The ASHNR 48th Annual Meeting held in Seattle last September was a great success. Over 528 radiologists from around the world were welcomed by fantastic weather.

The new Hands-on US workshop was so successful that it will be repeated at this year’s meeting. I would like to thank members of the Executive, Program, and Education Committees for supporting the Seattle meeting. A special recognition goes to Dr. Cally Robson, the 2013–2014 Education Committee Chair for her valuable contributions.

The Executive Committee had very productive discussions regarding the support for the Hanafee Award after the Annual Meeting. The Executive Committee unanimously approved an increase in funding for the Hanafee Award from $15,000 to $25,000, beginning this year. This allows applicants to design a more rigorous research project and support their efforts or personnel at their institution. A required Letter of Intent (LOI) was implemented for those applying for the Hanafee Award, which will help us determine how many reviewers we need to accommodate timely and efficient review of the Grant proposals. With these new changes, we have received a tremendous number of LOIs this year.

We are excited to announce a new Grant – The Core Curriculum Fund Research Grant for the clinical or translational research, and educational projects to improve our educational missions. Junior faculty, fellows, residents, and medical students are eligible to apply. The Grant amount is $3,000. We would like to express sincere appreciation to those who contributed to the Core Curriculum Fund (CCF) in the past. Contributions make it possible for us to provide support to achieve our research and educational missions. On behalf of the Executive Committee, I would like to thank Dr. Jenny Hoang, the Research Committee Chair for her dedication and commitment to fostering clinical research in our Society.

Immediate Past President, Dr. Michelle Michel and her Rules Committee have led us in developing changes in the Bylaws to implement new governance structures that will be established by this year’s Annual Meeting. We hope these new governance structures will encourage younger members to engage and participate in ASHNR operations. I believe the new governance changes will allow us to become a more inclusive organization, incorporate new ideas or initiatives, enhance our programs and educational missions, and facilitate translational and clinical research in the field of head and neck imaging.

To simplify the ASHNR membership application, we have removed the awards, editorial responsibilities, and undergraduate education information. In an effort to be an inclusive organization, there will no longer be a need to list the percentage of time devoted to head and neck radiology. ASHNR is open to anyone that is eager to learn H&N radiology. If your colleagues are interested in joining, please direct them to the membership application available on our website.

We are planning to develop H&N dictation templates for members, which offer the checklists of complicated H&N cases that experts use. We have ad hoc working groups on each imaging modality under specific clinical conditions. We expect the initial templates to be available by this year’s Annual Meeting.

On a personal note, I relocated from the University of Washington to the University of Utah in January. I was privileged to have worked with a wonderful group of people at UW for the past 14 years. I was sad to leave them, but I am honored and truly excited about the new opportunities at the University of Utah where I can work with amazing
Message From the President (continued)

neuroradiology colleagues, led by Dr. Karen Salzman, Chief of Neuroradiology. I will have the opportunity to collaborate with my dear friend and respected colleague, Dr. Rick Wiggins, the 49th Annual Meeting Program Chair. His article appears below. The program looks fantastic and it is going to be a great meeting in Naples. I hope to see all of you this September.

I also have an opportunity to serve as Associate Chief Medical Quality Officer for the University of Utah Health Care System to improve quality of care and patient safety, address patient reported outcomes, and reduce the costs of health care delivery. This may sound not so exciting, however, I believe that it is important for us to think proactively about how to better integrate radiology and imaging diagnosis and treatment to patient care under the rapidly changing healthcare landscape.

My new email address is yoshimi.anzai@hsc.utah.edu. Please send me any comments or suggestions regarding operations or future programs. I welcome your comments and look forward to hearing from you.

The Annual Meeting will follow the favored sessions of the past several years, starting with the Early Bird Temporal Bone Session on Wednesday, September 9 from 10:00–11:30AM. It is really impressive how this grew so quickly from just a few people to a full room for these popular sessions in only a few years. It is a great opportunity to bring your best unique cases to show the temporal bone experts. Bring your best cases with anonymized images on a flash drive for the presentation sessions, and share your knowledge with your colleagues.

The Annual Meeting will officially begin on Wednesday afternoon, September 9, 2015, at 12:45PM, with the Cervical Soft Tissues. The speakers will educate us on the imaging anatomy and pathology of the suprahyoid and infrahyoid neck. A special Hot Topic session on 4D CT will be followed by the William N. Hanafee, MD Research Grant Award presentations on Wednesday afternoon. I hope these two presentations will inspire you to recognize the immense potential of this Grant to further head and neck imaging and convince you to contribute to the ASHNR Core Curriculum Fund to support future research.

Thursday will be Skull Base and Temporal Bone day, beginning with the first Scientific paper session, followed by the first of 4 SAM sessions. The afternoon sessions on skull base and cranial nerves will focus on this complex anatomy. The day will end with the sought-after Game Show. Literally anything can happen here. No, I’m not exaggerating…it might be hilarious, and it might be a disaster, I’m sure you will want to be there for either one to see it, though.

Friday will start with an Orbital Session, followed by a dedicated head and neck ultrasound session. The increasing public concern and awareness of radiation dose issues makes ultrasound an increasingly desired option for
49th Annual Meeting Preview (continued)

evaluation of head and neck masses and biopsy options. This section will highlight the Galdino E. Valvassori, MD Inaugural Lecture on the Evolution of Head and Neck Ultrasound. The ASHNR has grown from Dr. Valvassori’s annual 1970s post-graduate course on head and neck imaging, and I hope that you will join me in not only honoring him, but in demonstrating the impressive growth and strength of the Society through his vision. This session will include lectures by some of the world’s experts on head and neck ultrasound imaging and interventional techniques. The extremely popular Hands-on H&N Ultrasound Workshop will be held on Friday afternoon. But sign up early, these sessions are in increasing demand and will fill up.

Saturday will continue the great talks with dedicated SAM sessions on the nose and paranasal sinus sessions, upper aerodigestive tract, larynx and hypopharynx, the second scientific paper session, and a session on advanced imaging techniques. Award announcements will conclude the program and will be followed by the Gala Beach party, where we can watch the sun set over the ocean…while we party…

Naples is a vibrant city on the west coast of Florida that is known for its amazing dining, shopping, calm seas, and some of the best beaches in the world. This is a small, but cosmopolitan city, where outside activities range from golf, to tennis, to fishing, and where there is close access to secluded islands and the Florida Everglades. The Naples Grande Beach Resort is a luxury resort with beautiful white sand beaches, home to world-class golf, a full-service spa, and exquisite dining options. This is a laid-back city in a casual state, so you can expect a relaxed environment for the resort and the meeting. Men, please do not bring a tie; women, please do not bring…whatever you think the female version of a tie is…”

I sincerely hope that you will attend the ASHNR 49th Annual Meeting. If you are new to the Society, I would like to introduce you not only to the current leaders of head and neck imaging, but also the up-and-coming stars who will guide the future of this complex specialty.

ACR Update – April 6, 2015

Peter H.B. McCreight, MD, FACR, ACR Councilor

Your Medicare reimbursement was already cut 21% on April 1, 2015. You need to help fix this.

I. TELL YOUR US SENATORS TO HELP PASS SGR REPLACEMENT LEGISLATION

BACKGROUND:
The House of Representatives passed the SGR Replacement Bill on March 6. The US Senate will consider this Bill when they return from their recess April 13.

YOUR ACTION:
Go to our website http://www.ASHNR.org. Click on the lower right-hand corner “Take Action” link which takes you to the ACR Advocacy page about SGR. Fill out the requested information about you and the ACR will send the attached letter to your US Senators.

II. “ACR 2015”


KEY DATES:
• April 23 – Hotel Reservation Deadline
• April 30 – Regular Meeting Registration Deadline
• April 30 – RSVP for Social Media 102
The ASHNR awarded the 2014 Gold Medal to Dr. Joel D. Swartz on September 12, 2014 during the ASHNR 48th Annual Meeting in Seattle, Washington, September 10-14, 2014. The ASHNR Gold Medal is presented annually to a member who has provided dedicated service to the Society, and to the science and education of head and neck radiology. Dr. Swartz became the eighteenth recipient of the ASHNR Gold Medal since its inception in 2000.

Dr. Swartz graduated from Devilbiss High School in 1967. He received a Bachelor of Science degree in mathematics from The Ohio State University, Columbus, in 1971. He remains an intense and loyal Ohio State Buckeye football fan. He attended George Washington University Medical School in Washington, DC, graduating in 1975. After finishing a rotating internship at Riverside Methodist Hospital in Columbus, Ohio, Dr. Swartz completed his residency in diagnostic radiology at the University of Michigan in 1979. Afterward, he moved to Philadelphia to become a fellow in Neuroradiology at the University of Pennsylvania.

Dr. Swartz’s interest in the temporal bone dates back to his medical school anatomy class, during which he discovered that he was far more interested in the skull base than in other areas. This discovery stimulated his interest in the ear, nose, and throat (ENT) specialty, and he considered both otolaryngology and radiology residencies before choosing Radiology. His interest in the temporal bone was piqued when he attended a refresher course that Dr. Tom Bergeron presented at the RSNA Annual Meeting in 1978. Dr. Swartz chose to complete a Neuroradiology fellowship at the University of Pennsylvania in Philadelphia because of its busy otolaryngology department and the opportunity to work with Dr. Larissa Bilaniuk. During his first year as a junior staff member at the Medical College of Pennsylvania Hospital, under chairman Dr. George L. Popky and with the support of Drs. Bob Wolfson and Frank Marlowe of the Division of Otolaryngology, he discovered his first really useful tool, a General Electric 8800 CT scanner. Confident that he could do a good job for their patients, Dr. Swartz contacted virtually every ENT private practice in the Philadelphia area to tell them how interested he was in studying the ear and its diseases. The results were gratifying, and he was able to build many professional relationships that he still maintains to this day.

Dr. Swartz receives 2014 Gold Medal from 2013-2014 Gold Medal Committee Chair Dr. C. Douglas Phillips during Gold Medal Award Luncheon.

With his persistence and attentiveness to detail, Dr. Swartz was able to amass the cases necessary to begin writing. His first major success in this area was an introductory trilogy that focused on high-resolution CT of the middle ear and mastoid, which appeared in *Radiology* in 1983. Since that time, Dr. Swartz has enjoyed an outstanding career and is an authority in his field. Four editions of *Imaging of the Temporal Bone* have been published. Two were co-authored with Dr. H. Ric Harnsberger of the University of Utah, and the most recent with Dr. Laurie A. Loevner of the University of Pennsylvania. Dr. Swartz has been a co-editor of the *Seminars in Ultrasound, CT and MR* since 1994.

Dr. Swartz remained at the Medical College from 1981 to 1991 and became a professor in the Department of Radiologic Sciences. In 1991, he became chairman of the Department of Radiology at Germantown Hospital in
Drs. Rao and Bahl – 2014 AAWR Award Recipients

Society members Drs. Vijay M. Rao and Manisha Bahl received 2014 award from the American Association for Women Radiologists. Dr. Rao received the Marie Skoldowska-Curie Award. This Award is presented annually to an individual who has made an outstanding contribution to the advancement of women in radiology/radiation oncology.

Dr. Bahl received the Lucy Frank Distinguished Resident Award in Diagnostic Radiology. This Award recognizes outstanding contributions in clinical care and scholarship.

(taken from the March 2015 issue of RSNA News)

ASHNR 2014 Outstanding Presentation Award Recipients

Congratulations to the following award recipients and to everyone who submitted abstracts for the ASHNR 48th Annual Meeting, September 10-14, 2014 at the Sheraton Seattle Hotel in Seattle, Washington. Over 200 abstracts were submitted for presentation.

Radiologist-in-Training Award

Stephanie Lam, M.D.
Optimal Assessment of Normal Anatomy and Pathology in Head and Neck Cancers Using Dual Energy CT: Utility of Virtual Monochromatic Images

Educational Exhibit (Poster) Awards

First Place
Anne M. Sullivan, M.D.
Arterial Anomalies of the Middle Ear: A Pictorial Review with Clinical-embryologic and Imaging Correlation
CRA Imaging; Beth Deaconess Medical Center; Massachusetts Eye and Ear Infirmary

Second Place
Marinos Kontzialis, M.D.
High Resolution 3D Magnetic Resonance Imaging of the Abducens Nerve: Segmental Anatomic and Pathologic Considerations
Johns Hopkins University

Third Place
David Landry, M.D.
Collateral Damage: Brain Necrosis from Head & Neck Radiation Therapy
University of California, San Francisco

Joel D. Swartz, MD – 2014 Gold Medal Recipient (Continued)

Philadelphia, a position that he held until 1999. Also, during that time, he became interested in the business of providing efficient remote interpretation of MR and CT images via teleradiology. This is currently his primary pursuit, and he is responsible for providing comprehensive interpretive services for numerous locations in several states. Dr. Swartz served as Society President in 2001-2002
ASHNR 2015 – Radiologist-in-Training Award

For the eighteenth consecutive year, the ASHNR will sponsor the Radiologist-in-Training Award at the 49th Annual Meeting. The award was established in 1998 to promote interest and research in head and neck imaging from residents and fellows in radiology.

To be considered for the Award, an individual must:

1. Submit an abstract(s) by the July 16, 2015 deadline. The online submission site can be found at www.ashnr.org.
2. Indicate the desire to be considered for the 2015 Radiologist-in-Training Award (oral presentations only 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.

2015 Radiologist-in-Training Award Recipient

Following the submission of their manuscript to the American Journal of Neuroradiology (AJNR), the 2015 Radiologist-in-Training Award recipient will receive a $1,000 honorarium and 49th 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.

Prior Radiologist-in-Training Award Recipients:

**2008**
Kevin (Ping-Sun) Chen, M.D., University of Wisconsin Hospital and Clinic, Madison, WI
Multipositional MR Imaging of the Extraocular Muscles for Evaluation of Strabismus

**2007**
Nila H. Alsheik, MD, University of Wisconsin Hospital and Clinic, Madison, WI
Maxillofacial Trauma Presenting to a Level 1 Trauma Center: Imaging Findings, Classification, and Complications in 1,000 Consecutive Patients

**2006**
Mai Russell, MD, Emory University Hospital- Dept. of Radiology, Atlanta, GA
Balancing Radiation Dose and Image Quality: Clinical Application of Volume CT of the Neck

**2005**
Aaron J. Zima, MD, University of Michigan Health System, Ann Arbor, MI
Can Pre-Treated CT Perfusion Predict Response of Advanced Squamous Cell Carcinoma of the Upper Aerodigestive Tract Treated With Induction Chemotherapy

**2004**
Lana M. Wilkerson, MD, University of Miami, Miami, FL
MRI of Hydroxyapatite Occular Implants

**2003**
Ario Rezaei, MD, University of Michigan Health System, Ann Arbor, MI
CT Perfusion Studies of the Neck, ICA versus ECA as the Input Artery
Prior Radiologist-in-Training Award Recipients (Continued)

2002
Chuong D. Bui, M.D., University of Michigan Health System, Ann Arbor, MI
Diagnostic Accuracy of FDG PET for Diagnosing Non Squamous Cancers of the Extracranial Head and Neck

2001
Ricardo M. Burgos, MD, Tripler Army Medical Center, Honolulu, HI
Pattern of Level V Adenopathy in Nasopharyngeal Carcinoma as an Aid to Diagnosis

2000
Heidi B. Eggesbo, MD, Aker Hospital, Oslo, Norway
CT Characterization Development Variations of the Paranasal Sinuses in Cystic Fibrosis

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On behalf of the American Society of Head and Neck Radiology (ASHNR) Research Committee and Executive Committee, I am delighted to announce that applications for the new 2015 ASHNR Research Seed Grant are now being accepted. Submissions for the 2015 William N. Hanafee M.D. Research Grant are only open to applicants who submitted a letter of intent in March, 2015.

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 the Research Seed Grant and the Hanafee Research Grant will be announced at the ASHNR 49th Annual Meeting in Naples, Florida. The recipients will be notified in writing prior to the meeting.

Further details are available at www.ashnr.org. Deadline for submissions is August 1, 2015.

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