



MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



**ASHNR: 50 Years
of Progress**

*Lindell R. Gentry, M.D., FACC
ASHNR President*

I want to thank the membership of ASHNR for the privilege of serving our society this past year as Annual Meeting Program Chair and now ASHNR president. The 50th Annual Meeting of the ASHNR convened in Washington D.C. September 7-11, 2016. This meeting, entitled “Comprehensive Head and Neck Imaging: 50 Years of Progress”, celebrated the historic 50th anniversary of our society. Numerous retired past presidents, established current educators, as well as up-and-coming stars provided us with a detailed, up-to-date, and clinically relevant review of head and neck anatomy and pathology. The meeting was attended by over 500 individuals and was a wonderful success. Hurricane Hermine did not prove to be too problematic as it chose to skirt the D.C. area.

Attendees had the opportunity to participate in several functions that celebrated our society’s history. On the first day of the meeting, Drs. Tony Hasso and Daniel “Stormy” Johnson Jr. gave a delightful review of the history of our society. Their integrated talks (“History of the ASHNR” and “The Early Days of Head and Neck Imaging”) covered our history from its inception to the present time. The society also honored Dr. Johnson on Thursday with The Daniel “Stormy” H. Johnson, Jr. Inaugural Lecture on “Facial Trauma” presented by Dr. Sara R. Nace. Dr. Johnson is one of the two surviving founders of our society. Dr. Anton Hasso was also awarded the 2016 Gold Medal for his distinguished career in advancing head and neck imaging.

Several retired past presidents were able to attend and participate as speakers or moderators making this occasion a time of remembrance and reflection. Over 120 faculty

members, the most ever, participated in the program as speakers or moderators. On Wednesday, the meeting began with the popular Early Bird Temporal Bone session. Wednesday afternoon programming included sessions on neck anatomy and pathology as well as glandular imaging. Thursday sessions included those on trauma, orbit, temporal bone, and vascular anomalies. Thursday concluded with the ever popular “Head and Neck Imaging Game Show”. The superb performance of the contestants in the game show reassured the audience that the future of our society will be in great hands over the next 50 years. Friday was primarily devoted to comprehensive imaging and management of head and neck cancer. The schedule on Saturday included a session on evaluation of patients with cranial nerve abnormalities. Back by popular demand on Saturday afternoon was a special unaccredited “Hands-on Ultrasound Workshop”. The attendees learned to perform US-guided needle biopsies using phantoms. On behalf of the society, I express my sincere gratitude to Dr. Beth Edeiken-Monroe for organizing the Workshop and diligence in obtaining the necessary equipment. She came through in a difficult time when it appeared that we might not have an equipment sponsor for the event. Thank you, Beth! Sunday sessions covered imaging of the face and mandible as well as pediatric H&N disease.

I would also like to recognize the tremendous support of our corporate partners at last year’s meeting. A great number of generous corporate sponsors were invaluable in advancing the educational efforts of the meeting. Contributing companies included Guerbet LLC, J. Morita Manufacturing Corp., McKesson Enterprise Medical Imaging, Philips Healthcare North America, Siemens Medical Systems, Merck, Olea Medical, Elsevier, and Wolters Kluwer Health. These companies allowed us to provide four “Breakfast and Learn” and one “Lunch and Learn” sessions for the education of our members.

Special recognition goes to Dr. Ilona Schmalfluss, Education Committee Chair for her valuable contributions to the success

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of the meeting. She organized three excellent scientific sessions, numerous electronic exhibits, Case-of-the-Day presentations, and four SAM sessions. As a new meeting feature, several selected scientific exhibits were presented orally during the refreshment breaks. These special sessions proved to be very popular with attendees.

Thirty-two scientific papers and over 150 electronic exhibits provided tremendous learning opportunities at the meeting. Educational Exhibit awards went to Drs. Jennifer McCarty (1st Place), Justin Brucker (2nd Place), and Michael Cathey (3rd Place). Scientific Exhibits award winners were Drs. John Butman (1st Place), Reza Forghani (2nd Place), and Bundhit Tantiwongkosi (3rd Place). The Radiologist-In-Training Award Winner was Dr. Jaykumar Nair from McGill University, Montreal, Canada for the presentation entitled "Randomics Model for Volumetric MRI High Order Texture Analysis for Pre-treatment Stratification of Patients with Nasopharyngeal Carcinoma". Dr. Andreea G. Moore from the University of Michigan gave the William N. Hanafee, MD Research Grant Award Presentation for her work on "Prediction of Wound Failure in Head and Neck Cancers Treated with Free Flap Reconstruction: Utility of CT Perfusion and MR Perfusion in the Early Post-operative Period.

Washington, D.C. proved to be a delightful place to host the meeting because of its wonderful museums, beautiful sights, historical buildings, and elegant dining. The Hyatt Regency Washington on Capitol Hill was an excellent choice for the meeting because it was located within walking distance of the National Mall, Smithsonian Museums, U.S. Capitol, White House, and numerous other historical sites.

The Faculty Dinner proved to be a culinary delight for over 120 faculty attendees. The Dinner was held in the Sequoia restaurant located on the Georgetown waterfront of the Potomac River. The restaurant offered a stunning view of the Potomac through floor-to-ceiling windows. At the Dinner, the society honored Dr. Joseph Sackett, a longtime ASHNR member and past president of the ASNR. His leadership while developing the neuroradiology CAQ directly led to a marked improvement of head and neck imaging in this country.

The decision to have one third of the neuroradiology CAQ test related to H&N imaging caused a rapid improvement of neuroradiology fellowship education programs throughout the country.

The ASHNR closing Gala was held in the beautiful Kogod Courtyard within the National Portrait Gallery. Attendees had a free afternoon to view the wonderful historical portraits within the gallery. The evening concluded with lively entertainment by the Williams Brothers bluegrass band. Band members are the sons of ASHNR member, Dr. Dan Williams.

I sincerely hope that you will attend the ASHNR 51st Annual Meeting in Las Vegas, Nevada. Dr. Rebecca Cornelius from the University of Cincinnati Medical Center is finalizing the program for the meeting to be held September 16-20, 2017. She has put together an impressive program that will be held at Caesars Palace. The abstract submission deadline is May 19, 2017. Visit ASHNR.org for instructions on how to submit abstracts.

I want to thank all members of the society for their tireless dedication toward building the ASHNR into an unsurpassed H&N educational organization. Thanks to those who have sacrificed their valuable time to chair or serve on ASHNR committees this past year. ASHNR is indebted to those who have contributed to the Core Curriculum Fund (CCF). Their contributions make it possible for us to achieve our research and educational missions.

Thank you for allowing me to serve you as President. I cannot fully express the great honor of this opportunity. On a personal note, I will be retiring from active practice on June 1, 2017. This society has been so instrumental to my education and practice that I will not retire from my friends and fellow society members. I will continue to be an ASHNR member and will vigorously support the ASHNR even after retirement. Since I started attending the ASHNR 39 years ago, this society has given so much more to me than I have ever contributed. I will be forever grateful to have worked with this wonderful group of people throughout the United States and Canada.



51st Annual Meeting Preview

*Rebecca S. Cornelius, MD, FACR,
President Elect/Program Chair*

It is my pleasure to invite you to attend the ASHNR 51st Annual Meeting in Las Vegas, Nevada, September 16-20, 2017 at Caesars Palace. Please take note of the fact that the schedule this year deviates from our usual schedule and begins on Saturday and ends on Wednesday. The meeting this year is titled "Head & Neck Imaging in the City of Lights" and will once again cover a broad and comprehensive range of topics in head and neck imaging. This year our program includes over 60 speakers with many well-known experienced faculty as well as several new young faculty.

I would like to thank my Program Committee for all of their excellent advice and suggestions for putting together this year's program: Drs. Gentry, Glastonbury, Michel, Mukherjee, Robson, Shatzkes and Wiggins. There will be 26.5 AMA PRA Category 1 Credits of CME available, including 4 SAM sessions. The brochure will soon be available on the Society website: www.ASHNR.org along with links for meeting registration and hotel reservations. The abstract submission site <https://www.conferenceabstracts.com/cfp2/login.asp?EventKey=VAPAYMCZ> is open and the deadline for abstract submissions is May 19, 2017 and will NOT be extended.

The Annual Meeting will begin with the Early Bird Temporal Bone & Skull Base Session Saturday, September 16, 2017 from 10:00- 11:15 AM. This is a great opportunity to bring your unusual cases to share with the audience and the experts. Please bring your anonymized images on a USB drive and use a PowerPoint format for presentation.

The Annual Meeting officially begins Saturday afternoon at 12:30 PM with sessions on Orbit and Glandular Imaging. The sessions conclude with the 2016 William N. Hanafee, MD Research Grant Award Presentation, given by award recipient Dr. Jason M. Johnson. Attendees will be invited to the Opening Reception on Saturday evening; a great chance to meet and socialize with speakers, other attendees and our corporate sponsors.

Sunday, September 17, 2017 will begin with a SAM session which includes a potpourri of topics in Adult and Pediatric Head and Neck, followed by sessions on Temporal Bone, Skull Base and Head & Neck Cancer. Sunday will conclude

with a very clever Head and Neck "Jeopardy" Game Show, created by Dr. Claudia Kirsch.

Monday, September 18, 2017 will open with our final Temporal Bone and Skull Base Session. This is followed by a special session titled "Value-Added Head & Neck Radiology: Errors and Pathways to Improvement." This session will include theoretical and practical discussions of how errors occur as well as some innovative ideas on ways to improve our practices. Monday afternoon will include scientific paper sessions and will conclude with a SAM session on Clinical Problem Solving- Cranial Nerves.

Tuesday morning, September 19, 2017 will begin with a session on Head and Neck Anatomy and Pathology using a space-based approach. This will be followed by scientific paper sessions, advanced Imaging Techniques and Head & Neck Ultrasound Sessions. Sessions conclude in mid-afternoon, with the option to attend the Hands-on Ultrasound and Ultrasound Guided Biopsy Seminar. Our Closing Gala will be held Tuesday evening at Heart Night Club at the Omnia in Caesars Palace and is an adult-only (21 and older) event.

Our meeting will conclude Wednesday, September 20, 2017 with 2 SAM sessions including topics on neck masses, sinuses and maxillofacial imaging. The meeting will conclude at 11:45 AM.

Las Vegas is known for its myriad entertainment opportunities, shopping, wide variety of dining options and some spectacular nearby sightseeing and hiking opportunities. Consider adding a few days to the beginning or end of your trip to explore Red Rock Canyon, Hoover Dam, Lake Mead or Valley of Fire State Park. Caesars Palace is an iconic Las Vegas luxury hotel with upscale rooms, an eclectic assortment of top chef restaurants, six different luxurious pools, entertainment venues, the Forum shops and a world-class spa. The hotel also has a prime location at the center of the Las Vegas strip.

I am honored to serve as Program Chair. Our society membership and meeting attendance are growing, but our meeting still has a special camaraderie that is lacking at the larger meetings. Many of the members have developed close long-lasting friendships through this society.

I am proud to say that my closest friends are ASHNR colleagues.

I invite former attendees and newbies to come to Las Vegas, learn some head and neck imaging, have some fun and become a part of our very special ASHNR family!

ASHNR 2016 Outstanding Presentation Award Recipients

Congratulations to the following award recipients and to everyone who submitted abstracts for the ASHNR 50th Annual Meeting.

Radiologist-in-Training

Jaykumar Nair, M.D.

Radiomics Model for Volumetric MRI High Order Texture Analysis for Pre-Treatment Stratification of Patients with Nasopharyngeal Carcinoma
McGill University, Montreal General Hospital Radiology Department – Montreal, Quebec, Canada

Educational Exhibits

First Place**Jennifer McCarty, M.D.**

One Flap. Two Flap Fib Flap, Scap Flap: A Comprehensive Review of Surgical Flaps in Head and Neck Reconstruction
Emory University School of Medicine – Atlanta, Georgia

Second Place**Justin Brucker, M.D.**

A Radiological Approach in Olfactory Disorders
University of Rochester – Rochester, New York

Third Place**Michael Cathey, M.D.**

Stop Touching Me! - Imaging Features of Neurovascular Compression
Naval Medical Center, San Diego – San Diego, California

Scientific Exhibits

First Place**John Butman, M.D.**

Occlusion of the Internal Auditory Canal – A Causative Mechanism for Vestibular Schwannoma Induced Hearing Loss”
National Institutes of Health – Bethesda, Maryland

Second Place**Reza Forghani, M.D., Ph.D.**

Variations in Salivary Gland Imaging and Utility of Virtual Unenhanced Dual-energy CT Images for the Detection of Salivary Stones
Jewish General Hospital and McGill University – Montreal, Quebec, Canada

Third Place**Bundhit Tantiwongkosi, M.D.**

Diagnostic Performance and Interobserver Agreement of 4-Dimensional Computed Tomography Parathyroid Scans in Patients with Primary and Secondary Hyperparathyroidism
University of Texas, San Antonio – San Antonio, Texas

ASHNR 2017 Radiologist-in-Training Award

Again this year, the ASHNR will sponsor the Radiologist-in-Training Award at the 51st Annual Meeting in Las Vegas, Nevada. This Award promotes interest and research in head and neck imaging from residents and fellows in radiology.

To be considered for the *2017 Radiologist-in-Training Award*, an individual must:

1. Submit an abstract(s) by the May 19, 2017 deadline. The online submission site can be found at www.ashnr.org
2. Indicate the desire to be considered for the Award (only oral presentations are eligible)
3. Include a letter from the principal author's Program Director confirming the principal author is a current resident or fellow in radiology.

Following the submission of their manuscript to the *American Journal of Neuroradiology (AJNR)*, the 2017 Radiologist-in-Training Award recipient will receive a \$1,000 honorarium and 51st Annual Meeting registration payment reimbursement. The submission of the manuscript does not guarantee publication. The *AJNR* has first rights of publication of the Award-winning paper.

2017 ASHNR Research Grants

Ashok Srinivasan, M.D., Chair, 2016-2017 ASHNR Research Committee

On behalf of the American Society of Head and Neck Radiology (ASHNR) Research Committee and Executive Committee, I am delighted to announce that Letters of Intent for the 2017 William N. Hanafee M.D. Research Grant are now being accepted. Deadline for receipt of Letters of Intent is March 31, 2017. Deadline for completed applications is August 1, 2017

In addition, applications for the 2017 ASHNR Research Seed Grant are also being accepted. Deadline for completed applications is **August 1, 2017**.

Further details are available at www.ashnr.org/awards.

The ASHNR has been, and continues to be, the leading society in providing comprehensive and state-of-the-art education in all areas of adult and pediatric head and neck imaging. The ASHNR continues to build on its strong foundation and this critical initiative to support and promote research in head and neck imaging is part of our mission.

The Grant recipients of both Grants will be announced at the ASHNR 51st Annual Meeting in Las Vegas, Nevada. The recipients will be notified in writing prior to the meeting.

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ASHNR 51st Annual Meeting Call for Abstracts

Nancy J. Fischbein, M.D., Chair, 2016-2017 ASHNR Education Committee

The ASHNR 51st Annual Meeting is approaching fast, and with it the deadline for abstract submissions! The Abstract Submission Site is now open, and will close on **May 19, 2017, at 11:59pm PST**. Please mark your calendars and plan to submit an abstract before it is too late! Please be sure to publicize this date to your colleagues and trainees.

This early deadline will allow presenters more time for completion of their presentations and for uploading of electronic material to our event website. A link to the abstract submission site and more information about the meeting can be found at <http://www.ashnr.org>

The ASHNR will be accepting abstracts for the following types of presentations:

- Oral scientific presentations
- Electronic exhibits
- Case reports/case series in electronic exhibit format only

Please note that hardcopy posters are no longer being accepted!

Only oral scientific presentations presented by a radiologist-in-training (resident or fellow) qualify for the 2017 Radiologist-In-Training award. This award consists of a \$1,000 stipend

provided upon submission of the winning scientific paper to the *American Journal of Neuroradiology (AJNR)*. This is a great opportunity for your trainees! Encourage your residents and fellows to submit an abstract!

We will also be providing awards to three scientific and three educational exhibits. In addition, we will select a small number of suitable electronic presentations for display in the exhibit room during refreshment breaks (a schedule will be provided during the meeting). This will recognize exceptional electronic exhibits and give you the opportunity to discuss the topics with the authors and other attendees. This was new last year and was a great success!! We hope that you will enjoy these presentations again this year.

So, don't forget: The 2017 ASHNR abstract deadline is earlier than it has been in the past, so please mark your calendars for the submission deadline of May 19, 2017! Encourage your trainees to start brainstorming topics, and thank you in advance for mentoring them!

I look forward to seeing you at the ASHNR 51st Annual Meeting, September 16-20, 2017 in Las Vegas!

ACR Update- MACRA and YOU

Peter H.B. McCreight, M.D., FACR, ACR Councilor

The April 2015 Medicare Access and CHIP Reauthorization Act (MACRA) introduced a new Quality Payment Program (QPP) under which physician payments are linked to quality measures. Reporting for the first year of QPP begins this year although the first payment adjustments won't occur until January 1, 2019. Payments will be further away from fee-for-service. Payments will become heavily tied to quality. There will be 2 pathways: the Merit-Based Incentive Payment System (MIPS) and the Advanced Alternative Payment Models (APMs). "You can't read your way out of this one" says Bibb Allen Jr, MD, FACR. QPP is a budget-neutral program. "There will be a redistribution of Medicare payments from groups that don't make value-based changes to groups that do" states Greg Nicola, M.D.

What Steps Should Radiologists Take Now?

Use the ACR Qualified Clinical Data Registry (QCDR) for reporting. As a QCDR, the ACR National Radiology Data Registry (NRDR) allows practices to compare their quality metrics to other practices nationwide.

Sign up for R-SCAN. This gives radiologists an opportunity to partner with referring physicians as well as access to the ACR Select clinical decision support tool.

Find a quality champion or become one yourself. Every successful radiology practice needs at least one physician to empower/encourage the other physicians to be more patient-focused and to create a culture shift toward quality improvement.

Be educated. Take advantage of the ACR educational modules, webinars, and the ACR Bulletin and **JACR** articles.

Links to helpful resources:

CMS QPP: <http://qpp.cms.gov>

QPP Fact Sheet: http://bit.ly/QPP_Facts

ACR MACRA Resources:

<http://bit.ly/ACR-MACRA-Resources>

Radiology-Specific Summary of MACRA Final Rule:

<http://bit.ly/FinalRuleforRadiologists>

Upcoming Meetings

51st Annual Meeting

September 16-20, 2017
Caesars Palace
Las Vegas, Nevada

52nd Annual Meeting

September 26-30, 2018
Westin Savannah Harbor Golf Resort and Spa
Savannah, Georgia

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