Well, we promised a memorable event….and we think I delivered! The 45th Annual Meeting of the American Society of Head and Neck Radiology was held at the Hotel Del Coronado from September 7-11, 2011. This was the largest meeting of our society with 500 registrants. We also had a very successful scientific component with over 160 scientific presentations and exhibits. The educational component was outstanding as always and I thank all of the speakers and moderators for contributing their valuable time to the success of the meeting.

I think we would all agree there were many memorable moments to this meeting. The opening reception (“Samosas at Sunset”) was held on a scenic balcony bar overlooking Point Loma. The event was framed by the elegant silhouette of the Hotel Del on one side and a beautiful sunset over Point Loma on the opposite side. The Gala dinner was a classic California Beach party complete with a California Beach band, fire pits and another beautiful sunset. We also had a surprise dance presentation by the University of California at San Diego Bollywood Dance troupe.

When I planned the meeting, the Bollywood dance group was what I had in mind for the surprise. However, much to my chagrin, we were all surprised by events of Thursday afternoon. At about 3:15 pm PST during John Hesselink’s talk on visual pathways, the power went out!! We were not sure if this blackout was limited to the hotel or was more widespread. After about 15 minutes sitting in a darkened room, an overhead announcement indicated that our 45th Annual Meeting was caught in the midst of a large power blackout that affected southern California, northern Mexico and parts of Arizona and New Mexico. Fortunately, Drs. Dillon, Mafee, Hesselink, Wiggins and Phillips were willing to give their talks on Friday afternoon which was our planned free afternoon. So, what happens when the power goes at the Hotel Del- we have to “cancel school”? We just all headed to the beach for the remainder of the afternoon….a “snow day” in San Diego. I guess beachside in Coronado, California is not a bad place to be in a power blackout!!

After the initial euphoria of having an unexpected afternoon at the beach, the setting sun began to bring home the realities of the situation. There was no electricity, so it was unclear how we would eat and if we could get into our rooms. The power outage also prevented us from using our cell phones to contact our families since many of the cell phone towers were down. However, the Hotel Del “stepped-up” and did a wonderful job of tending to the needs of their guests. The staff was wonderful and organized a dinner buffet on the carousel lawn and fed close to 1,000 guests. Our room keys also worked, so we had access to our rooms, albeit somewhat darkened.

I must admit I was “slightly” concerned that night as it was unclear how long the power outage would continue. Initial reports suggested the blackout would last until Friday evening and maybe continue until Saturday. Thus, we had to create some contingency plans. I think I was the happiest person in the galaxy (world or universe is an underestimate…) when I was awakened Friday morning at 2am by my room lights suddenly appearing. I happily thought that God must be a “Head & Neck Radiologist”!

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46th Annual Meeting Update
C. Douglas Phillips, MD
President-Elect/Program Chair

The upcoming meeting of the ASHNR represents our 46th Annual Meeting. As amazing as this is to many of us, contemplate for a moment that the ASNR, our parent organization, will celebrate its 50th Annual Meeting this April. Our society is only slightly younger, but no less energetic, and certainly no less concerned with its future.

The meeting will begin with the now-traditional early temporal bone session. As always, prepare the cases that you may wish to bring to the session. The moderators will be asked this year to limit the time spent on individual cases, and limit presenters to a single case at a time, in order to allow more people to participate. Unknowns are not only welcome, they are the most interesting! We don’t ask that each presenter have a carefully organized and animated PowerPoint presentation - only pertinent images, and enough to tell the tale.

The meeting will be divided into a number of didactic and case-based sessions, and topics include cranial nerve abnormalities, nodal disease, pediatric head and neck imaging, sinuses, head and neck cancer, the larynx, vascular malformations, and others. This year’s meeting will also include the popular SAM sessions, for those of you needing SAM credit for your ongoing MOC progress with the ABR. We will also include a SAM session on technical issues in imaging, including radiation dose issues.

Another ongoing ASHNR tradition is the game show format teaching session. This year, we will reprise the “Name That Neoplasm” quiz, with selected younger members and interested volunteers. We cannot promise million dollar prizes, but we can promise the respect of the other participants, audience, and the hosts. And, perhaps a bottle of wine. The beauty of this format is the idea that learning about H&N pathology and imaging can be fun.

The meeting will also feature reports from the two 2011 Hanafee Grant recipients. As a society, we have placed considerable importance on the development of an ongoing fund to foster research and teaching in head and neck radiology. This investment is something we should all be proud of. The Grant is now an established part of our society, and will continue into the future as our legacy of forward-thinking. As always, contributions to the Core Curriculum Fund are appreciated, and help to not only continue this effort, but grow it.

We look forward to welcoming you to Miami Beach, the Eden Roc Renaissance Hotel, and the ASHNR 46th Annual Meeting. Look for the program in the coming months, and mark your calendars for October 3-7, 2012.

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ASHNR 2011
Outstanding Presentation Awards

Congratulations to the following award recipients and to everyone who submitted presentations for the ASHNR 45th Annual Meeting, September 7-11, 2011 at the Hotel del Coronado in San Diego, California.

Radiologist – in – Training Award

Hillary Kelly, MD
Co-authors: Hamberg L, Hunter G.
4D CT for Preoperative Localization of Abnormal Parathyroid Glands for Primary Hyperparathyroidism: Initial Experience in a Tertiary Referral Center
Massachusetts General Hospital, Boston, Massachusetts

Educational Exhibit Awards

First Place
Policeni F., Policeni B., Mughal M, Smoker W, Lee A.
Emergencies in Neuro-ophthalmology: Imaging and Clinical Presentations
UIHC, Iowa City, Iowa

Second Place
Ginat D., Schatz, C.
Materials Used for Facial Cosmesis and Their Imaging Features
Massachusetts General Hospital, Boston, Massachusetts

Third Place
Hammersley J., Kennedy T., Gentry L., Hartman M.
Extranodal Lymphoma of the Head and Neck: Spectrum of Imaging Findings
University of Wisconsin Hospitals, Madison, Wisconsin

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As the sun rose and people began to enter the ballroom, I began to realize that we had inexplicably survived the ordeal without use of the Internet, cell phone, iPhone, Droids, Blackberrys, crackberries, rasberries, etc for 12 hours! Somehow life went on without being constantly being connected to the “outside” world.

The success of the meeting was a true team effort and there are so many people to thank. I specifically wish to again thank Toni Ebra from ESI who was wonderful to work with and Ken Cammarata who was his usually unflappable self. Becky Cornelius postponed her summer vacation to attend to the unexpected number of abstract submissions. We were again able have online abstract submissions, room and meeting registrations thanks to Rick Wiggins who oversees our website. Special thanks to all the members of the ASHNR Executive Committee for your help and support. I thank the faculty for graciously donating their time to make such wonderful talks, as I know all of of you would get sick of hearing me talk continuously for 24.5 hours. Finally, I want to thank you, the loyal members of the ASHNR. There would not be an ASHNR without you and I feel incredibly honored and humbled to serve as your ASHNR President for 2011-2012.
HEAD AND NECK RADIOLOGY PROGRAMMING
at the Foundation of the ASNR Symposium 2012
and ASNR 50th Annual Meeting

We look forward to seeing you at the Foundation of the ASNR Symposium 2012 and ASNR 50th Annual Meeting, April 21-26, 2012 at the New York Hilton Hotel in New York, New York. Following is the head and neck radiology portion of the scientific program schedule.

Tuesday, April 24, 2012

7:30am-8:30am
Maintenance of Certification (MOC) - Review Session (AR)
Head and Neck
Moderators: Gul Moonis, MD, BS

Gul Moonis, MD, BS and Mary E. Cunnane, MD

10:30am-Noon
Parallel Scientific Paper Session - Face, Orbit and Congenital

1:00pm-2:30pm
Skull Base
Moderators: Ashok Srinivasan, MD; Claudia F.E. Kirsch, MD

1:00pm-1:25pm
Skull Base Anatomy/Developmental Lesions
C. Douglas Phillips, MD

1:25pm-1:50pm
Intrinsic Skull Base Pathology
Richard H. Wiggins, III, MD

1:50pm-2:15pm
Nasopharyngeal Neoplasms
Christine M. Glastonbury, MBBS

2:15pm-2:30pm
Discussion

3:00pm-4:30pm
Parallel Scientific Paper Session - Pharynx, Larynx, Soft Tissue Neck, Sinonasal and Temporal Bone

4:45pm-6:15pm
Sinus/Orbit
Moderator: Girish Fatterpekar, MBBS, DNB, MD

4:45pm-5:10pm
Orbit Tumors and Vascular Lesions
Deborah R. Shatzkes, MD

5:10pm-5:35pm
Sinosal Anatomy
Michelle A. Michel, MD

5:35pm-6:00pm
Sinosal and Orbital Infections
Daniel W. Williams, III, MD

6:00pm-6:15pm
Discussion

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Wednesday, April 25, 2012

1:00pm-2:30pm  Head and Neck Cancer (SAM #4)
    Moderators - Ashley H. Aiken, MD; Tanya J. Rath, MD

1:00pm-1:25pm  PET: Current Thoughts
    Suresh K. Mukherji, MD

1:25pm-1:50pm  HPV-Related Head and Neck Malignancy
    Lawrence E. Ginsberg, MD

1:50pm-2:15pm  Laryngeal/Hypopharyngeal Cancer
    Ilona M. Schmalfuss, MD

2:15pm-2:30pm  Discussion

3:00pm-4:30pm  Parallel Scientific Paper Session-
    Other, New Techniques and Temporal Bone

4:45pm-6:15pm  Temporal Bone
    Moderators - C. Douglas Phillips, MD; Deborah R. Shatzkes, MD

4:45pm-5:15pm  The Internal Auditory Canal: Anatomy and Pathology
    John I. Lane, MD

5:15pm-5:45pm  Temporal Bone Neoplasia
    H. Ric Harnsberger, MD

5:45pm-6:15pm  Acute and Chronic Inflammatory Disease of the Temporal Bone
    Joel D. Swartz, MD

For more information on the Foundation of the ASNR Symposium 2012 and ASNR 50th Annual Meeting, visit www.asnr.org, or contact the ASNR Meetings Department at 630-574-0220.
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Your contribution, no matter the amount, is critical.

Rao Named To RSNA Board

ASHNR Past-President Vijay M. Rao, M.D., a global authority on head and neck imaging also recognized for her health services research in radiology, is the newest member of the RSNA Board of Directors. Dr. Rao will serve as the liaison-designate for annual meeting and technology under Ronald L. Arenson, M.D., until Dr. Arenson becomes RSNA Board Chairman in 2013.

Dr. Rao has led numerous courses and sessions at RSNA annual meetings and served on the Health Services Policy & Research subcommittee of the RSNA Scientific Program Committee. She has served the RSNA Research & Education (R&E) Foundation in a number of roles, including as a member of the Board of Trustees since 2008.

*(Excerpt from the January 2012 issue of RSNA News.)*
Charles J. Schatz, MD

ASHNR 2011 Gold Medal Recipient

The ASHNR 2011 Gold Medal was awarded to Charles J. Schatz, M.D., FACR during the Gold Medal Award luncheon on September 9, 2011 during the 45th Annual Meeting. Dr. Schatz became the 15th individual to receive this honor since its inception in 2000.

Dr. Schatz was born and raised in Chicago. He has an older brother Howard and a younger sister Lisa. Dr. Schatz went through the Illinois public school system and then attended college at the University of Chicago Urbana-Champaign. While at college, he was inducted into the Phi Kappa Phi honor society. He then attended Medical School at the University of Illinois and did both his internship and radiology residency at LA County-USC Medical Center. Between his internship and residency he was a Captain and general medical officer in the Army. After his residency, he trained in Paris, France with Dr. Jacqueline Vignaud.

When he returned to Los Angeles, he became the director of head and neck radiology at Los Angeles County/University of Southern California Medical Center. He also became a consultant to the House Ear Clinic. He has served on the executive committees of the Society of Graduate Radiologists and Faculty at LA County/USC, the Los Angeles Radiology Society, and the ASHNR. He has been the President of the ASHNR, the Los Angeles Radiologic Society, and The Society of Graduate Radiologists and Faculty at LA County/USC Medical Center. Dr. Schatz has also been an alternate councilor to the ACR for the LA Radiological Society and a councilor to the ACR for the ASHNR. He has been elected to fellowship in the ACR.

Dr. Schatz is an excellent clinical radiologist and is a Clinical Professor of Radiology and Otolaryngology at USC School of Medicine. He is a member of many local, national, and international societies, and has numerous peer-reviewed articles book chapters. He has participated in exhibits, lectured nationally and internationally over 80 times, and presented 36 workshops. He also likely has the largest experience in imaging of facial implants and aesthetics in the country.

Dr. Schatz has two surviving children Alison and Daniel. Alison and her husband Steve have two children Madison and Jonathan, and Daniel and his wife Shauna are expecting their first child. He is a bit of a renaissance man with hobbies that include golf, raising champion English Springer Spaniels, gem cutting, growing orchids, jewelry designing, collecting prized old cars, skiing and marathon running.

Dr. Schatz is admired as a clinical radiologist, for his years devoted of service to the ASHNR, and as a person of great integrity.

ASHNR Awards Two Hanafee Grants in 2011

In October, the ASHNR awarded 2011 William N. Hanafee, M.D., Research Seed Grants to Aaron H. Baer, M.D. from the University of Michigan Health System in Ann Arbor, Michigan for “Early Prediction of Treatment Efficacy in Head and Neck Cancer: Parametric Response Map Application to Magnetic Resonance Perfusion Data”, and to Julie L. Bykowski, M.D. from UCSD Medical Center in San Diego, California for “Magnetic Resonance Imaging Evaluation of Patients with Menier’s Disease”.

As per the terms of the Grant, both Drs. Baer and Bykowski will be asked to present an update on the progress of their respective projects at the ASHNR 46th Annual Meeting.

Applications for the 2012 William N. Hanafee, M.D., Research Seed Grant will be available later this year.
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October 3-7, 2012
Eden Roc Renaissance Hotel
Miami Beach, Florida

47th Annual Meeting
September 25-29, 2013
The Pfister Hotel
Milwaukee, Wisconsin

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