



# Newsletter

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## PRESIDENTIAL COMMENTS — *Nicholas Gourtsoyiannis*



At the completion of my term of office, as ISR president, during the upcoming ICR 2012 at Sao Paolo, I would like to take the opportunity to briefly communicate and report to you once more, while expressing many great thanks to all of you, officers and members of our regional and national societies, for your support, the contribution and active participation in our programs.

Over the past two years lots of efforts were invested in identifying and putting forward a strategic road map for ISR, aiming to:

- enrich its leadership through structured co-option of motivated and committed individuals
- broaden its educational activities through constant expansion of its website volume, and
- improve its productivity and role by raising new creative synergies, and by revisiting and strengthening old valuable partnerships

In each of these perceived goals we have already made a considerable progress. As a result new committees and platforms have emerged and a new flourishing environment is in place.

The restructured International Commission for Radiologic Education (ICRE) provides now a portfolio of educational content and activities, targeting primarily developing countries. Global web-based initiatives comprise the majority of ICRE programs, although, two new, shortly to be launched synergistic initiatives, one of them with the World Federation of Ultrasound in Medicine and Biology, both aiming to Ethiopia and sub-Saharan Africa, will involve additional in-person teaching. The primary vehicles for global ventures are the already existing GORAD and the newly built GO-ED.

GORAD has proved a valuable international radiology educational resource. It continues to grow fast and

provides now open access to practice related articles, selected from 31 leading radiology journals; every month. It now attracts around 30.000 viewers annually.

GOED is a new vehicle that provides teaching content through links, to enduring educational material, proprietary to ISR, or made available by affiliated professional organizations.

During 2011, ISR website volume has increased considerably with the addition of the third edition of our Virtual Congress, featuring lectures from 40 invited academic radiologists from around the globe, and of four digitized manuals on diagnostic imaging, prepared by the World Health Organization (WHO) and the ISR, through the Global Steering Group of Education and Training in Diagnostic Imaging, of which WHO and ISR are co-founders.

In addition, statutory changes were introduced, with the newly built ICR Program Planning Committee charged to guarantee the international content and character of our meetings, starting with ICR 2012. Finally, specific efforts were directed to revitalize and strengthen our collaboration with our long term or new international partners like the ISRRT, the WFUMB and the WHO, especially during the ISR Strategic Planning Meeting in Athens last June.

In my 7th year of service to ISR Executive Committee, I am now more optimistic than ever before for our abilities to give added value to ISR and fulfill its mission. As our commitment and creativity increases and our services and programs are growing, our ties with other important international agencies, worldwide political organizations and continental radiological societies will strengthen and multiply our potential.

I finally believe that the role of ISR as a provider of international radiologic education in the developing world, and a convener and a bridge in the world of radiology will become more and more of importance, in securing the future of radiology.

I thank you all for your valuable cooperation and I do hope to see many of you during the ICR 2012 at Sao Paulo.

## **ICR 2012/ JPR 2012 CONGRESS**

More than 25 national radiology societies and other organizations will sponsor scientific lecturers on parallel programs in English and Portuguese at the combined International Society of Radiology and the Sao Paulo Radiological Meeting on 3-6 May of this year in Sao Paulo Brazil.

The Sao Paulo society, the host organization, anticipates an increased enrollment of radiologists from national radiology societies in other countries, said Renato Mendonca of Sao Paulo, the general chairman of the meeting and the ISR scientific program chairman. The annual Sao Paulo society has invited participation with several other national societies outside of Brazil in previous years. However, this is the first world-wide approach. And it is the first time that the ISR has chosen a host national society which can combine its annual meeting program with an international congress. In addition to the presentations for radiologists, a segment of the international program is prepared for radiologic technologists by the International Society of Radiographers and Radiologic Technologists.

The International Society of Radiology will conduct its International Assembly session during ICR 2012, where delegates from national societies will receive reports on the status of ISR programs. National society delegates will be asked to approve proposed ISR bylaw changes, to vote for five societies expressing a willingness to sponsor national members of the ISR Executive Committee, and approve the election of ISR officers for 2012 to 2014.

Members of collaborating organizations and residents and technologists will benefit for reduced registration fees for enrollment before the end of February and a lesser reduction in March. *SEE DETAILS ABOUT REGISTRATION AND HOTEL ACCOMODATIONS AT THE END OF THIS ARTICLE.*

In the opening ceremony on the morning of Thursday 3 May, Nicholas Gourtsoyiannis, ISR president, will present ISR Beclere medals to the ISR past president, Hans Ringertz of Stockholm, Sweden and to James Thrall, chairman of radiology at the Massachusetts General Hospital in Boston in the United States. Dr. Thrall will present the featured ISR Beclere lecture at the conclusion of the opening session. The second ISR featured speech, the Fuchs lecture named for the previous ISR executive director, will be presented on Saturday morning by Giovanni Guido Cerri of Sao Paulo, a past leader of the local society and past chairman of the World Federation of Ultrasound in Biology and Medicine.



Hans Ringertz



James Thrall



Giovanni Guido Cerri

The sponsors of the invited scientific speakers include the American College of Radiology, the Colombian Society of Radiology, the European Society of Gastrointestinal and Abdominal Radiology, the European Society of Radiology, the Federation of Academic Argentine Radiology and Diagnostic Imaging, the French Society of Radiology, General Electric Company, the Radiologic Society of North America, the Spanish Society of Medical Radiology, Siemens Corporation, the Italian Society of Medical Radiology, the Ecuadorian Society of Radiology, the Japanese Radiological Society, the Korean Society of Radiology, the World Health Organization, the World Federation of Ultrasound in Medicine and Biology, the African Society of Radiology, the Radiological Society of Chile, the American Institute for Radiologic Pathology, the Latin-American Federation of Ultrasound Societies, the Radiological Society of Uruguay, the Colegio Interamericano de Radiologica and Fuji Film. In addition, the ISR International Commission on Radiologic Education has selected 10 scientific speakers from several countries whose talks will be recorded and offered electronically after the congress.

## **ENROLLMENT**

Foreigner attendants interested in taking part in the ICR 2012 / JPR'2012 may enroll in the On-Line Register. The user must visit the link Enrollment (<http://www.qualitydigital.com.br/jpr2012/incricaopt.aspx>) and register via internet. Payment for this option can be done only with credit cards by Master, Visa, Diners, or Amex (International credit card must be used in the payment). For more information: [marcel@spr.org.br](mailto:marcel@spr.org.br).

## **TICKETS AND HOTEL (OFFICIAL TRAVEL AGENCY)**

The ICR 2012/JRP'2012 presents Mello Faro Turismo as the official travel agency for all of its participants. As a long-time partner of SPR, this company offers special prices and conditions in several products, as well as support in the contracting a vast range of services. More information: [http://www.mellofaro.com.br/index\\_eng.asp](http://www.mellofaro.com.br/index_eng.asp).

## **ISR OFFICERS FOR 2012-2014 CHOSEN BY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

At its November meeting in 2011, the ISR Executive Committee adopted a recommended slate of officers for the next 2-year term beginning at the meeting of the ISR International Assembly on Friday, 4 May, during ICR 2012.

According to previous elections, Nicholas Gourtsoyiannis of Athens, Greece, will complete his term as president and become past president for two years. Jan Labuscagne of Bunbury, Australia, the current president-elect, will become president. In the new roster, James Borgstede of Colorado Springs, Colorado, USA, will become president-elect. He previously served as secretary-general. The next secretary-general will be Luis Donoso Bach of Barcelona, Spain, a current Executive Committee member. Ricardo Garcia Monaco of Buenos Aires, Argentina, received a second term as treasurer. Reflecting a bylaw change, the currently appointed chairman of the Commission on International Radiologic Education, James Brink of Yale University at New Haven, Connecticut, in the USA, was elected for a four-year term in the same position.

The current past president, Hans Ringertz of Stockholm, Sweden, completes a dozen years as a member of the Executive Committee in several positions.

During the International Congress session on 3 May, five members of the Executive Committee sponsored by national ISR member societies, will be elected to serve a two-year term from 2012 to 2014. Current national society sponsored Executive Committee members represent societies in Brazil, China, Spain, France and the RSNA in the United States. Delegates attending the International Assembly meeting on Friday, 4 May, will vote on five of the societies that have expressed a willingness to sponsor Executive Committee members in the next session. In addition to the national society members, the Executive Committee includes the current officers of the five continental societies in Europe, Asia, North America, South America and Africa.

## **GO RAD EXPANDS JOURNAL CONNECTIONS**

The first issue of the fifth volume of the ISR's GO RAD listing of selected articles from sponsored radiology journals in 11 countries contained 31 chosen article citations in its January publication in the ISR website ([www.isradiology.org](http://www.isradiology.org)).

The current issue includes articles from four newly affiliated journals: the *South African Journal of Radiology*, *Revista Chilena de Radiología*, journal of the Chilean Society of Radiology, *Journal of Medical Imaging and Radiation Sciences*, from the Canadian Association of Medical Radiation Technologists and *Radiologic Technology*, the journal of the American Society of Radiologic Technologists.

Since its beginning of GO RAD in the summer of 2009, the cooperating journals have selected periodic articles on diagnostic imaging for listing in GO RAD in the ISR website. Each of the participating journals has an electronic website as well as the published version of each issue. So the journals agreed to link with the ISR website and any person reviewing the GO RAD listing can link from the ISR website to the journal for review of the entire article text.

GO RAD continues to be managed for ISR by Eric Stern, a radiologist at the University of Washington in the USA, who developed the project for ISR and recruited the growing number of journals. The ISR website still contains the listing of articles from participating journals in each series together with their website linkage from 2009.

## **ISR DUES NOTICES FOR 2012**

Early in January, the ISR treasurer, Ricardo Garcia Monaco of Buenos Aires, Argentina, sent 2012 dues notices to the national society members.

“The basic support for operation of the International Society of Radiology and its education projects depends upon the yearly contributions of our members,” said Dr. Garcia. The dues are based upon a contribution of \$0.75 US dollars per individual members of each society, with each society calculating its number of active radiologists.

“We are grateful that some of our societies have already paid their dues,” he added. “And I urge other societies to pay their dues as promptly as possible. For some societies, which did not pay their dues in 2011, we request that they now pay for both last year and 2012.”

Both of the two International Commission on Radiological Protection and International Commission on Radiation Units and measurements have issued reports late in 2011 and they are now available from each sponsor.

## **NEW REPORTS FROM ICRP AND ICRU**

The ICRP publications are No. 114 “Environmental Protection: Transfer Parameters for Reference Animals and Plants: and No. 115, “Lung Cancer Risk from Radon and Progeny and Statement on Radon.” The ICRP publications can be ordered from their publisher, Elsevier, at St. Louis, Missouri, USA, Oxford, England,

Tokyo, Japan and Singapore. By e-mail [JournalsCustomerService-usa@elsevier.com](mailto:JournalsCustomerService-usa@elsevier.com), or [JournalsCustomerService-EMEA@elsevier.com](mailto:JournalsCustomerService-EMEA@elsevier.com), or [JournalsCustomerServiceJapan@elsevier.com](mailto:JournalsCustomerServiceJapan@elsevier.com) or [JournalsCustomer ServiceAPAC2@elsevier.com](mailto:JournalsCustomerServiceAPAC2@elsevier.com).

The new ICRU publication is Report 86, “Quantification and Reporting of Low-dose and other Heterogeneous Exposures.” Refer to the Journal homepage: <http://jicru.oxfordjournals.org>.

While the single copies can be purchased separately, both the ICRP and ICRU also offer subscriptions for all of their publications. Subscription data also is available through their subscribers.

## **INTERNATIONAL FILE SYSTEM ACCESS**

Radiologists and institutions from any countries in the world have access to prepare and submit teaching files to the Radiological Society of North America free electronic teaching file system. The website reference for this system is [www.rsna.org/informatis/rsna\\_teaching\\_file\\_system.cfm](http://www.rsna.org/informatis/rsna_teaching_file_system.cfm).

Besides those interested in submitting their teaching materials, the file is open to any other radiologist who wishes to study the file contents. The files will be complete with multiple images, histories, findings, diagnoses, discussion and references, cited the RSNA announcement.

## **RADIOLOGY MEETINGS POSTED**

3-6 April 2012 2<sup>nd</sup> AfricanRadiology CongressBibliotheca—Alexandria—Egypt. Also Mediterranean and African Society of Ultrasound. Email [www.asr2012.com](http://www.asr2012.com)

27-30 June 2012 26<sup>th</sup> international congress and exhibition Computer Assisted Radiology and Surgery. Congress Palace, Pisa, Italy. Email [mailing@cars-int.org](mailto:mailing@cars-int.org).

1-3 July 2012 16<sup>th</sup> Symposium Mammographicum 2012 Harrogate International Centre, Harrogate United Kingdom. Email [www.conferencesympmamm.org.uk](http://www.conferencesympmamm.org.uk).

30 August—2 September 2012 Asian and Oceanian Congress of Radiology. Sydney, Australia. Email: [aaocr2012@arinex.com.au](mailto:aaocr2012@arinex.com.au).

4-6 October 2012 12<sup>th</sup> annual teaching course International Cancer Imaging Society. Said Business School, Oxford, United Kingdom. [www.icimagingsociety.org.uk](http://www.icimagingsociety.org.uk).

18-20 October 2012. 26<sup>th</sup> Congreso del Colegio InterAmericano de Radiologia. CIR 2012 Hotel Royal Decameron. El Salvador. Sociedad Internacional de Radiologia. [www.servimed.com.mx](http://www.servimed.com.mx).