



## message from the PRESIDENT



## ASHNR: Setting up for a BREAK OUT Year

*Edward E. Kassel, MD, President*

The ASHNR 42nd Annual Meeting was recently held in Toronto on September 10-14, 2008. We attracted 391 registrants, (144 members, 159 non-members and 88 Residents/Fellows). There were 26 high-quality scientific papers, divided into 3 sessions, and a very impressive 66 educational exhibits (posters). These academic efforts reflect an increasing interest and involvement in head and neck research by residents/fellows and younger members, including faculty.

Our program success and registration numbers reflect the progressive capabilities of those leaders who have passed before me, each having organized outstanding meetings, and making my task so much the easier. If I limit myself to the 5 past annual meetings, observing the efforts of Drs. Pat Hudgins, Vijay Rao, Roy Holliday, Ric Harnsberger and Tim Larson offered invaluable lessons on how to run a meeting and assisted me greatly.

Helped by a very supportive ASHNR Executive Committee, an enthusiastic and talented Program Committee, an outstanding Education Committee, headed by Dr. Michelle Michel, the champion of efficiency, ideas and organization, and an unbelievably talented and unselfish faculty, whom I cannot adequately thank for giving of their own time (and expense) to prepare and present requested topics for this meeting, I will highlight some initiatives we were able to offer to this year's program, including an additional 5 hours of CME for a total of 33.25 hours (and with no increase in the registration rate since the 39th Annual Meeting in 2005).

We had 125 pre-registrants for an "unofficial" hugely successful *Early Bird Temporal Bone Study Club*, with more than 160 attendees, and so capably moderated by Drs. Ric Harnsberger, Joel Swartz and Susan Blaser. We offered a *Case of the Day*

(posted the previous day), with book prizes donated by Amirsys, Inc.. While maintaining the *Stump the Experts* session, to demonstrate how those more experienced approach challenging cases, Drs. Richard Wiggins and Douglas Phillips brilliantly programmed this into a very enjoyable "Jeopardy" format. We offered more panel sessions and continued with multiple audience response system case review sessions to increase attendee participation and the opportunity for attendees to confidentially assess their knowledge following a specific set of presentations. Prominent members assigned to moderate the scientific paper sessions presented 2-minute "pearls" of diagnostic, technical or clinical research importance. The introduction of these "pearls," and Peter Som's outstanding Gold Medal lecture, merging advancing knowledge of the pathophysiology of inflammatory and neoplastic

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## 43rd Annual Meeting Preview

*Laurie A. Loevner, MD  
President-Elect and Program Chair*

Congratulations to Dr. Ted Kassel, the faculty, and all of the attendees for making this year's meeting in Toronto a fantastic one. The 43rd Annual Meeting will be held in New Orleans, Louisiana, at the Sheraton New Orleans, October 7-11, 2009. The Sheraton is a great property located in the heart of the "Big Easy," on Canal Street just steps away from the French quarter. The hotel has an experienced enthusiastic staff waiting to host you, and numerous amenities including a full fitness center and rooftop swimming pool. New Orleans is a bustling city known for its old world charm and elegance. While Toronto is certainly a city that knows how to have fun, New Orleans is a city that knows how to party! There is intoxicating live music, jazz and dance, not to mention unforgettable dining. Also feel free to enjoy the local culture and history, and importantly, the proud and caring community of people that live there. The weather in October is often the best that New Orleans has to offer. The meeting should not only be a good

time, but a wonderful clinical and academic educational experience.

Program development is well underway and we value your input. The meeting should be dynamic, informative, innovative and fun. Presentations will include problem-oriented approaches to clinical issues in a wide spectrum of disease processes in the head and neck. This year there will be an emphasis on disease processes affecting the base of skull. Some of the new hot topics will include transoral robotic surgery fondly referred to as "TORS," endoscopic resection of sinonasal and skull base neoplasms, imaging guided therapy and the role of the radiologist, and imaging interventions. Other important topics will include clinical applications of advances in head and neck imaging techniques, as well as scientific advancements in our understanding of head and neck pathology. Stay tuned for "Stump the Stars 2009" which should prove to be double jeopardy! And, of course, the meeting will include a broad didactic program covering inflammatory, neoplastic, traumatic, congenital and vas-

cular pathology affecting the neck and skull base.

While we work and learn together, the ASHNR is an intimate society, really an extended family. Please join us in New Orleans, as we take on the tripartite mission of clinical imaging excellence, education and research developments. The advancement of head and neck radiology is dependent upon your continued support of the ASHNR. In addition, please join us in supporting one of the greatest hallmark cities in the United States. Last but not least, the planning of a community service day is well underway. Please join the ASHNR, working together with Habitat for Humanity, in helping to restore some of the vibrant historic communities of New Orleans. This should prove to be a rewarding, gratifying experience. Stay tuned for explicit details of the program in the spring newsletter. From my home in Philadelphia to each of yours, the ASHNR and New Orleans look forward to hosting you! I hope to see you there. Save the dates!

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processes, macrophage phenotypes, angiogenesis factors, and how these relate to molecular imaging findings, cancer treatment strategies, and the post-treatment neck highlight how fast head and neck imaging has progressed. This also shows the foresight of the ASHNR Education Foundation (under the Presidency of Ric Harnsberger) to support national/international efforts to advance the science and teaching of head and neck

imaging. Along these lines, Dr. Laurie Loevner, as Program Chair for the ASHNR 43rd Annual Meeting in 2009 in New Orleans, has put tremendous effort into her program to introduce the appropriate components of science and research, with understandable and practical applications to our everyday reporting, broadening our scope, but emphasizing the Society's primary mission of teaching. The program will be outstanding and deserves

our support. I hope to see you there. (see article above from Dr. Loevner).

Dr. William (Bill) Dillon was the recipient of the 2008 ASHNR Gold Medal, our Society's highest award. Bill is Past-President of the ASHNR (1993), a Past-President of the ASNR (2001), and current Society Editor (Head and Neck) of the *AJNR*. No matter how busy his workload, or gravity of his task, he always has a humble, pleasant, calm

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## William P. Dillon, MD

*American Society of Head and Neck Radiology  
2008 Gold Medal Recipient*

The American Society of Head and Neck Radiology (ASHNR) presented its 2008 Gold Medal to Dr. William P. Dillon on September 11, 2008, during the ASHNR 42nd Annual Meeting at the Hilton Toronto Hotel in Toronto, Ontario, Canada.

Dr. William Dillon attended medical school at UCLA and then performed an internship at Virginia Mason Medical Center in Seattle, Washington. He completed his radiology residency at the University of Utah in Salt Lake City. In his last year of residency, Dr. Dillon was inspired to learn more about imaging of the head and neck by Dr. Anthony A. Mancuso. Dr. Dillon's passion for the field of Head & Neck Radiology had begun. He performed his neuroradiology fellowship at UCSF Medical Center in San Francisco, California under the tutelage of the radiology giants, Drs. Margulis, Newton and Norman.

Following his fellowship, Dr. Dillon joined the UCSF Neuroradiology faculty. His storied career spans the spectrum from clinical expertise and research to teaching and administrative accomplishments. He became chief of the section in 1992. Under his steady hand, UCSF continues to be a world-renowned leader in the field of neuroradiology and head and neck imaging.

Dr. Dillon's many publications range across all areas of Neuroradiology. He has served as Senior Editor of the *American Journal of Neuroradiology* since 1996, fostering the quantity and quality of research publications in the field. His ability to make complex concepts simple and clear has created visiting professorships for him across the country and internationally.

The ASHNR admires Dr. Dillon for his contributions to the field of



Dr. Harnsberger presented the 2008 Gold Medal to Dr. Dillon at the September 12, 2008 Annual Business Meeting.

Head and Neck Imaging and to the American Society of Head and Neck Radiology.

## Don't Underestimate Your Influence – Become Involved in the ACR

*C. Douglas Phillips, MD  
ACR Councilor*

The ACR, through its RADPAC contributions, was able to contribute to many candidates who have been supportive of organized medicine and notably of radiology concerns. The feeling is that a large percentage of candidates who have been supportive of medicine were elected, and there is hope for positive developments in the coming term. Obviously, many of the

concerns of the ACR are met on multiple fronts; through developing standards, training programs, regulatory expertise and advice, and political contributions. Again, I strongly encourage each member of the ASHNR to become a member of the ACR if you are not, to be involved more fully in ACR functions and committees if you are not, and to contribute to the RAD-

PAC campaign, either individually or as a part of your group practice. The voice of organized radiology must be heard at the highest levels in order to insure the future of our specialty, and to insure that we are compensated appropriately for our patient care services. Do not underestimate the importance of your contributions to these areas.

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disposition, a sense of humor, and time for his colleagues. The Gold Medal Luncheon and presentation, with Ric Harnsberger as Master of Ceremonies, was a wonderfully warm experience, honoring a very accomplished, talented, deserving friend and colleague. Who, besides Bill, could be chauffeur for his MRI research patients- but that's another story worth hearing. Congratulations Bill. (see separate Gold Medal Recipient article on page 3)

I would like to thank all those who presented scientific papers and educational exhibits. Your participation added to the strength and scope of this meeting. Congratulations to the Award winners (see listing on page 5) and thank you to the Awards (Education) Committee, under the supervision of Michelle Michel, for reviewing so many papers and educational exhibits.

Our Corporate Sponsors are essential for the success of our Annual Meeting. I am extremely grateful to the following sponsoring companies: Amirsys, Inc.; Bayer HealthCare Pharmaceuticals, Inc.; Bracco Diagnostics, Inc.; Elsevier; GE

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This was the first ASHNR program to electronically receive and assess the abstracts submitted for the scientific papers and educational exhibits. I want to thank the Website Committee, under the direction of Dr. Richard Wiggins, for all their efforts during this transition year and to help iron out the few bugs we experienced so the 43rd Annual Meeting electronic interactivity will be ready and waiting.

Thank you to the registrants who offered so much feedback on this

year's program evaluation. Laurie Loevner and I have found this informative and useful in further developing her 2009 program. Thank you for taking the time.

Finally I want to encourage everyone to use the ASHNR website [www.ashnr.org](http://www.ashnr.org). We will be posting information of interest to Society members. Dr. Loevner will regularly be adding information about the 43rd Annual Meeting program as well as the ASHNR component of the ASNR meeting to be held next spring in Vancouver. The ASHNR brochure, call for abstracts, hotel information and course registration will be available on the website at an earlier date than by mailings. Members will be notified via email as soon as the program is ready, and again when the brochure, including hotel and meeting registration, is available.

If you have any question about the Society, do not hesitate to contact us through Business Manager Ken Cammarata, at [kcammarata@asn.org](mailto:kcammarata@asn.org). Ken will direct your request to the appropriate person(s) or may be able to answer your question/inquiry directly.

## Members Demonstrate Support by Contributing to Core Curriculum Fund

The ASHNR wishes to acknowledge and thank the following members who have contributed to the *ASHNR Core Curriculum Fund* since August 25, 2008. The funds collected

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# ASHNR 2008 Outstanding Presentation Awards

A number of high quality scientific papers and educational exhibits were presented at the *ASHNR 42nd Annual Meeting*, September 10-14, 2008 in Toronto, Ontario, Canada. Congratulations to all award recipients and to everyone who submitted presentations.

## Radiologist-in-Training Award

**Kevin (Ping-Sun) Chen, MD**

*Multipositional MR Imaging of the Extraocular Muscles for Evaluation of Strabismus*  
University of Wisconsin Hospital and Clinic, Madison, Wisconsin

## Educational Exhibit Awards

### First Place

BY Huang, MD; KM Lloyd, MD; JM DelGuadio, MD; PA Hudgins, MD  
*Failed Endoscopic Sinus Surgery in the Frontal Recess: Spectrum of CT Imaging Findings*  
University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, NC and Emory University, Atlanta, GA

### Second Place

BD Nguyen, MD; MC Roarke, MD; PC Ram  
*PET/CT Imaging of Thyroid Disease: Incidental Findings and Oncologic Evaluation*  
Mayo Clinic Scottsdale, Scottsdale, AZ

### Third Place

M Komlos, MD; B Koch, MD  
*Pictorial Review of the Lesions in the Floor of the Mouth of Children*  
Cincinnati Children's Hospital, Cincinnati, OH

## Resources available at [www.ashnr.org](http://www.ashnr.org)

We encourage you to visit the ASHNR website, [www.ashnr.org](http://www.ashnr.org). In the future, you will find information on the *ASHNR 43rd Annual Meeting*. You will soon be able to register online and make your hotel reservations, as well as download the complete registration brochure that includes the program schedule. You will also find a link to the *American Journal of Neuroradiology*, ASHNR's official journal, and membership information. Invite a colleague to apply.

In the *Members Only* section, you can access the online membership directory, and past issues of *ASHNR News*. To access the *Members Only* section, use the following User Name and Password:

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Dr. Michelle A. Michel from the Medical College of Wisconsin/Froedtert Hospital in Milwaukee, Wisconsin will be part of a two-member team of doctors traveling to Estonia October 11-22, 2009 as part of the RSNA International Visiting Professor Program.

Dr. Michel's partner will be Dr. Loren Ketai, a chest radiologist from the University of New Mexico. While there, Dr. Michel will lecture at Tartu University Hospital and at the annual meeting of the Estonia Society of Radiology.



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