



Newsletter

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PRESIDENTIAL COMMENTS *Nicholas Gourtsoyiannis*

This year marks the expansion of some important features of the ISR's projects and educational good intentions. Those features include the third of our virtual congresses on our website, the conduct of the first session of the African Society of Radiology, the continuing cooperation of the ISR with medical radiation projects of the International Atomic Energy Agency, our GoRad feature to work with leading radiology journals and our hope to develop other educational projects.

One reason I am hopeful of making this progress was our creation last year of some new committees to be responsible for our intended project areas. We have expanded our historic International Commission on Radiologic Education by assigning our website, our virtual congresses, GoRad and scientific program planning for international congresses. We also created new liaison teams to work with United Nations health organizations, with the international commissions on radiation measurement and x-ray protection, with the World Federation of Ultrasound Medicine and Biology, with the International Society of Radiographers and Radiologic Technologists, with the International Radiology Quality Network, and with the continental radiology societies which hold ISR membership.

Adding our new committees and seeking liaison with our cooperative societies means that we have several new active ISR participants from various national societies. We expect our new committee members will bring insight about how we can help educate radiologists and trainees in their countries and regions.

This *Newsletter* is produced to communicate with our 85 national societies through their officers and, with their help, all of the society members. It is important to me and to our Executive Committee members that we must improve our mutual contacts---that we reach you with information about ISR activities---and that you respond to us about your society's programs, your

interest in our activities and your requests and suggestions to us. Sad to say, some societies have not furnished us with email addresses or even the current names of officers.

The ISR is doing more to keep us in cooperation with our member societies, as well as with other international organizations.

Look at our website www.isradiology.org, tell your members about our projects for their usage and respond to our annual request for your dues payment.

THIRD ISR VIRTUAL CONGRESS OPENS IN APRIL 2011

The third ISR virtual congress will be launched on the ISR website www.isradiology.org in April of this year. Patterned like the first two virtual congresses in 2007 and 2009, the third one also will have special features from national radiology societies in Korea, France, Russia and Brazil.

The virtual congresses in English have been the best received educational presentations in the ISR website. Both previous virtual congresses remain on the ISR website indefinitely. They contain scientific lectures, case studies and electronic posters, plus brief examinations that participants can answer and receive continuing medical education credit.

The ISR website co-chairmen and designers of all three virtual congresses are Ricardo Garcia Monaco of Buenos Aires, Argentina, and Luis Donoso Bach of Barcelona, Spain. They are assisted by a committee newly appointed in 2010 which includes Alejandro Beresnak of Buenos Aires, Xiaoyuan Feng of Shanghai, China, Ruzica Maksimovic of Belgrade, Serbia, Andras Palko of Szeged, Hungary, Valentin Sinitsyn of Moscow, Russia, Malgorzata Szczerbo-Trojanowska of Lublin, Poland, and Jose Venancio of Lisbon, Portugal.

The virtual congress is accessible on the ISR website. Any radiologist wishing to participate can fill out an electronic application on the ISR website. Those who enroll will be added to an ISR electronic list and sent notices of new website features.

AFRICAN SOCIETY OF RADIOLOGY FIRST CONGRESS IN LIBYA

Some 120 radiologists from 19 countries in Africa, Europe, Australia and North American attended the first African Society of Radiology congress 21-23 January in Tripoli, Libya. About 28 speakers and moderators participated in the three-day program. Besides the ASR, the congress was co-sponsored by the Mediterranean & African Society of Ultrasound and the Libyan Association for Medical Imaging. Mohammed ElFortia from Libya was the congress president.

The program involved speakers who are members of the ISR Executive Committee. It also included speakers and registrants from the Pan African Congress of Radiology (PACORI), the European Society of Radiology, the French Society of Radiology, the American College of Radiology and other speakers from the 19 countries represented.



The opening session of the first African Society of Radiology, 21-23 January 2011 in Tripoli, Libya, pictured left to right Mohamed DeFortia, congress president, Guy Frija, African Society honorary president, Jan Labuscagne, African Society first president.

Prior to the first congress, when the ASR was organized, the first president was Jan Labuscagne, then of South Africa and now of Australia, with Hassen Gharbi of Tunisia as president elect. For 2011 to 2014, Dr. Gharbi became the president. Other current officers now include Sudhir Vinayak of Kenya as president-elect; Michael Kawooya of Uganda, secretary general; Azza Hammou of Tunisia, treasurer; Rabiou Cisse of Burkina-Faso, member north, and Mohamed ElFortia of Libya, member Wnorth. Guy Frija of France became the honorary president.



Nicholas Gourtsoyiannis speaking at ASR

RADIOLOGY – PATHOLOGY COURSES CONTINUE

Radiology residents and fellows from countries around the world are eligible for enrollment in a new series of 4-week radiologic-pathology courses begun in January of this year by the American College of Radiology. Some of the 2011 courses are still open for new registrants.

The radiology-pathology correlation courses had been offered for more than 50 years by the US Defense Department's Armed Forces Institute of Pathology. In addition to a majority of radiology residents in US hospitals, the courses had been open to residents from dozens of other countries.

The military AFIP was discontinued in 2010 with the closure of the Walter Reed Army hospital in Washington, where the AFIP was located since 1956.

The American College of Radiology chose to take over the rad-path courses and conduct them in a newly established teaching center located in the American Film Institute Theater in the Washington suburb of Silver Spring, Maryland, just a few miles from the army hospital location. The first of five courses for 2011 began in January. Several are completely booked with space for some 440 residents from almost the same number of programs. Many of the same faculty members who lectured in the military base have agreed to continue in the ACR program.

Information about the new courses and possible registration and current costs can be obtained from an ACR website www.airp.org. The new program is termed the American Institute of Radiologic Pathology.

2011 DUES RESPONSES

By the end of January, 2011, approximately a fifth of ISR national society members have paid their current dues, reported ISR treasurer, Ricardo Garcia Monaco of Buenos Aires, Argentina.

“This is a fine start, better than some other years,” said Dr. Garcia. “I thank those who have responded promptly and I also thank those who paid for omitted dues for 2010.

“The annual dues from our member societies are the basic source of income to support our organization and educational activities. The dues for each society are based on the number of individual practicing radiologist members, times \$0.75US per member. Dues can be paid by a society’s check to ISR, by an interbank transfer or by a credit card. The dues notice included instructions on each of the three techniques. If a society has no details about payment, its treasurer should contact the ISR headquarters director@intsocradology.org for instructions,” he concluded.

MEETINGS AND REFRESHER COURSES ALL OVER THE WORLD

3-7 March 2011 European Congress of Radiology, Vienna, Austria, European Society of Radiology, Neutorgasse 9, 1010 Vienna, Austria, phone +43-1-533 40 64-28, fax +43-1-5334064-448

8-10 April 2011 ‘Radiology: Beyond Image Interpretation,’ the Legend Hotel, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, sponsored by the College of Radiology of the Academy of Medicine of Malaysia. Ten topics: pediatric radiology, oncology, interventional radiology, medical physics, CNS and head and neck, abdomen pelvis, breast imaging, accreditation and litigation, excellence in academia and personal motivation. Two pre-congress workshops on (a) PET/CT interpretation (b) vascular ultrasound. Contact email: Jessie Fung, secretariat@radiologymalaysia.org.

18-22 April 2011 biannual "Pan African Congress of Radiology and Imaging" Lusaka Zambia. Theme: role of medical imaging in non-communicable diseases in Africa. Pre-conference workshops on musculoskeletal imaging and abdominal ultrasound. Main conference: radiation protection, training, trauma, cardiovascular imaging, neoplastic process and degenerative diseases, Contact Cray Mweeba craymweeba@gmail.com or lushomoc@yahoo.com.

7-10 May 2011 first International African Imaging and Radiology Conference. Johannesburg, Republic of South Africa. Subsidiary of Arab Health. For details, contact lmonk@iir.co.za.

17-19 June 2011 fifth Congress of Asian Society of Cardiovascular Imaging, Hong Kong. Hong Kong Convention and Exhibition Center. Co-Sponsored by Hong Kong College of Radiologist and Hong Kong College of Cardiology. Presentation by International Radiology Quality Network. Chairwoman: Lillian Leong, Contact email: enquires@hkcr.org.

14-18 July 2011 41st annual scientific meeting, Australian and New Zealand Society of Nuclear Medicine, Darwin Convention Center, Northern Territory, Australia. Six guest speakers. Open to physicians, chemists, physicists, radiopharmacists and technologists. Contact Emily Boldiston (www.anzsnm2011.com.au).

8-10 September 2011 24th annual meeting and refresher course European Society of Head and Neck Radiology. Congress Center, Oud Sint-Jan, Bruges, Belgium. Ten general topics plus special sessions on temporal bone, cone beam CT, the Anthony Mancuso generation and application. Refresher course on parapharyngeal space, masticator space, oral cavity, oropharynx and salivary glands. Details on website: www.eshnr2011.be.