LETTER FROM THE INCOMING PRESIDENT

Dear STR Members:

EVERY ANNUAL MEETING of the STR is unique, not only in location but also in educational content and social events. Selecting a venue for the meeting begins more than two years in advance, with the goal of alternating between West Coast and East Coast locations. Since 2003, the STR has been held in California (4), Florida (4), Texas (2), Arizona (1) and Nevada (1), with the World Congress of Thoracic Imaging occurring every 4th year. The 2019 meeting was recently held in Savannah, Georgia at the Westin Savannah Harbor, from March 24-27. As the 2018-2019 President-elect of the STR, I had the honor of venue selection, program design and organization. Fortunately the STR has many talented people who help with this, including the staff of Veritas Meeting Solutions, the Education Committee (Dr. Jeffrey Kanne, chair), and the Awards Committee (Dr. Saurabh Agarwal, chair).

The annual program included a Lung Cancer Symposium on Monday morning, and the three invited speakers shared the podium. Dr. Betty Tong, cardiothoracic surgeon at Duke University Medical Center, presented “Beyond Lung-RADS: Current challenges in Lung Cancer Screening.” Dr. James Urbanic, radiation oncologist at University of California San Diego, presented the Gamsu Lecture, entitled “Proton Therapy for..."
Thoracic Cancers: Hype or Promise in 2019.” Dr. Raymond Osarogiagbon, hematologist/oncologist at Baptist Cancer Center in Memphis, provided the Scanlon Lecture, “A Programmatic Approach to Reducing Lung Cancer Mortality in Populations.” The named lectures were followed by a simulated Multidisciplinary Thoracic Tumor Board, moderated by Dr. Michelle Ginsberg. Dr. Johnny Vlahos described the imaging features of several unknown cases, and Drs. Tong, Urbanic and Osarogiagbon debated methods of diagnosis and treatment for each case.

The 2019 meeting was unique in many ways. This was the first time the meeting was held in Georgia, and many attendees were visiting the charming city of Savannah for the first time. Following the STR members Annual Business Luncheon on Monday, the “Networking Afternoon” provided an opportunity to explore Savannah and to meet other attendees either informally or during one of the arranged outings. The architectural tour of Savannah, the trolley tour and the Shotgun Golf event were big hits.

The Westin Savannah Harbor was a great venue for Sunday evening’s Welcome Reception, which included a cocktail hour with the vendors (and a large TV screen for the NCAA tournament games), a dinner with multiple stations ranging from salad bars to shrimp and oysters, and dessert stations of home-made ice cream and pralines. Perhaps this sugar high and the DJ were responsible for all the dancing that followed on the river-side terrace.

In addition to the named lectures and the multidisciplinary panel, the academic program included 6 Cases of the Day, 11 Conundrums, 87 (15 minute) Educational Lectures, 16 Scientific Abstracts, and 87 Digital Posters. The program was recorded and will be available via the STR website later this year. More details about the annual meeting can be found in the article by incoming Secretary Dr. Loren Ketai and President-elect Dr. Jane Ko in this issue of Inspiration.

In his Presidential letter exactly one year ago, Dr. Cris Meyer described the STR’s mission of “Educating the Pipeline.” At this year’s meeting, Dr. Meyer announced the successful development of a core curriculum for medical students, and you can find the links to the free online content in Dr. Meyer’s letter from the Outgoing President in this issue of Inspiration. The “Educating the Pipeline” mission was extended even further this year in a one-day Resident Bootcamp, held on the Saturday preceding the annual meeting. The 16 lectures began with introductions to chest radiographic anatomy and extended into high-resolution CT and cardiovascular imaging. The STR membership includes many individuals with a passion for teaching, and that was evident on Saturday in those Bootcamp lectures. The enthusiasm of many young residents who attended the Bootcamp and the annual meeting was palpable, and you can read more about the “Tree ‘n Buddies” in the article by Dr. Allison Ferreira, also in this issue of Inspiration.
What are the STR’s goals for 2019-2020? Primarily, we want to continue the trajectory set in motion by our previous STR Presidents, and in particular, the online core curriculum initiated by Dr. Ann Leung in 2016-2017. We will continue our efforts to ensure the future of our profession by developing a pipeline of cardiothoracic radiologists, as outlined by Dr. Cris Meyer in 2018-2019. We will support those young radiologists with mentoring, initiated by Dr. Tom Hartman in 2017-2018 and now led by Dr. Georgeann McGuinness, and with educational content contributed by more than 100 STR members. We will continue our exploration of big data and artificial intelligence, led by Dr. Carol Wu. We will also extend our collaborations with international thoracic imaging societies and foster the global outreach of STR, led by the Intersociety Relations and Global Outreach Committee (Dr. Sharyn MacDonald, chair).

If we are going to communicate effectively with our “pipeline” of young cardiothoracic radiologists, we need to expand our social media presence. Dr. Chuck Lau is chair of our new ad hoc committee on Social Media, so remember to include both #THORACICRAD and @THORACICRAD in your tweets and posts.

I am honored to serve as the 38th President of the Society of Thoracic Radiology, and I look forward to working with the Executive Committee and all of the STR committee chairs and committee members in pursuing the core mission of the STR, “to promote cardiothoracic imaging for excellence in patient care through research and education.”

Caroline Chiles MD
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A Message from the Outgoing President

IT HAS BEEN MY DISTINCT HONOR to serve as the 37th President of the Society of Thoracic Radiology. It is amazing how quickly this year has passed. I want to highlight some of our society’s achievements over the past year fueled by the energy and talent of our many STR volunteers. This year we focused on three major areas: outreach/collaboration, education and membership.

Global Outreach

The STR continues to evolve into a global professional society with more international members attending our meeting each year. We have recently signed a memorandum of understanding with the Canadian Society of Thoracic Radiology with Carole Dennie as its first President. Portions of our online core curriculum were provided for an outreach effort to train residents in Haiti. John Connolly, as chair of the Membership Committee, brought several initiatives to the Executive Committee to decrease barriers to STR membership; in one such initiative, we agreed to discount dues for applicants from countries recognized by the World Bank as least-developed. As a recognized leader in thoracic imaging education, the STR is often contacted to suggest speakers for international meetings; Sharyn MacDonald and the Intersociety and Global Outreach committee have begun creating an STR Speakers Bureau to match interested members with potential speaking opportunities.

Collaboration

The Big Data Committee chaired by Carol Wu has remained busy this year. Due to the efforts of this committee, the STR co-branded with the RSNA in the 2018 Machine Learning Challenge. We are partnered with the Society for Imaging Informatics in Medicine (SIIM) and will be collaborating on the ACR 2019 Machine Learning Challenge. In addition, we continue our collaboration with the ACR Data Science Institute to remain on the cutting edge of big data initiatives. I would also like to thank Paul Cronin and the entire Practice Standards and Technical Guidelines committee for their tireless work reviewing the many whitepapers and guidelines to which the STR is asked to contribute or to endorse.

Education

Building on the outstanding core curriculum initiated by our past president Dr. Anne Leung, we identified a need to provide more foundational training to excite medical students and residents in the field of thoracic imaging and develop a pipeline of future thoracic imagers. A major initiative this year was the development of a free online curriculum designed to introduce medical students and allied health professionals to fundamental concepts in chest imaging; this curriculum is arranged in 15 lectures of 10-20 minutes
These can be found under the [Online Education tile on the STR website](#) or in the [STR YouTube Channel](#).

This basic content is intended to provide thoracic radiologists with student prep material that they can use to “flip” the classroom, thereby using classroom time in a more interactive, less didactic fashion. I want to thank this ad hoc committee and its chair David Naeger for their Herculean efforts in completing this entire curriculum in one year! I also want to recognize the amazing success of the STR Resident Bootcamp held the Saturday prior to our Annual Meeting conceived by your current President, Caroline Chiles. Congratulations Caroline on the Bootcamp and an outstanding Annual Meeting in Savannah, Georgia!

**Membership**

Lastly, the executive committee continues to expand services to add value to your STR membership. For your trainees, we have removed boundaries to membership by waiving dues for residents and fellows. In addition, we initiated a competitive travel award scholarship program intended to assist up to 5 trainees per year to present at the STR Annual Meeting. A planning meeting was held in Savannah for the creation of a Health and Wellness Committee in response to our recent survey on which 80% of STR members indicated the need for the STR to be involved in this process. The mission of this committee will be to collect data unique to our subspecialty regarding burnout, plan meeting events and content related to burnout and professional resilience, and share best practices on an STR forum. The electronic media committee and its chair Travis Henry continue to update and improve our website. A recently formed ad hoc Social Media Committee with chair Charles Lau is working to use social media platforms to expand the STR social media presence and improving accessibility.

Once again, I would like to thank all the STR members and volunteers who make our society such a special organization. A special note of thanks to my fellow STR officers, Caroline Chiles, Jane Ko and Sanjeev Bhalla, the Veritas staff especially Sue O’Sullivan and Gina Baxter, and our immediate past-President Tom Hartman for your wisdom and support throughout this last year. It has been an honor and privilege to serve such a dynamic and creative organization. Have a great year, and I look forward to seeing you all at the next STR meeting in Palm Springs.
2019 Lifetime Achievement Award Announcement

THE SOCIETY OF THORACIC RADIOLOGY (STR) has awarded the 2019 Lifetime Achievement Award to Ella Annabelle Effat Kazerooni, M.D., M.S. Ella is a Professor in the Department of Radiology, Cardiothoracic Radiology Division at the University of Michigan Medical School, Ann Arbor, Michigan. She holds a joint appointment as a Professor in the Department of Internal Medicine, Pulmonary & Critical Care Medicine Division. Ella is a true Michigan “blue” having been awarded an B.S. in Biomedical Sciences with Distinction and M.D. in the Integrated Premedical – Medical Program “Inteflex” Program of the University of Michigan School of Literature Science & the Arts and Medical School. She also holds a M.S. in Clinical Research Design & Statistical Analysis from the School of Public Health of the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor, Michigan. She also completed here Residency in Diagnostic Radiology at the University of Michigan and had a small detour for Fellowship in Thoracic Imaging at Massachusetts General Hospital, Harvard Medical School, in Boston, Massachusetts.

Ella’s dedication to thoracic imaging and the STR is unparalleled. She has presented numerous lectures on thoracic imaging subjects including many times at the annual STR meeting. She is a strong advocate for lung cancer screening and chairs the Lung-RADSTM committee of the American College of Radiology. She served as the STR Treasurer from 2000 to 2002, Vice President in 2002 to 2003, President from 2003 to 2004, and Past President in 2004 to 2005. She has served many other professional societies, such as the American College of Radiology on the Board of Chancellors and Executive committee and in many roles including President and Past president in the Association of University Radiologists (AUR) and American Roentgen Ray Society (ARRS). She is also a Trustee of the American Board of Radiology. She is also an elected member of the Fleischner Society and fellow of the Society of Body Computed Tomography/Magnetic Resonance Society.

She has received numerous awards including the Teacher of the Year and Mentor of the Year from the Department of Radiology at University of Michigan; Gold Medals from the ARRS and the AUR; and Marie Curie Award from the American Association of Women Radiologists. She has numerous visiting professorships and invited speaker lectures, had has 327 peer-reviewed manuscripts and 32 book chapters. The STR thanks Ella for her extensive contribution to the field of thoracic imaging in terms of advancing patient care, leadership, and mentoring of current and future cardiothoracic imagers.
Report of the 2019 Annual Meeting and Resident Bootcamp, Savannah, Georgia

Loren Ketai, MD and Jane P. Ko, MD

THE ANNUAL MEETING AND POSTGRADUATE COURSE of the Society of Thoracic Radiology (STR) was held March 24 to 27th, 2019 at the Westin Savannah Harbor Golf Resort & Spa, Savannah, Georgia. The Annual Meeting and Course was preceded by a Resident Bootcamp on Saturday March 23, 2019. The STR welcomed registrants including 55 trainees and at least 64 radiology colleagues from outside the United States with 17 from Canada, 8 from Australia, 6 from Chile, and 5 from Brazil, New Zealand, and the United Kingdom each.

The Resident Bootcamp was a success with over 93 attendees including residents and fellows from all parts of the country. The focused curriculum was tailored towards trainees, particularly in the early phase of their residency to encourage and solidify knowledge and interest in cardiothoracic imaging. Cardiothoracic anatomy, interpretation of chest imaging for lines, tubes and devices and in the acute clinical scenario, approaches to HRCT, imaging of acute vascular disease, and lung cancer imaging were included in the program. The STR thanks David Naeger MD, who was a co-program director with President-elect Caroline Chiles, for their leadership in this initiative.

The Annual Meeting sessions were well attended and included focused sessions covering the broad scope of the cardiothoracic imaging curriculum. This included but were not limited to:

- The general program curriculum which addressed not only current practice but also future directions for cardiothoracic imaging. Updates regarding recent consensus statements for idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis and interstitial lung disease, review of the TNM lung cancer staging and pitfalls, and guidelines for incidental findings such as for the mediastinum were reviewed. Cutting edge topics spanning molecular testing and imaging, targeted therapies, big data, and artificial intelligence were highlighted in this year’s program. The program was full of informative sessions, some exploring particularly timely issues, such as the session focused on regulatory issues, accreditation, reimbursement, and physician burnout.
• The “cardiothoracic conundrums session” on Sunday that presented challenging cases for the thoracic radiologist. The award for best case was presented to Dr. Jennifer Febbo, of Rush University Medical Center, for a case demonstrating the migration of a breast prosthesis into the thoracic space.

• A special session focused on lung cancer screening, diagnosis, and follow up. The session included the Felson Lecture presented by Betty Tong MD, MHS, MS, surgical oncologist at Duke University Medical Center in Durham, NC. The Gamsu Lecture was delivered by Dr. James Urbanic, MD, a radiation oncologist at the University of California San Diego. The Scanlon Lecturer was Ray Osarogiagbon, MBBS, FACP, a dynamic medical oncologist at Baptist Cancer Center in Memphs Tennessee. This session included lectures by Drs. William Black, Mylene Truong, and Ann Leung and culminated in a tumor board by Dr. Michelle Ginsberg, the guest lecturers, and Dr. Johnny Vlahos.

• The Junior Faculty Reception on Tuesday evening, organized by past-President Dr. Thomas Hartman. The reception included medical students, residents, fellows, and junior faculty and continued into the evening informally. In conjunction with the education of trainees within the Resident Bootcamp, the reception emphasized the STR’s goal of encouraging rising new talent in chest radiology.

• Back from the past, a break was provided on Monday afternoon that enabled registrants to network on trolley tours, walking tours, and informally such as by the pool. The welcome reception was a success, enabling networking among members and attendees.

STR thanks the education committee of Dr. Jeffrey P. Kanne, chair, and members Drs. Kathleen Brown, Brett M. Elicker, Brent P. Little, Santiago Martinez-Jimenez, David M. Naeger, Mark S. Parker, Claudio Silva, Arlene Sirajuddin, Robert M. Steiner, and Carol C. Wu for all their efforts in the educational program. The awards committee headed by Dr. Saurabh Agarwal and comprising Drs. Brett Carter, H. Henry Guo, Cylen
Javidan-Nejad, Steve M. Montner, and Girish S. Shroff is acknowledged for time spent in the selection of abstracts and awardees for scientific and educational presentations at the annual meeting. The research committee headed by Dr. Myrna Godoy and colleagues of Drs. Ritu Gill, Jin Mo Goo, Loren H. Ketai, Seth J. Kligerman, David Levin, Edith M. Marom, and Justus E. Roos, M.D. is thanked for their efforts in selecting trainees who received travel award stipends.

Dr. Rohit Dewan of the University of California at Los Angeles, David Geffen School of Medicine was awarded the Jack Wescott Award as the best oral presentation by a medical student that was titled “Integrated Diagnostic Report in Management of Patients Following Lung Biopsy.”

**Bootcamp Attendee States (in order of most number of attendees):**
- South Carolina
- Florida
- New York
- Georgia
- Missouri
- Tennessee
- Massachusetts
- Michigan
- North Carolina
- Virginia
- California
- District of Columbia
- Illinois
- Indiana
- Kentucky
- Minnesota
- Nebraska
- New Hampshire
- Oregon
- Pennsylvania
- Rhode Island
- Texas
- West Virginia

**Annual Meeting Facts**
- Number of registrants: 404
- Number of trainee registrants: 55
- Hours of CME: 25.50 maximum per attendee
- Number of faculty: 121
- Scientific oral presentations: 16
- Number of educational posters: 68

**Welcome to our International Registrants!**
- Argentina
- Australia
- Austria
- Brazil
- Canada
- Chile
- Colombia
- India
- Ireland
- Israel
- Malaysia
- New Zealand
- Norway
- Saudi Arabia
- Singapore
- Spain
- Switzerland
- Thailand
- United Kingdom
Congratulations to Our 2019 Annual Meeting Awardees!

Best Junior Faculty Scientific Oral Presentation:

Florian Fintelmann, MD, Massachusetts General Hospital, “Repeat lung biopsies in patients with EGFR-mutant lung cancer are safe and successful”

Best Resident Scientific Oral Presentation:

Simon Martin, MD, Medical University of South Carolina, “Deep learning for automated calcium scoring in cardiac computed tomography”

Jack Westcott Award:

Rohit Dewan, DO, University of California at Los Angeles, David Geffen School of Medicine,

“Integrated diagnostic report in management of patients following lung biopsy”

Educational Exhibit Cum Laude:


Peter Filev MD, et al. Emory University/Massachusetts General Hospital, “Value of subspecialty second-opinion interpretations of chest CT referred by pulmonologists”

Michelle Hershman MD, et al. University of Pennsylvania Perelman School of Medicine, “Exploring HRCT features of smoking related interstitial lung abnormalities”

Joseph Mansour MD, et al. Saint Louis University/Mallinckrodt/Cleveland Clinic, “A hole in the wall: a review of cardiac septal defects”

Ruchi Sharma MD PhD, et al. University of Wisconsin Medical School, “Crossing the diaphragmatic border: pathways into the chest from the abdomen”
Certificate of Merit:

Hugo Bueno MD, et al. Rutgers New Jersey Medical School, “CT of abnormalities involving the ductus arteriosus and ligamentum arteriosum”

Lyudmila Demko DO, et al. Medical College of Wisconsin, “Lessons learned from coronary CT angiography - derived fractional flow reserve (FFR CT) – our 2 and half years’ experience”

Chanel Wood MD, et al. Mayo Clinic Jacksonville, radiology review of surgical and medical complications of lung transplantation


Rachel Blinick BA, et al. Albert Einstein College of Medicine, “Cracking the opium den”

Trainee travel grant award winners:

Joseph L. Barnett, MBBS, FRCR -- Royal Brompton Hospital, London, England

Andreas Marco Fischer, MD, Medical University of South Carolina, South Carolina

Dhairya A. Lakhani, MD, Vanderbilt University Medical Center, Tennessee

Simon S. Martin, MD, Medical University of South Carolina, South Carolina

Samuel J. Plesner, DO, Providence Sacred Heart Medical Center-Spokane, Washington

Thomas James-Earl Vretas, Medical Student, University of Cincinnati, Ohio
Caroline Chiles opening the meeting

David Naeger, Co-Program Director, at Resident Bootcamp

The welcome reception began with an opportunity to watch the NCAA Basketball game between Duke and University of Central Florida.

Oral and poster awardees with Awards Chair Saurabh Agarwal

Special thanks to our Veritas Team!
Welcome to our colleagues from around the world, including Canada, Australia, South Africa, and Ireland.
Some candid images of our members and attendees!

Thank you, Savannah!
Thank You to Our Meeting Exhibitors

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after the strong response to the 2018 STR Mentorship Committee’s assessment survey, 40 mentoring dyads were formed, matching mentors with mentees sharing interest in specific areas such as education, research, cardiac imaging, clinical trials, quality & safety, publishing & editorial work, IT & informatics, AI, lung cancer screening programs, and career & leadership development.

We checked in with our mentoring dyads this fall, and we are pleased to report that many are thriving, with much positive feedback. Approximately 90% of survey respondents felt that establishing mentoring dyad matches around shared focused-interest areas was valuable for the relationship and enhanced the productivity of the connection.

However, we also learned that some relationships ‘failed to launch,’ or, after launching, did not endure. Survey respondents gave us helpful feedback and ideas for facilitating successful matches, including matching time zones to ease communication and geographic regions when possible to enhance the likelihood of face-to-face meetings. More challenging, but critical for inclusion of our non-US members in the program, is ensuring a common language between mentor and mentee.

Our Second Annual Mentorship Survey was sent to the STR membership in early March 2019, just before our annual meeting in Savannah. We hope that all society members interested in mentorship, even if already in a successful mentorship dyad, will answer the survey. This survey provides the opportunity for new mentors and mentees to participate in the program. We will of course continue to support and encourage our existing mentorship dyads and are open to facilitating a change in mentors if desired.

Mentorship is a great way to engage with the STR, to impact on the careers of our more junior members, to gain insights from the guidance of our more senior members, and to fortify our field by strengthening the next generation of thoracic radiologists. Join us!
THE SOCIETY OF THORACIC RADIOLOGY (STR) announces the funding of $20,000 to Dr. Lea Azour and colleagues at New York University (NYU) Langone Health for the proposal: “Machine Learning Based Image Reconstruction from CT Sinogram Data to Achieve Radiation Dose Reduction.”

Dr. Azour is currently a Clinical Assistant Professor of Radiology at NYU Langone Health. After completing undergraduate studies at Yale University and medical degree at New York Medical College, she finished both her radiology residency and cardiothoracic imaging fellowship at the Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai, in New York City. In 2017, Dr. Azour joined the faculty at NYU Langone Health, where she specializes in thoracic and cardiac imaging, as well as thoracic intervention. In 2019, Dr. Azour began serving as the Associate Section Head of Thoracic Imaging at NYU and also leads the NYU Radiology Junior Faculty Committee.

The proposed research project addresses the STR’s big data Initiative and applies machine learning to contend with a clinical issue of ongoing concern pertaining to CT radiation dose. Sparse imaging, or the undersampling of data, is a method by which further dose reduction can be achieved. Dr. Azour and colleagues aim to develop and apply a machine-learning derived algorithm for optimizing sparse CT image acquisition so that patients receive lower radiation doses without compromising image quality or workflow efficiency.

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.
Dear STR Members:

Many of you may know about RadExam, a collaborative project between the Association of Program Directors in Radiology (APDR) and ACR. The RadExam was launched in February 2018 and is an extensive online database of > 5000 Resident-level specific questions that are used in 98 end-of-rotation exams. To date, nearly 14,000 exams have been taken by residents as part of their end-of-rotation assessments. The RadExam is currently used by over 130 institutions.

We continue to develop new exams, and in this coming summer institutions will be able to make their own exams from the question database. We are now recruiting more question authors and editors. This is a great way to develop your scholarly portfolio by developing nationally-distributed, peer-reviewed scholarly work. Certificates are given annually by the ACR/APDR acknowledging the number of questions a volunteer authors and/or edits. In addition, as of 2019, volunteers can earn 10 hours of CME for writing 10 questions.

To volunteer and/or for more detailed information, please refer to the RadExam website. If you have questions concerning the Chest or Cardiac topics of RadExam, please contact the editors of the Chest and Cardiac sections who are Geraldine Brusca-Augello, Glen Cox, or Leif Jensen.

On behalf of the RadExam Editorial Board, thank you to the STR members who have already participated and to those interested in joining this important project that provides residency programs with access to high quality, resident-level exams for formative assessment of knowledge skills.

Sincerely,

Geraldine Brusca-Augello, D.O. and Glendon Cox, M.D.
Members, STR
Section Editors, RadExam
Introducing Tree ‘n Buddies, a Forum for Residents and Fellows

STR 2019 was kicked off with a full day of stellar lectures covering a wide breadth of chest radiology at the first-ever STR Resident Bootcamp. Not only did this first day encourage the residents and fellows to meet each other and explore Savannah together, but it also was the beginning of ‘Tree ‘n Buddies.” Tree ‘n Buddies is a group of enthusiastic residents and fellows pursuing a career in chest radiology that started as a hash tag group to support and publicize the STR 2019 meeting on Twitter. We see this group as a source of camaraderie and friendship both personally and professionally as we evolve in our early careers in chest radiology. The current members of the group are Farouk Dako, MD, Varun Mehta, MD, Karen Rodriguez, MD, Jennifer Febbo, MD, Anuj Dixit, MD, Anu Brixe, MD, Michelle Hershman, MD, Sean Gupta, DO, and Allison Ferreira, DO. We are all grateful for the support the STR showed to the members-in-training this year including the dedication of the excellent lecturers at the Resident Bootcamp, the mentorship at the Members-In-Training reception and the approachability of all of the faculty chest radiologists throughout the week. We also appreciate STR’s generosity in waiving membership fees for members-in-training.

We hope that Tree ‘n Buddies will grow and continue on, encouraging active involvement in Thoracic Radiology and the STR. Look out for the #Treenbuddies on Twitter representing chest radiology members-in-training at future national meetings this year and STR 2020!

Members in Cardiothoracic Imaging Fellowship Training:
Anu Brixe, MD OHSU 2018-2019
Farouk Dako, MD University of Maryland 2019-2020
Anuj Dixit, MD Mayo Clinic 2018-2019
Jennifer Febbo, MD Massachusetts General Hospital 2019-2020
Allison Ferreira, DO Mayo Clinic 2019-2020
Sean Gupta, DO University of Pennsylvania 2018-2019
Michelle Hershman, MD University of Pennsylvania 2018-2019
Varun Mehta, MD University of Maryland 2019-2020
Karen Rodriguez, MD Massachusetts General Hospital 2020-2021

Allison Ferreira, DO
Dartmouth-Hitchcock Diagnostic Radiology 2015-2019
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