



Newsletter

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PRESIDENTIAL PEN



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President

This is my last column as ISR president in that my term ends in April at the time and place of our 2010 International Congress of Radiology in Shanghai. I want to thank all of you as officers and members of our national and continental societies for your encouragement and participation in our activities. Thanks to many of you, we have made considerable progress in our educational efforts in the electronic era.

Some of the activities I mention began before I became president and the credit for all of them is due to those who proposed the ideas and worked them out.

Our website was organized in 1999. It began to expand in 2003 and in the last three years, it has ripened with the addition of educational materials which now result in the participation of thousands of radiologists around the world in our two virtual congresses, in the use of two digitized reference books, in the most recent addition, GoRad, a monthly compendium of practice-related articles selected from 16 leading radiology journals. We have plans for a third virtual congress next year and for the insertion of other reference materials. The website is www.isradiology.org, for any of you who want to take a look at our growing contents. Our commitment to the website contents is a reflection that radiologists around the world are computer savvy, even in countries where modern radiology is lagging.

I have a request for you concerning our website. Please tell your members about the valuable educational contents that we have in it and how they can look up the contents which change every month. If you want to give us an email list of your members, we can send them regular notices about new entries. There is no cost to your society or your members for this service.

In these recent years, we have continued our liaison with the World Health Organization, the International Atomic Energy Agency, our activities with the International Society of Radiographers and Radiologic Technologists, and with the World Federation of Ultrasound in Medicine and Biology. We are exploring joint teaching projects with the WFUMB. We have had support from several of our national societies and have discussed the potential for adding other educational materials from our members and from collaborative societies. Through the World Leadership Council, which the ISR organized, we are encouraging and collecting the international educational projects from some of the continental societies, which we can help promote and encourage.

I first came onto the ISR Executive Committee as treasurer in 2000. I have two more years to serve on it as past president. So I thank everyone who gave me the opportunity to participate in our projects and tasks. And I thank all of you who have spoken or written to me about the ISR and what they would like us to do. I hope to see many of you 8 to 12 April in Shanghai, China for ICR 2010. The details about registration are elsewhere in this issue of the Newsletter.

SCIENTIFIC PROGRAM FOR ICR 2010

More than 70 teaching radiologists from radiology programs around the world have agreed to participate in lectures and refresher courses on the scientific program of ICR 2010 8-12 April of this year in Shanghai, China, reported Xiaoyuan Feng, chairman of the scientific committee.

The Chinese Society of Radiology is the host organization and has the support of the Chinese Medical Association and national Chinese societies of nuclear medicine, ultrasound and imaging technology. The scientific program also is supported by the Radiological Society of North America, the European Society of Radiology, the Asian Oceanian Society of Radiology, the American College of Radiology, the International Society of Radiographers and Radiological Technologists and the World Federation of Ultrasound in Medicine and Biology.

The registration fee for visiting radiologists after December 2009 increased to \$500 US and the student and resident fee rose to \$300 US. Details about registration and hotel accommodations are to be found in the ISR website <http://www.icr2010.org>.

The program will include sessions on diagnosis of chest, abdomen, neurological system, musculo-skeletal, pediatric, cardiac, interventional, ultrasound, CT, MRI and nuclear imaging, and presentations about radiologic technology. It also offers a session on molecular imaging. The

ultrasound session was organized by the World Federation of Ultrasound in Medicine and Biology and the technology presentations will be made by representatives of the International Society of Radiography and Radiologic Technologists.

The first session is an afternoon training course on MRI on Thursday, 8 April. The opening session and Beclere lecture will occur the next morning. The Beclere lecturer will be A. James Barkovich of San Francisco, California, USA, speaking about pediatric radiology. Each of the three full-days will include luncheon symposia arranged by sponsoring corporations. The sessions arranged by the sponsoring societies are included each day. The special Fuchs lecture by Jian Ping Dai of Beijing, China on the status of Chinese health care will occur on the morning of the final day, Monday 12 April. All of the sessions will be in the Shanghai International Convention Center.

FRENCH CENTENNIAL

The French Society of Radiology celebrated its 100th anniversary at its 2009 annual meeting in October of last year. Hans Ringertz, the ISR president, presented a brief message of congratulations.

“The leaders of the International Society of Radiology are aware that the contributions of French radiologists and scientists have been very important to the advances in radiology from the discovery of x-rays to the current level of growth and sophistication. We also are grateful for the participation of the SFR in all of the congresses of the ISR since the first international session in 1925. And, we appreciate the role of SFR members in the creation and vital activities of the International Commission on Radiological Protection and the International Commission on Radiation Units and Measurements.”

X-rays were discovered in November 1895 by Wilhelm C. Roentgen in Germany. A couple of years later, natural isotopes were discovered by a French scientist, Henri Becquerel, and the extraction of radium and other isotopes was accomplished by Marie and Pierre Curie in Paris. Antoine Beclere, a leading French radiologist, was the president of the third International Congress of Radiology in 1931 in Paris. France was the host to the 1989 International Congress, also in Paris, with Maurice Tubiana as its president. Claude Manelfe of Toulouse, was the third French president of ISR, serving from 2006 to 2008. The French society has carried out significant international education programs, including support for the training of radiologists in Francophone countries in Africa and in Southeast Asia.

ISR INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE MEETS AT SHANGHAI

Delegates representing national member societies of the ISR will meet on the morning of Saturday 10 April in a room to be assigned in the Shanghai International Convention Center during the 2010 International Congress of Radiology.

The delegates will be asked to vote for five national societies to sponsor members of the Executive Committee for the term 2010 to 2012. If more than five societies express a willingness to sponsor Executive Committee members, the delegates will be asked to vote for the five to be chosen. The current national society members represent Kuwait, Germany, Brazil, Spain and Argentina.

Any national society wishing to sponsor a member of the Executive Committee should write in advance of the April meeting to the secretary-general, Jan Labuscagne, at the ISR headquarters, the address noted on the first page of this Newsletter.

The slate of officers for ISR for the same term, 2010 to 2012, has been proposed by the Executive Committee and requires ratification by delegates. The nominees are president - Nickolas Gourtsoyiannis, Greece; president-elect - Jan Labuscagne, Australia; secretary-general - James Borgstede, USA; treasurer - Ricardo Garcia Monaco, Argentina. Hans Ringertz of Sweden, who completes his term as president, becomes past president for one term.

ICRUM INVITES NOMINEES FOR GRAY MEDAL

The International Commission on Radiation Units and Measurements has requested nominations for its 15th Gray medal for outstanding contributions to basic or applied radiation science. The medal honors Louis H. Gray, a former member and vice chairman of the commission. Dr. Gray's name was given to a unit in the metric system of radiation by the ICRUM.

Nomination letters should be sent to the ICRUM headquarters at #400, 7910 Woodmont Avenue, Bethesda, Maryland 20814, USA before 1 June 2010. They should be accompanied by a biographical sketch and reprints and letters seconding the nomination.

Previous medalists include Louis V. Spencer, John W. Boag, Mortimer M. Elkin, Maurice Tubiana, Harald H. Rossi, Dietrich Schulte-Frohlinde, H. Rodney Withers, Paul Lauterbur, Herman Suit, R. Michael Fry, Martin Berger, Charles Metz, Eric Hall and Albert van der Kogel.

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WEBSITE EXPANSION NEEDS HELP

“We need the help of our national societies in making their members aware of the expanded educational programs on the ISR website www.isradiology.org,” said Hans Ringertz, the ISR president. “Our webmasters report that people from 131 nations and territories looked at ISR educational materials in the last months of 2009. But only a few persons from most of those countries could be counted.

“I have made this request before, but let me say again that our virtual congresses, our digitized reference books, our new GoRad selection of practice articles from leading journals and our basic information are a growing part of the value that the ISR provides to members of our national societies. So tell your members about the ISR website in your own website or your newsletter,” he urged.

“If your society would like its members to get regular notification of new education programs on our ISR website, please send their email addresses to the ISR website at www.isradiology.org. Those addresses will not be shared with any other organization,” Dr. Ringertz emphasized.

The current webmasters for ISR are Luis Donoso Bach of Barcelona, Spain, Ricardo Garcia Monaco of Buenos Aires, Argentina and Nouredine Chakir of Rabat, Morocco.