PRESIDENT’S WELCOME

Ilona M. Schmalfuss, MD, ASHNR President

The 55th ASHNR Annual Meeting is again going virtual as it is uncertain how the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic will unfold in the next few months with several more contagious variants spreading around the world including the United States. We were very successful with the 1st Virtual ASHNR meeting last year reaching over 1,200 participants in more than 60 countries and we aim to do the same this year. Check out the program at https://ashnr.org/ashnr-2021-meeting/! It is fabulous with many new speakers covering the broad spectrum of Head and Neck Radiology.

ASHNR has always aimed to be a welcoming and inclusive society. Many of us have become close friends, staying in touch even outside of ASHNR events and enjoying each other’s company whenever possible. To better voice the stand of the society, ASHNR would like to officially promote diversity throughout all ASHNR events and activities by welcoming participants independent of race, ethnicity, culture, nationality, age, gender, gender identity, sexual orientation, faith, economic status, abilities, education, specialty, and practice setting. To emphasize ASHNR’s commitment, the upcoming meeting will include two presentations focusing on diversity:

1. Leadership: Finding Roles, Accepting Challenges, Encouraging Diversity by Dr. Patricia Rhyner
2. Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion: Critical Concepts for Head and Neck Radiologists by Dr. Ann Jay

In addition, we are forming a Diversity and Disparity Ad Hoc Committee to gather ideas and develop strategic goals as we move forward. We hope that many of you will volunteer for this important task! Please submit your name and statement of interest to cmckinney@ashnr.org.

Nancy J. Fischbein, MD
ASHNR President Elect/Program Chair

Hello, ASHNR members! I hope you are as excited as I am for the 55th Annual Meeting of the American Society of Head and Neck Radiology. Please remember to mark your calendars for the virtual meeting from September 8-12, 2021. Registration is already open at ashnr.org, where you can also submit abstracts and download the meeting brochure. I hope you will join me in participating in what I am sure will be a fantastic educational, scientific, and social event.

The program for ASHNR 2021 includes 18 Educational Sessions (5 of which are SA-CME sessions) and a Scientific Papers session, and the program is accredited for >35 hours of Category 1 CME credit. Educational sessions include all areas of head and neck clinical practice, as well as journal publications, medical-legal pitfalls, professionalism and career development, and diversity, equity, and inclusion. Our virtual meeting platform will support Chat and Q&A functions, and we hope to keep our session moderators on their toes as we set a record for robust exchange! It will be especially engaging to be able to directly query authors during the Scientific Papers session and in the Electronic Exhibits display. Don’t forget that we offer lots of great awards for scientific and educational exhibits, as well as referrals to Neurographics, and I hope to see a submission from you.

The fun will continue with our challenging Case of the Day submissions and with our annual ASHNR Game.
Show, not to mention our virtual social events. We can all look forward to opening and closing Zoom meet-ups and a Gold Medal celebration -- I hope everyone will take the time to connect with old friends and to meet new friends during these events, as well as to meet our sponsors. We are also planning two mentoring sessions, and I hope that lots of members-in-training and junior faculty members will take advantage of the opportunity to connect with seasoned mentors.

Thank you for embracing the new normal by supporting the 55th ASHNR virtual meeting. Please encourage your trainees to submit scientific abstracts and/or electronic exhibits, and I look forward to seeing who will carry away the In-Training, Scientific and Educational presentation, and Case of the Day awards. Don’t forget that “on demand” access to all meeting content will be available on our meeting platform for at least 90 days after the meeting, and this will facilitate easy access to any sessions that you are unable to watch live.

I thank all the speakers, moderators, committee members and chairs, and staff members at ESI and ASNR for the hard work that they have already put into ASHNR 2021, and for all that still remains to be done to ensure the success of our meeting. I also thank our meeting sponsors, and you will have the chance to connect with them in our virtual Exhibit Hall. Though we will miss the opportunity to be in close physical proximity, I hope we can meet or exceed the incredible connectivity that we achieved last year. Here’s to a robust virtual experience at ASHNR 2021, and I look forward to seeing you all soon!

Nancy J. Fischbein, MD

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Summer is here and things are starting to heat up for the ASHNR Education Committee. The committee recently reviewed Head and Neck contributions for ASNR annual meeting and helped select the best paper award for recent ASNR annual meeting: Dual-Energy Parathyroid 4D CT: Improved Discrimination of Parathyroid Lesions from Thyroid Tissue Using Non Contrast 40 keV Virtual Monoenergetic Images, presented by Andrew A. Pavlina, MD.

Now we are bracing for an influx of abstracts for the ASHNR 2021 Annual meeting. There is still time to submit! The deadline for abstract submission will be July 11, 2021 at 11:59 PST. Details can be found on the ASHNR website, ashnr.org. We would love for you to share your work with us!

Again, I would like to again thank every member of the Education Committee that served this past year and invested their time and energy. And if you are not on the committee this year but are interested in joining us and serving the ASHNR, please reach out to me during the upcoming meeting [philchapman@gmail.com].

Phil Chapman, MD
INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE

Amy Juliano, MD

In 2020, ASHNR and ESHNR (European Society of Head and Neck Radiology) launched a series of educational webinars, titled ASHNRxESHNR “Two Heads (and Necks) are Better Than One”. #HNxHN is the culmination of years of background work laid down by Drs. Deborah Shatzkes, Salman Qureshi, and Minerva Becker, and initiated by Dr. Hugh Curtin and the International Relations Committee in 2018, in bridging the continents, paving the way for a strong alliance and solid and wonderful relationship between the American and European societies and their contingents. Giant thanks to Drs. Christine Glastonbury and Cally Robson, who devoted so much time, effort, and tremendous expertise (radiology and organizational both!) to spearheading and running this collaborative educational initiative, spending many fun Zoom hours with an international webinar audience, and now continuing on splendidly in the able hands of Dr. Phil Chapman, along with the ever integral efforts of Drs. Salman Qureshi and Bert De Foer on the European side. So much gratitude to all the moderators and speakers from both continents who graciously volunteer their time and immeasurable expertise to be part of this webinar series, and a big shout-out to the ASHNR educational committee members working alongside chair Phil for all their time and help. This series occurs monthly – so please continue to tune in when you can or watch prior missed “episodes” on the revamped ASHNR website [ASHNR.org]. Aside from this webinar, you can also catch our ASHNR luminaries as guest speakers on webinars organized by ESHNR and BSHNI (British Society of Head and Neck Imaging), yet another testament to an awesome international alliance. Be on the lookout for more cross talk and joint events in the future!

Amy Juliano, MD

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

Ashok Srinivasan, MD
ASHNR Vice President & Committee Chair

We were excited to cross the 1000 mark in membership numbers last September and have continued to maintain robust numbers going into 2021. This is a friendly reminder to renew your membership, if not done already, so you can obtain access to different aspects of our website, attend the annual meeting at discounted rates, and show support of our society. Your continued solidarity with the society helps us improve our educational offerings, and sponsor HN imaging research through our grant funding mechanisms.

Ashok Srinivasan, MD
WEBSITE & SOCIAL MEDIA COMMITTEE

On behalf of the entire ASHNR Website and Social Media (SoMe) committee, I would like to invite our membership to check out all of the fantastic educational offerings and #ASHNR21 Annual Meeting information that can be found on our recently revamped website [ASHNR.org]. ASHNR members can peruse our education archives and find hours’ worth of videos, including past meeting lectures and prior webinars (“Talking Heads & Necks”, “T-bone Time”, and the joint ASHNR-ESHNR “Two Heads & Necks Are Better Than One”), as well as an archive of our past ASHNR Case of the Week cases.

I would also invite you to follow us on Twitter (@ASH-NRSociety) and play along with our weekly #ASHNR-COTW. Employing gamification for learning, this popular and long-running ASHNR offering has recently crossed the 150 case mark and continues to bring head and neck imaging learners and aficionados together each Wednesday for an unknown case challenge. Make sure to bring your best GIFs and play along! Also, ASHNR members are welcome and encouraged to submit cases — please reach out via email for more details (nakoontz@iu.edu).

Please enjoy our new website, continued SoMe outreach, and have a fantastic summer — hope to see you all (virtually) for #ASHNR21!

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UPCOMING MEETINGS

55th Annual Meeting
September 8 -12, 2021
Now Virtual!

56th Annual Meeting
September 6 -10, 2022
Gaylord Rockies Resort
Aurora, Colorado
SHARE YOUR BABY PHOTOS ON TWITTER!

Below are more of our ASHNR committee chairs and executive committee members and their “Baby Photos”, a figure and the article representing their first publication in HN. Every giant in HN Radiology started with a first publication, and we too hold these first papers dear to our hearts. We want to encourage all our junior members and trainees to add to the HN literature and knowledge and share your expertise in print. All members are invited to share their pictures and the cases that got them started in HN on Twitter – tag @ASHNRSociety, #ASHNRbabypics, #ASHNR21.

Many thanks for checking in with ASHNR for our summer edition and thank you for being part of our ASHNR community. We can’t wait to ‘see you’ online and in the chat box for this year’s virtual ASHNR21. Stay well and take care of the ones you love. We are looking forward to celebrating being together at SNRXXII/ASNR22 in New York and ASHNR22 in Colorado!

Christine Glastonbury, MBBS

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