Evaluation of lung cancer treatment response to stereotactic body radiation therapy utilizing volumetric dynamic contrast-enhanced CT and texture analysis” (Dr. Jane Ko and Research Committee)
- Launch of online Cardiothoracic Core Lecture Series targeted to resident education (Drs. Sanjeev Bhalla, Jeffrey Kanne, and Electronic Media and Education Committees along with the 50 STR members who have contributed their lectures)

A special note of thanks to STR officers Drs. Tom Hartman, Cris Meyer, and Caroline Chiles for their unwavering support, sage counsel, and exceptional leadership over the past 15 months. As a society, we have much to be proud of, and I look forward to all of us working together in the future to bring STR to even greater heights!

Sincerely,
Ann N. Leung, MD
4th World Congress of Thoracic Imaging
Theresa C. McLoud, MD

The 4th World Congress of Thoracic Imaging (WCTI) was held in Boston at the Hynes Convention Center from June 18 to June 21, 2017. Over 800 physicians registered and attended the conference. Approximately 50% of attendees were from outside North America with 52 countries represented.

The 4th WCTI program delivered 24.25 hours of CME credit to attendees. The Distinguished Congress Lecture at the Opening Ceremony was presented by James A. Brink, MD, Chairman of Radiology at the Massachusetts General Hospital and Chair of the Board of Chancellors of the American College of Radiology. The topic of his address was indeed timely and was entitled “Is the art of medicine dead in the era of population health management?” The educational program chaired by Thomas Hartman, MD, featured speakers from 22 countries and was organized into 3 tracks that ran concurrently over the first 3 days. These tracks addressed topics such as lung cancer/pulmonary nodules, interstitial lung disease, and thoracic imaging core knowledge. There were also multidisciplinary plenary sessions that addressed lung cancer screening, COPD, interstitial lung disease, and a case-based interactive session “Lung tumor board – ask the experts.” In addition, an image interpretation panel featured international experts in cardiothoracic imaging. The final half day was devoted entirely to cardiovascular imaging.

The scientific program co-chaired by Philip Boiselle, MD and Jane Ko, MD included 114 oral presentations, 18 “hot topic” oral abstracts, and 58 digital scientific posters. The educational exhibits chaired by Melissa Rosado de Christenson included 125 thoracic and 29 cardiovascular topics.

A gala dinner was held on the final evening of the meeting at the Sheraton Hotel and was enjoyed by faculty and attendees. The Faculty dinner/cocktail reception was held at the John F. Kennedy (JFK) Library situated on Columbia Point overlooking Boston Harbor. Attendees were able to visit the museum and exhibits including the special exhibit marking the 100th anniversary of JFK's birth.
In summary, congratulations and kudos are due to PRRI meeting managers as well as all the faculty, particularly the chairs of committees, abstracts and exhibit presenters, as well as all the attendees. We would also like to recognize the contributions of the Presidents of the five participating societies and the Executive Committee (Theresa C. McLoud, MD, Gerald F. Abbott, MD).

Photos from the 4th WCTI

Dr. James Brink, the Distinguished Congress Lecturer, and Dr. Theresa McLoud, President of the 4th WCTI at the opening ceremony.

At the STR business luncheon, Dr. Thomas Hartman presented Dr. Ann Leung with a certificate for her year of service as the STR president.

Past presidents of the STR at the STR business luncheon.

Opening ceremony with the presidents of five societies of the 4th WCTI Seated are (left to right) Dr. James Brink, Dr. Noriyuki Tomiyama of the Japanese Society of Thoracic Radiology, Dr. David Lynch of the Fleischner Society, Jae Woo Song of the Korean Society of Thoracic Radiology, Dr. Nicola Sverzellati of the European Society of Thoracic Imaging, and Dr. Ann Leung of the Society of Thoracic Radiology) with Dr. McLoud moderating (far left).
Image interpretation session faculty were (left to right) Drs. Santiato Rossi, Ryoko Egashira, Nigel Howarth, Thomas Hartman, Ella Kazerooni, Sanjeev Bhalla, Chang Hyun Lee, and Eric Stern.

Society Presidents at the Gala dinner with Dr. Theresa McLoud.

Multidisciplinary tumor board session. Faculty were radiologists Dr. Caroline Chiles (far left), who was moderating, and Dr. Reginald Munden (and from left) in addition to (third from left to right) surgeon Dr. Paul E. Van Schil of Antwerp University Hospital, pathologist Dr. William Travis of Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center, and oncologist Dr. Christopher G. Azzoli from Massachusetts General Hospital Cancer Center.
STR 2017 Lifetime Achievement Award -
Gerald F. Abbott, MD
Theresa C. McLoud, MD
Chair, Lifetime Achievement Awards Committee, STR

Dr. Gerald Abbott received the Lifetime Achievement Award at the annual business meeting of the STR in June 2017. Gerry was involved with the STR for many years. He served on numerous committees and was chairman of the scientific program committee. He later was elected as treasurer and eventually President of the society. During his tenure as President, Gerry updated the society’s graphic entity with a new logo and a new look for the STR newsletter. He and Dr. Melissa Rosado de Christenson decided to rename the newsletter and bring it into the digital world. Throughout the years as a member Gerry has given many educational presentations at the STR meetings and represented the STR as a speaker at the first, second, and third World Congresses of Thoracic Imaging. He currently serves as a co-course director of the HRCT Course at the American College of Radiology’s (ACR) Education Center, an activity that has taken him to Australia to represent the ACR.

A graduate of Northwestern University and Cornell University Medical College, he completed fellowship training in neuroradiology at New York Hospital and Memorial-Sloan Kettering Cancer Center and practiced for 10 years in New York City as a neuroradiologist before moving to Brown University in 1989. In 1993, Gerry made a shift in his career and completed fellowship training in chest radiology at Massachusetts General Hospital. He then served as director of chest radiology at Rhode Island Hospital, Brown Medical School for 17 years at which time he began his involvement in the Society of Thoracic Radiology.

Ten years ago, Gerry returned to the Massachusetts General Hospital as a thoracic radiologist and continues to work full time in that capacity. He won the MGH Teaching Award in 2010.

Gerry lives in downtown Boston’s Beacon Hill, walks to work every day, and is very involved in the lives of his nieces and nephews.

Over the years, Gerry has made generous financial contributions to STR.
The STR Cardiothoracic Core Curriculum is now online!

Jeffrey P. Kanne, MD | Sanjeev Bhalla, MD

To mark the opening of the 4th World Congress of Thoracic Imaging, the STR debuted the new cardiothoracic core curriculum on its website (thoracicrad.org) on June 17, 2017. The curriculum can be easily found through its own tile on the main landing page of the STR.

The core curriculum consists of 30-minute recorded lectures that are created by STR members and specifically aimed at junior radiology residents, nonradiologists, and medical students. Currently, there are 27 thoracic and 7 cardiac imaging lectures. Furthermore, 5 lectures were also recorded in the native language of the speaker including Korean, French, and Spanish. The videos can be played on any device (computer, tablet, or phone) and are platform neutral. These lectures were specially recorded for the STR website and are free to everyone. STR members are also eligible for free CME. Nonmembers may earn CME after paying a nominal fee.

The genesis of the project arose from a discussion between Jeffrey Kanne (Education Committee Chair) and the STR President at the time Ann Leung. Both felt a “virtual” STR lecture series that addressed the fundamentals of cardiothoracic imaging would be a worthwhile project and particularly relevant if the debut occurred in a year of the World Congress of Thoracic Imaging during which no STR meeting is held. They began working with Sanjeev Bhalla, Chair of the Electronic Media Committee. Over the past year, this group worked with their respective committees to define the curriculum, solicit volunteers, and create a method to record and host the talks.

The STR is indebted to the many teachers who agreed to create, record, and share these core lectures. The STR also recognizes the hard work and help of Jim Berent, who is the president of Communications Resource Management, Inc. Without Jim’s work with Matrix Meetings previously and now Veritas Meeting Solutions, the project could not have been realized, especially in a year of management transition.
These lectures provide a great introduction for medical students and residents rotating on cardiothoracic imaging while providing a refresher for radiologists who have been away from certain topics in practice. We hope that STR members will find the Core Curriculum a valuable resource for themselves, their colleagues, and their trainees. Please let us know if any additional topics should be included as part of the core curriculum, and we would love to hear how members have incorporated these talks into their practices.

Spread the word!

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Asmaa Mahmoud Naguib Elsayed Ahmed, MD
Previous Residency | Radiology Residency: Ain Shams University Hospitals, Cairo, Egypt.
Cardiac Imaging Fellowship: Radiology Department, Magdi Yacoub Heart Foundation - Aswan Heart Centre, Aswan, Egypt
Future Plans | Academic cardiothoracic radiologist and American Board of Radiology certification
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Future Plans | Radiology practice in New York
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Yehuda Malul, MD
Previous Residency | Hadassah-Hebrew University Medical Center, Jerusalem, Israel
Future Plans | Cardiothoracic radiologist at Hadassa Medical Center, Jerusalem, Israel

Giovanni E Lorenz, DO, Lt Col, Air Force
Previous Residency | Diagnostic radiology, San Antonio Uniformed Health Services Consortium (SAUSHEC), San Antonio, TX
Future Plans | Following my fellowship, I’ll return to Joint Base San Antonio as the only fellowship trained cardiothoracic Air Force radiologist. My hope is to bring Cleveland Clinic expertise in cardiothoracic CT/MRI imaging interpretation and thoracic image guided interventions to the members of the Department of Defense and their families; thereby providing world class care befitting our nation’s servicemen and women.

Yasmeen K. Tandon
Previous Residency | Case Western Reserve University-Metro Health Medical Center (Cleveland); Abdominal Imaging Fellowship, Cleveland Clinic
Future Plans | Remain in academics
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Hamid Chalian, MD
Previous Residency | University Hospitals, Case Medical Center, Cleveland, OH
Future Plans | Accepting an academic position

Arya M. Iranmanesh, MD
Previous Residency | University of Kentucky, A. B. Chandler Medical Center, Lexington, KY
Future Plans | Working in local private practice

Peter Dimitrov Filev, MD
Previous Residency | Diagnostic radiology residency, Emory University; Transitional year, Emory University in Atlanta, GA
Future Plans | Clinical cardiothoracic radiology position

Zhen Wu, MD, PhD
Previous Residency | Detroit Medical Center
Future Plans | Faculty position

Jonathan Alexander Frankel, MD
Previous Residency | Cedars Sinai Medical Center, Los Angeles, CA
Future Plans | Private practice/academic position
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Jennifer Feneis, MD
Previous Residency | University of California, San Diego, CA
Future Plans | Cardiothoracic imaging, location TBD

Lara Walkoff, MD
Previous Residency | Mayo Clinic, Rochester, MN
Future Plans | Cardiothoracic radiology in an academic setting

Jeffery E. Illman, MD
Previous Residency | Mayo Clinic School of Graduate Medical Education, Rochester, MN
Future Plans | Unknown at this time

Dongming Xu, MD, PhD
Previous Residency | Shanghai First People’s Hospital, Shanghai, China
Future Plans | To be a cardiothoracic radiologist and researcher

Massachusetts General Hospital, Cardiothoracic Imaging Fellowship

Mayo Clinic School of Graduate Medical Education, Department of Radiology

Mount Sinai Hospital
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Shawn Timothy Stone, MD
Previous Residency | Diagnostic radiology residency, Creighton University Medical Center, Omaha, Nebraska; General surgery internship, Exempla St. Joseph, Denver, CO
Future Plans | Ideally work as a cardiothoracic radiologist while doing research in machine learning

Saman Kiumehr, MD
Previous Residency | Newark Beth Israel Medical Center, Newark, NJ
Future Plans | Academic, private, to be determined

Christopher S. Davis, MD
Previous Residency | Ohio State University Wexner Medical Center, Columbus, OH
Future Plans | Academic practice, chest radiology

Melanie Jean Stenback, MD, FRCPC
Previous Residency | Diagnostic radiology, Memorial University, St. John’s, Newfoundland, Canada
Future Plans | I plan to return to Newfoundland to work as part of the diagnostic imaging team at Memorial University, St. Clare’s Mercy Hospital.
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Swati Prashant Deshmane, MD
Previous Residency | Lokmanya Tilak Municipal General Hospital, Mumbai (India)

Agustinus Suhardja, MD
Previous Residency | Diagnostic radiology, SUNY Downstate Medical Center, Brooklyn, NY
Future Plans | Unknown

Kathleen Jacobs, MD
Previous Residency | University of California, San Diego, CA
Future Plans | Academic job in cardiothoracic radiology

Eric Flagg, MD
Previous Residency | New York University School of Medicine, Radiology residency, New York, NY
Future Plans | Unknown plans after fellowship

Dennis Toy, MD
Previous Residency | Yale New Haven Hospital, Radiology residency, New Haven, CT
Future Plans | Unknown plans after fellowship
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Sagar Amin, MD
Previous Residency | Radiology residency, University of Florida, FL
Future Plans | Academic radiology

Brian Smiley, MD
Previous Residency | Diagnostic radiology, Wayne State University, Detroit Medical Center
Future Plans | Private practice in Michigan

Ghofran Abdullah Ageely, Saudi Board of Radiology
Previous Residency | King Abdulaziz University Hospital, Jeddah, Saudi Arabia
Future Plans | Resume an academic career in radiology

Susan John, FRCR
Previous Residency | Christian Medical College Vellore, India
Future Plans | Work as a chest and abdominal radiologist

University of Maryland Medical Center
University of Michigan, Michigan Medicine, Department of Radiology, Cardiothoracic Division
University of Ottawa, The Ottawa Hospital
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Saly Adel Zahra, Radiology Specialist
Previous Residency | Urology and Nephrology center, Mansoura University, Egypt
Future Plans | My fellowship will be the corner stone in my career by learning all the knowledge I need to begin my sub specialty in chest imaging, interventional procedures and research from great professors and a great team. I aim to help the department in my third world country so it has a specialized professional unit in chest imaging, which we do not have despite two specialized chest hospitals both lacking chest imaging departments. With my fellowship, I hope my to serve as many patients as I can, and I can help my residents learn more about chest imaging.

John T. DeBardeleben, MD
Previous Residency | Einstein Healthcare Network, Philadelphia, PA
Future Plans | Still looking and open to hearing about all opportunities

Leonid Roshkovan, MD
Previous Residency | Radiology, HaEmek Medical Center, Afula, Israel
Future Plans | To be determined

Daoud Tayyab Rahman M.D.
Previous Residency | Intern/House Officer: Radiology Holy Family Hospital, Rawalpindi, Pakistan; Resident Physician - Internal Medicine, Stony Brook University Hospital; Resident – Diagnostic Radiology, Shifa International Hospital, Islamabad, Pakistan; Senior Resident /Clinical instructor– Diagnostic Radiology, Shifa International Hospital, Pakistan; Alternate Pathway: Body Imaging– Fellow - Diagnostic Radiology University of South Florida, Tampa; Alternate Pathway: Cardiothoracic Imaging– Fellow - Diagnostic Radiology University of South Florida, Tampa
Future Plans | Completion of current Alternate pathway program, scheduled to end 06/30/2020. After this endeavor I wish to explore available options in the US or International radiology job market.
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Vishal Kukkar, MD

**Previous Residency** | Radiodiagnosis residency, B.J. Medical College, Ahmedabad, India; Fellowship: Neuroradiology fellowship, Thomas Jefferson University, Philadelphia, PA
**Future Plans** | Emergency radiology fellowship, UT Health San Antonio, TX

Erika Genovez Leme C. Odisio, MD

**Previous Residency** | Diagnostic Imaging & Radiology Residency: Heart Institute of Faculty of Medicine, São Paulo University – INCOR / HC – FMUSP, São Paulo, SP – Brazil; Fellowship: Cardiac CT / MRI, Heart Institute of Faculty of Medicine, São Paulo University – INCOR / HC – FMUSP São Paulo, SP – Brazil; International Visiting Fellow: Cardiac CT/MRI, Texas Heart Institute / St. Luke's Episcopal Hospital, Houston, TX; Postdoctoral Research Fellowship: Division of Diagnostic Imaging / Section of Thoracic imaging, MD Anderson Cancer Center, Houston, TX; Clinical Fellowship: Division of Diagnostic Imaging / Section of Thoracic imaging, MD Anderson Cancer Center, Houston, TX; Clinical Fellowship: Division of Diagnostic Imaging / Section of Thoracic imaging, MD Anderson Cancer Center, Houston, TX; International Visiting Fellow: Cardiac CT/MRI, Texas Heart Institute / St. Luke's Episcopal Hospital, Houston, TX; Postdoctoral Research Fellowship: Division of Diagnostic Imaging / Section of Thoracic imaging, MD Anderson Cancer Center, Houston, TX; Clinical Fellowship: Division of Diagnostic Imaging / Section of Thoracic imaging, MD Anderson Cancer Center, Houston, TX
**Future Plans**: To pursue an academic career in thoracic oncology imaging with focus on clinical research

John Gustave Dreisbach Jr, MBChB

**Previous Residency** | Glasgow, Scotland
**Future Plans** | Open-minded
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Dr. Rahul Gujrathi, MD
Previous Residency | Grant Medical College, Mumbai, India; Fellowship: Abdominal imaging and non-vascular intervention and emergency radiology, McGill University, Montreal, Quebec, Canada
Future Plans | Going back to home country

Hugo Arturo Vidal, MD
Previous Residency | Radiology, Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile
Future Plans | Return back to Chile

Donald G. Benson, MD, PhD
Previous Residency | University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences, Little Rock, AR; Fellowship, Clinical MRI Fellow, University of Wisconsin School of Medicine and Public Health, Madison, WI
Future Plans | To be determined

Hamza Jawad, MBBS
Previous Residency | Mallinckrodt Institute of Radiology, Washington University in St. Louis, MO
Future Plans | Private practice

Adam Landon Sipe, MD
Previous Residency | Internship, Internal Medicine Preliminary year, Carolinas Medical Center (Charlotte, NC); Diagnostic radiology residency, Mallinckrodt Institute of Radiology (Saint Louis, MO)
Future Plans | Private practice
## Follow-up on the Cardiothoracic Imaging Fellows 2016-2017

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**Albert Einstein College of Medicine, Montefiore Medical Center**

- **Position Type**: Cardiothoracic/body radiologist

**Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center, Department of Radiology, Cardiothoracic Section**

- **Future University Affiliation**: Harvard Medical School

**Duke Health, Department of Radiology, Division of Cardiothoracic Imaging**

- **Email**: Edmund.d.hong@gmail.com

**Indiana University, Department of Radiology**

**Keck Medical Center of USC, Department of Radiology**

- **Future University Affiliation**: David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA
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Hospital/Practice | Emory University
Future Affiliation | Emory University, Atlanta, GA
Position Type | Assistant Professor of Radiology (Abdominal and Cardiothoracic)

Rydhwana Hossain, MD
Hospital/Practice | University of Maryland
Future Affiliation | University of Maryland, Baltimore, MD
Position Type | Assistant Professor of Cardiothoracic Radiology

Meline D. Hovnanian, MD
Hospital/Practice | Mount Sinai Health
Future Affiliation | Mount Sinai School of Medicine, New York, NY
Position Type | Assistant Professor of Cardiothoracic Radiology

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Position Type | Women’s imaging fellowship

Emily B. Tsai, MD
Hospital/Practice | Diagnostic Radiology, UCLA
Future Affiliation | Stanford University
Position Type | Staff radiologist

Aws Hamid, MD
Hospital/Practice | King Abdullah University Hospital, Jordan University of Science and Technology, Irbid, Jordan/
Diagnostic Radiology
Future Affiliation | University of Missouri
Position Type | Pursuing a body imaging fellowship

Nicholas Reeser, MD
Hospital/Practice | Henry Ford Hospital, Radiology, Diagnostic Radiology
Future Affiliation | Henry Ford Hospital, Detroit, MI
Position Type | Faculty position
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Position Type | Attending physician

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Position Type | Musculoskeletal fellowship

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Hospital / Practice | University of Pittsburgh Medical Center
Position Type | Assistant Professor
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Virginia Commonwealth University Health System

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Mallinckrodt Institute of Radiology, Washington University in St. Louis, MO

Sebastian Robert McWilliams, MB BCh BAO  
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Weill Cornell Medical College

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Introducing Veritas
Sue O’Sullivan

I speak for our entire team when I say that we are honored to have been selected as the new management team for the STR. Veritas was founded in 2013 by myself and our Vice President, Donna Kelly. We each had years of executive director experience specific to non-profit medical association management and decided to join forces and build our dream version of a shared staffing, association management company. In a few short years, Veritas has earned the trust of providing management services to over a dozen non-profit associations. Our portfolio includes three other radiology associations: Society of Skeletal Radiology, International Skeletal Society, and our newest addition just this month, the Fleischner Society. I will be serving in the role of Executive Director, and Donna Kelly will be serving as the STR Co-Director. We believe that redundancy in leadership is a huge benefit to our clients.

Although many of our team members will have an active role in the management of the STR, there are few individuals that hold more visible positions. As part of the management transition, we are happy to announce that Veritas has hired Tracy Parks (formerly with Matrix). As part of our meetings team, Tracy has been assigned to manage the STR Annual Meetings, so you will see her familiar face in Austin!

Gina Baxter is the Director of Operations for Veritas. She will lead project activities for the STR Board and Committees.

Christina Espiritu will work closely with Gina in handling the many administrative duties for the Society.

Curtis Ksenak is the Director of IT and manages the new STR website and members portal.

Jodeen Burke will interact closely with individual members in her role as the STR Membership Services Manager.

We look forward to getting to know each of you in the months ahead. Please feel free to reach out to us with any questions, comments, and concerns or just to get to know the new management team.

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STR Seed Grant Award Announcement
Myrna C.B. Godoy, MD

The STR announces the funding of $20,000 to Dr. Leah Muhm Lin and colleagues at Keck Hospital of University of Southern California (USC) and USC Keck School of Medicine for the proposal: “Evaluation of Lung Cancer Treatment Response to Stereotactic Body Radiation Therapy Utilizing Volumetric Dynamic Contrast-Enhanced CT and Texture Analysis.”

Dr. Lin is currently an Assistant Professor of Radiology at USC Keck School of Medicine. After graduating from Jefferson Medical College in Philadelphia, PA, Dr. Lin completed both an internship in internal medicine and residency in Diagnostic Radiology at Kaiser Permanente Los Angeles Medical Center. She completed her fellowship training in cardiothoracic imaging at Keck Hospital of USC in 2014 and joined the staff at the same institution. She specializes in cardiothoracic imaging including lung biopsies and other thoracic procedures. She serves as a cardiothoracic imaging subspecialist for multiple department and national committees including an educational subcommittee for ARRS.

The proposed research project investigates the use of contrast-enhanced CT and texture analysis as complementary tools for assessing treatment response of lung cancer to SBRT. Changes in tumor perfusion and texture features will be analyzed across multiple time points during and after SBRT to evaluate their utility as imaging biomarkers for assessing treatment response.

The STR seed grant process is aimed at offering seed grant support for young investigators to pursue novel research in cardiothoracic imaging and related fields. For more information, please refer to the STR research webpage.

STR Seed Grant Supported Abstracts Presented at The 4th World Congress of Thoracic Imaging

Henry H. Guo, MD, PhD  
Stanford University Medical Center, Stanford, CA.  
Externally Placed “Pocket Phantom” for in vivo Pulmonary Nodule Visualization Assurance on Low Dose CT, a Phantom and Clinical Study

Diana Litmanovich, MD  
Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center (BIDMC), Boston, MA.  
Cine-MRI of Tracheal Dynamics - A Pilot Study

Tina Tailor, MD  
Duke University Medical Center, Durham, NC.  
Integration of CT and Cell-free DNA as a Biomarker for Early Lung Cancer Detection in Patients with Indeterminate Pulmonary Nodules.
As the 2018 Annual Meeting and Postgraduate Course of the STR approaches in Austin Texas, I wanted to highlight a few exciting developments.

The Fairmont Hotel, the site of our meeting, promises to be a spectacular venue. The new 37-story luxury hotel opens November of 2017 and is architecturally stunning, incorporating natural design elements that pay homage to neighboring Palm Park. Two 24 feet - high Heritage Oak trees flank the reception desk, and there is a life-size topiary garden in the Park Lounge. Palm Park, conveniently situated between east Austin and downtown, is a leafy, shady respite at the water’s edge and a gathering place that serves the hotel, Convention Center, and surrounding neighborhoods. The Red River Canopy Walk is a 53-foot-tall elevated connection from the Fairmont Austin to the Austin Convention Center and will allow aerial views of Waller Creek and access to three miles of new hike- and bike-trails.

The call for abstracts for the Scientific Sessions went out August 16th, and the website will close October 16th. New this year, the meeting will have two oral scientific abstract sessions that will be only open to STR members (“closed sessions”) and conveniently scheduled at the start of the day. Scientific abstracts presented in a closed session are not excluded from presentation at a future radiology meeting such as the RSNA. We hope that this will encourage our members to present their most cutting-edge scientific discoveries at our annual meeting. Non-STR members can visit the educational and scientific posters for CME credit during these closed sessions. An “open” oral scientific abstract session for residents, fellows, and junior faculty will be held Tuesday afternoon. Scientific posters remain open presentations. Also new this year, we will be reviewing the content of electronically-submitted scientific and educational posters prior to the meeting and asking authors of three educational posters to present a 10-minute summary of their work at a session on Wednesday morning.
Finally, we would like to make sure that all of you attending have the opportunity to spend time with colleagues and enjoy Austin Texas! With this in mind, we have scheduled longer coffee and refreshment breaks for the attendees to meet with colleagues and vendors. In addition, 90-minute lunch breaks are planned to provide ample time for STR Committees to meet offsite or for a leisurely lunch with your thoracic radiology family at local restaurant venues. All this and 30 hours of CME.

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The STR newsletter, Inspiration, has the following submission and publication dates:

**Submission Deadlines**
- Winter: December 15
- Spring: March 15
- Summer/Fall: August 15

**Publication Dates**
- Winter: January 15
- Spring: April 15
- Summer/Fall: September 15