



Message from the President



Savannah Recap
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ASHNR President

A belated thank you to all who attended the 52nd Annual Meeting in Savannah, Georgia. I hope you had as good a time as I did. Savannah is a smaller city that many had never been to, and I know it was a bit of a trek for some. For me, having the meeting there was an opportunity to share a place that I have loved since my first visit more than a decade ago. The beautiful squares, old oak trees, stately architecture, and dedication to great music and food have always been a huge draw for me, and I hope you had the opportunity to experience some of those during your stay in Savannah. Certainly, catching the ferry across the Savannah River was a fairly novel way to get downtown!

ASHNR's superb speakers delivered the usual exceptional educational content, and we continue to add new young speakers to the cadre of experienced lecturers. Opportunities for everyone to get involved occurred during our now-standard "Early Bird" Wednesday morning session, this time covering H&N cancer, as well as the new short "Pearls from my Mentor" presentations, both open to all registrants. Words of wisdom presented by mentees were items that might not make their way into textbooks but were nevertheless both entertaining and practical. It turned out to be a pretty wonderful way to honor a mentor, and I understand it will be reprised at the 53rd Annual Meeting in Scottsdale. Email your submissions (<5 min PowerPoint presentation that includes your mentor's photo) to caroline.robson@childrens.harvard.edu. Dr. Robson will also accept cases for the 2019 Early Bird session, this time entitled "Errors are Opportunities: Mistakes, Misses and Difficult Diagnoses."



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Other program highlights were newly designated “Core Curriculum” lectures that included short bites on difficult anatomy, as well as basics of adult and pediatric H&N imaging pathology. We had “H&N Top 5” sessions highlighting imaging pearls and missed diagnoses as well as our experts’ recommendations for practice improvement, including protocol and workspace/workflow optimization and avoidance of the omnipresent problem of radiologist burn-out. For the first time, the ASHNR Core Curriculum Fund sponsored a session at the meeting. This was entitled “The AJCC 8th Edition: A Case-based H&N Cancer Staging Workshop” and represented your donation dollars at work to promote H&N radiology education. And, of course, there was the ever-popular ASHNR game show, with hosts Ginsberg, Phillips and Wiggins III once again providing entertainment and education in about equal parts.

There was a first in the social activities, as well: the first ever ASHNR golf tournament, played on the Westin Savannah Harbor’s championship golf course. Duffers and ringers were equally instrumental in helping raise funds for a local charity called Safe Shelter that is involved in providing domestic violence services for the local community.



I had the incredible good fortune to be able to present the ASHNR Gold Medal to my personal mentor, Dr. Roy Holliday. Roy is well-known to the H&N Radiology

community as a skilled educator and the consummate clinical radiologist, perhaps equally famous for his pithy sayings (“Roy-isms”) and for not suffering fools. I would not be where and who I am today if Roy had not beaten H&N radiology into me, and I owe him much as a teacher and friend. He has been a fixture at our meetings for the last several decades – he will be sorely missed in his retirement.



The closing gala was a low country boil at the historic Savannah Station. We spent a lovely early fall evening shucking our own oysters on the outside patio, dancing to the live band, and eating things we would never otherwise consider, such as flaming donuts. A fruit compote on the side made it acceptable (even healthy, I understand).



I owe much thanks to the ASHNR committees (particularly the program and every-hard-working education committees), to the 2018 annual meeting speakers and moderators, to Bethany and Toni from ESI, and to all who traveled from near and far to what was yet another widely attended and financially successful meeting. My husband Doug Phillips provided inspiration, ideas, and never-ending support and even my girls Suzannah and Isabel made it down to Savannah. While I have been able to breathe a sigh of relief now that the meeting is over, this has been a busy presidential year, replete with contract negotiations, educational and research initiatives and some exciting international collaborations in the works. I am looking forward to being a guest at the 53rd Annual Meeting in stunning Scottsdale – I know Cally will put on quite a show!





53rd Annual Meeting Preview

Caroline D. Robson, MBChB, President Elect/Program Chair

I'm delighted to invite you to attend the ASHNR 53rd Annual Meeting, Head and Neck Imaging in the Valley of the Sun, October 2 – 6, 2019, to be held at the Westin Kierland Resort and Spa in Scottsdale, Arizona. A huge thank you to our invited speakers who provided their favorite topics for this year's program and together with members of the program committee helped craft a program that reflects their passion and expertise, covering a broad range of head and neck imaging topics. Meanwhile, our Education Committee members, led by Education Committee Chair Kris Mosier and Vice Chair Christine Glastonbury, are hard at work reviewing abstracts for acceptance as oral scientific presentations or electronic exhibits.

[The brochure for the meeting, available on the ASHNR website](#), outlines the program designated for a maximum of 28.75 AMA PRA Category 1 credit(s)TM and including 5 SAM sessions. With talks from 80 talented speakers, including 10 rising stars whom we warmly welcome as ASHNR faculty, and expertise from approximately 30 moderators, we anticipate a highly educational program.

The meeting will kick off with the Early Bird Session entitled "Errors Are Opportunities: Mistakes, Misses and Difficult Diagnoses". Please email PowerPoint presentations ahead of time to caroline.robson@childrens.harvard.edu.

A theme of mentoring will be emphasized during this opening session, reprised in the popular "Pearl from my Mentor" presentations and will be the focus of a Mentoring Breakfast to be held on Friday morning. Thanks to Dr. Paul Bunch for initiating and enthusiastically organizing this new event! We encourage trainees and faculty who have newly embarked on



their careers to register for and attend the mentoring breakfast for networking opportunities and round table discussions with panelists.

Programming this year will incorporate basic core and advanced, specialized talks on a wide variety of head and neck imaging topics, including applied anatomy and disease processes involving the orbits, sinonasal regions, skull base, temporal bones, lymph nodes & glands, H & N spaces, cranial nerves, teeth and jaws. In addition to Core Curriculum topics, lectures include a new session on Artificial Intelligence, and a Cancer Workshop.

The beautiful and tranquil Westin Kierland Resort & Spa, located near the McDowell Mountains in Scottsdale, with panoramic views of surrounding mountains, celebrates the rich legacy of Arizona. Accessible by direct flights to Phoenix, the resort is located about 20 miles from the airport. Resort features include a world class Golf Club, the Agave Spa, a 24 hour fitness studio, swimming pools, tennis courts, bike rentals, babysitting services, a kids club and several excellent restaurants. Cats and dogs are also welcome! Abundant dining, retail and entertainment options are located within walking distance. Scottsdale and nearby Phoenix offer a wide variety of activities including innumerable great hiking trails, hot air ballooning, OdySea Aquarium, Butterfly Wonderland, Desert Botanical Garden, and many museums and art galleries.

In closing, I would like to thank Dr. Debbie Shatzkes for her invaluable wisdom, advice and leadership as ASHNR president, and we are honored to invite you to attend the 53rd Annual ASHNR meeting for a wealth of excellent educational opportunities, to reconnect with and make new friends and to enjoy the gorgeous Valley of the Sun.

Education Committee

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The ASHNR 53rd Annual Meeting Abstract submission site opened in March and upon closing in early June had 166 oral scientific or educational exhibit submissions. Of these, 21 abstracts were submitted for the Radiologists-in-Training award. Reviews are on-going and decisions will be returned before the end of June 2019. Of the 17 different categories, the Category of Advanced Imaging had 9 submissions, Cranial Nerves 7, Imaging Techniques/Physics 9, Larynx 5, Lymph Nodes 1, Nasopharynx and Oropharynx 11, Oral Cavity 8, Orbit and Vision 11, Other 15, Paediatrics 5, Salivary Glands 10, Sinonasal & Maxillofacial 21, Skull Base 13, Temporal Bone 16, Thyroid and Parathyroid 3, Vascular and Intervention 11. There will be two scientific paper sessions at the annual meeting for the oral presentations. Electronic exhibits will be available via laptop computers at the meeting or via personal devices.

Courtney Tomblison, MD was awarded the ASNR Outstanding Presentation Award in Head and Neck Radiology at the 57th Annual Meeting of the ASNR in Boston, MA, for her paper entitled “Orphan Lesions of the Head and Neck: Uncommon Non-Thyroid Masses”.

Research & Grants

Reza Forghani, M.D., Ph.D., Chair, 2018-2019 ASHNR Research Committee

On behalf of the Research Committee, I would like to thank all of the applicants who submitted Letters of Intent for the 2019 William N. Hanafee M.D. Research Grant. The deadline for completed applications is August 5, 2019. In addition, applications for the 2018 ASHNR Core Curriculum Research Seed Grant are also being accepted. The deadline for completed applications is also August 5, 2019. Further details are available at <https://ashnr.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/04/Hanafee-and-Seed-Grant-Application-2019.pdf>. The Grant recipients will be notified in writing prior to and will be announced at the ASHNR 52nd Annual Meeting.

The ASHNR 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 also continues to build on its strong foundation to support and promote research in head and neck imaging is part of our mission. The Research Committee is currently exploring different options for further expanding the research activities and facilitating new initiatives and multi-institutional collaborations. Stay tuned for more information on potentially exciting initiative to come!

ASHNR 2018 Award Recipients

Top 3 Electronic Educational Exhibits

LF Ramin et al. *The Oculomotor Nerve: Beyond Diplopia*

JM Yetto et al. *Stuck in the Middle: Nervus Intermedius Related Neuropathologic Imaging Spectrum*

J Junn et al. *Carcinoma of Unknown Primary – Understanding the AJCC8 guidelines and how to identify the primary lesion*

Top 3 Electronic Scientific Presentations

N Sanghan et al. *Retrospective Review of Otic Capsule Contour and Thickness in Otosclerosis and Normal-Hearing Patients on CT*

J Sachs et al. *Orbital Interstitial Fluid: A Pathway for Extracranial CSF Absorption?*

ED Golden et al. *Hyperintensity of the Optic Nerve on 3D FLAIR Imaging is Effective for Identifying Papilledema in Patients with Idiopathic Intracranial Hypertension*

Trainee Award For Best Oral Scientific Presentation

J Kochkodan et al. *Differentiation of benign and malignant neck lymph nodes on dual energy CT*

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53rd Annual Meeting

October 2-6, 2019
Westin Kierland Resort & Spa
Phoenix, Arizona

54th Annual Meeting

September 8-13, 2020
Hyatt Regency Grand Cypress
Orlando, FL

55th Annual Meeting

September 8-12, 2021
Hilton San Diego Bayfront
San Diego, CA

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