

The American Society of Emergency Radiology

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A Message from the President

Dear Colleagues:

As we ring in 2006 I wanted to wish everyone a happy new year and update you on current society news. The ASER 2005 Annual Meeting at the Westin LaPaloma Resort and Spa in Tucson, Arizona in September was highly successful! We had the highest meeting attendance in four years.

The desert setting was superb. Many thanks to Pam Vinje and IMM for arranging a wonderful meeting. Dr. Clark West organized an excellent scientific and educational program. This year marked the first time that we included a comprehensive refresher course as part of the annual meeting. The 1 ½ day course entitled "MDCT in the Emergency Center" and a ½ day course on "Lower extremity trauma" were very well received.

Other program highlights included case based sessions on facial and spinal trauma and the Founder's lecture by Dr. Stanford Goldman, our immediate past president. We were also very fortunate to have a very strong scientific program with 19 scientific abstracts and 29 scientific posters presenting cutting edge material. Dr. Fred Mann was the Gold Medal recipient.

I am very excited about our 2006 Annual Meeting which will be held September 27-30, at the Omni Shoreham Hotel in Washington, D.C. Dr. Stephen Ledbetter has been busy organizing a superb program that will include a refresher course on "Trauma imaging: head to toe".

President's message continued

The hotel is located adjacent to Rock Creek Park which has countless trails for runners and walkers. There are a large number of restaurants within walking distance of the hotel. There is also a Metro station across the street providing easy access to the entire city. Late September is a great time to visit Washington, D.C. so please mark the dates on your calendar.

I would also like to share the news that Dr. Steven Baker will be stepping down as Editor of Emergency Radiology. Dr. Baker has provided stable leadership for the journal during his tenure as Editor and deserves special thanks from the entire membership of the society for his efforts. We have started a national search for his successor. Dr. Craig Blackmore and Dr. Tony Wilson will be leading the recruitment efforts. We will keep you updated regarding the recruitment efforts.

Finally, I hope to see you all in Washington D.C. in September. There are many new and exciting topics at the annual meeting this year. I hope that you will be able to attend.

Warmest Regards,

Carlos J. Sivit, M.D.

President, American Society of Emergency Radiology

ASER 2005 Annual Meeting Awards

Harris Award

Markus Körner, MD, University of Munich
“MSCT in a Mass Casualty Situation: A Simulation Study to Improve CT Scanner Tomography”

Scientific Abstract Winners

Summa Cum Laude

O. Clark West, MD, University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston
“Diagnostic Performance of 4-Slice MDCT Angiography for Diagnosing Acute Traumatic Aortic Injury and Intrathoracic Great Vessel Injuries”

Magna Cum Laude

A. C. Santosa, MD, University of California, San Diego
“Water as Enteric Contrast in Evaluating Bowel/Mesenteric Injuries in Blunt Abdominal Trauma”

Cum Laude

Markus Körner, MD, University of Munich
“MSCT in a Mass Casualty Situation: A Simulation Study to Improve CT Scanner Tomography”

Scientific Exhibit Winners

Summa Cum Laude

Robert Hayter, MD, Harvard Medical School
“MDCT in the Evaluation of Emergency Patients with Suspected Aortic Dissection and Other Aortic Disorders: Experience with 373 Patients”

Magna Cum Laude

Jeremy Kuniyoshi, MD, University of California, San Diego
“Wipeout! The Unique Radiologic Manifestations and Considerations of Board Surfing Related Injuries”

Cum Laude

Stephan Anderson, MD, Boston University Medical Center
“64 MDCT in Multitrauma Patient Imaging: Early Experience”

Case of the Day Winner

Sharon Burton, MD
Mayo Clinic
Rochester, Minnesota

Gold Medalist

Frederick A. Mann, MD
University of Washington, School of Medicine
Harborview Medical Center
Seattle, Washington

Founders Lecturer

Stanford M. Goldman, MD
University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston
Houston, Texas

ASER Membership

In the wake of the successful meeting in Tucson in September of 2005, membership in the Society remains strong at 442 members, with an additional 32 applications currently being processed. ASER's appeal continues to grow internationally: currently international members make up 13% of the total.

This past year we aggressively marketed the Society to attendees of other CME courses directed towards Emergency Radiology with good results. Given the limited number of Fellowship programs and academic positions, we continue to recruit both those currently in practice and residents and students in training. We need to be creative in our recruitment and are always happy to hear any of your suggestions for either recruitment or increasing the value of membership to make it more attractive.

I would like to thank the former membership Committee members whose terms have expired: Doctors Sravanthi Keesara, Suzanne LeBlang and Dan Schwarz have been a great help as we have transitioned to electronic review of applications. This should allow us to process applications in a rapid fashion and get new members their benefits ASAP.

This past year also saw reorganization with streamlining of Membership categories: Active, Associate, In-training, Inactive and Emeritus. This, too, should facilitate the application and approval process.

The 2006 year welcomes a new Committee member, Dr. Aaron Sodickson, along with continuing Committee Members Doctors Andy Fisher, Stephen Ledbetter and Lisa Miller working with our invaluable IMM partner, Jenny Smith.

Hoping to see you (and a few of your colleagues!) in Washington, D.C. in September.

Stephen F. Hatem, MD
Chair, Membership Committee

ASER Program Expands with New Offerings in 2006

This year the annual meeting is to be held at the Omni Shoreham Hotel in Washington, D.C.
September 27-30, 2006

Emergency Radiology is a growing subspecialty and has become a popular topic for continuing medical education courses over the last several years. The Society's goal is to maintain the annual ASER meeting as the premier CME course in Emergency Radiology. Attendee feedback from the ASER 2005 meeting in Tucson was extremely positive. This year's meeting in Washington, D.C. will build on the successes of last year, and further expand the program's offerings.

Program highlights for ASER 2006 include:

- A two-day comprehensive refresher course on "Trauma, Head to Toe"
- A **new**, concurrent 1-day International Program on Emergency Radiology led by Dominic Barron that will include several excellent speakers among our international colleagues
- A **new** 1-day concurrent resident course given by some of ASER's internationally renowned members and speakers, and directed at establishing ASER as **the** source for core curriculum in Emergency Radiology
- Several **new** self-assessment modules (SAMs) in Emergency Radiology
- Focused sessions on ultrasound in the emergency department, imaging of the acute abdomen, and imaging of neurological emergencies
- A session covering **practical** applications of coronary CTA in the emergency department, what you need to know and how to implement it in your practice
- Expansion of the Case of the Day, with **more** cases from more radiologists
- More concurrent sessions, so you have **more** choices
- Scientific sessions, case-based sessions and audience participation
- "Hot Topics" session on Outside Imaging in the Emergency Transfer: To Read or Not to Read

Attendance at the ASER 2005 meeting was higher than it has been in recent years. We hope the ASER 2006 meeting will continue this trend with a particular emphasis on expanding international and trainee participation. We hope to see you there. Go to www.erad.org to find more information on the annual meeting, and to register now for the best course, and the best value in emergency radiology continuing medical education.

A special note to registrants:

The American Academy of Family Physicians are holding a city-wide convention in Washington DC, over the ASER meeting dates. Please reserve your hotel guest room at the Omni Shoreham Hotel prior the September 1st, early bird cut off . After September 1st, all guest rooms not guaranteed will be released back to the Hotel for sale to the general public. The room rates negotiated below may also increase after September 1st, due to the high demand for guest room accommodations city wide.

The negotiated guest room rates for ASER attendees are as follows:

\$219.00+ tax Single/Double for Deluxe Run of the House guestrooms
\$500.00+ tax One-Bedroom Suites

To reserve your accommodations please call **1-800-843-6664**. Please mention you are attending the ASER Annual Meeting at the Omni Shoreham Hotel in Washington, DC

The Call for Abstracts submission site is now open on www.erad.org and will close **June 1st**.