



# American Society of Emergency Radiology NEWSLETTER

## A Message from the ASER President



Happy New Year, ASER friends and colleagues! It is my pleasure to be able to share the successes of 2011 with all of you. As those of you who attended the 2011 ASER Annual Meeting in Key Biscayne already know, it was a resounding success. Many records were set, including meeting attendance, hotel rooms booked, and corporate support. All contributed to and complemented the tremendous efforts of our Scientific Program Committee under the accomplished leadership of Dr. Aaron Sodickson, and our meeting planner, Jessica Whalen with help from her IMM colleagues. Drs. Tom Ptak, Andy Gelbman and Doug Katz again donated their considerable talents to the meeting with their stewardship of Scientific and Educational Abstracts and Exhibits, and Cases of the Day, respectively. Thanks to all the committee members, speakers, contributors, and attendees for making it what many have called the best meeting ever!

I am looking forward to this year's Meeting surpassing 2011. The Marriott New Orleans is a beautiful venue that uniquely manages to offer both the excitement of the French Quarter, and respite from it. New Orleans is a vibrant, exciting city and the French Quarter is always stimulating and interesting. Dr. Felipe Munera did a fantastic job assisting Dr. Sodickson this past year and is hard at work organizing our 2012 Program as our current Program Chair. The Meeting format will continue with the well received Trauma Head-to-Toe Course and will again offer SAMs, scientific abstracts, educational exhibits, and cases of the day. Of course, it will serve as a great opportunity for networking, brainstorming, and simply enjoying the company of both old and new friends and colleagues.

Helped by the 2011 Meeting's success, ASER remains financially strong. We are well positioned to promote new activities and upgrade existing ones. These include taking a more assertive and proactive stance in the broader radiology community, to better address our members' and specialty's needs. Some of these are addressed in the reports that follow in this newsletter. I would be remiss not to extend thanks to all those who lead and serve on various committees; their volunteerism is admirable and what has made ASER the success it is!

If you have not attended the meeting recently, I urge you to join me in New Orleans in September (sounds especially appealing from wintry Cleveland!). From the quality of the program and its speakers, to the scientific presentations and educational exhibits, to the networking and social opportunities, it should be another unique and excellent meeting, not to be missed. The 2011 bar has been set high and we aim to surpass it, with all of your help.

I look forward to seeing you there.

Stephen F. Hatem, MD  
President, American Society of Emergency Radiology



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## ASER 2011 Annual Scientific Meeting and Postgraduate Course

September 14 – 17, 2011 • Ritz Carlton Key Biscayne • Key Biscayne, Florida  
 Aaron D. Sodickson, MD, PhD, 2011 ASER Program Director



The ASER 2011 Annual Scientific Meeting and Postgraduate Course, held September 14 – 17, 2011 in Key Biscayne, Florida was a great success, attracting a record high number of 399 professional registrants, 47 spouses/guests, and 13 exhibitor representatives. There was a strong international representation at the meeting, with 100 of the attendees practicing from outside of the US.

The 2011 meeting incorporated a new format for scientific posters, as the Society moved away from the standard poster boards and displayed them electronically on a single slide. The scientific portion of the program included 14 papers, 92 electronic posters, and 16 “Cases of the Day”. The meeting offered two Self Assessment Modules, “Trauma Head to Toe: Spine Trauma” and “Trauma Head to Toe: Musculoskeletal Trauma”. These SAMs were qualified by the American Board of Radiology in meeting the criteria for self-assessment toward the purpose of fulfilling requirements in the ABR Maintenance of Certification Program.

The course consisted of presentations from 64 faculty members, 55 of whom are ASER members. From the opening session until the closing session, attendance was great, with many of the attendees participating in the question and answer period at the end of each session. Not only were the plenary sessions well received, but the new Corporate Sponsored Breakfast Updates were highly attended, and instrumental in increasing corporate support for the meeting. The 2011 meeting set a record high for the most corporate support received for an annual meeting of the Society, and the ASER truly thanks its corporate supporters for their invaluable support.

During the Annual Business Meeting of the Society, the following members were voted in as ASER Fellows: Dr. Felipe Munera of the Jackson Memorial Hospital - Ryder Trauma Center and Dr. Jorge A. Soto of the Boston Medical Center. The awards ceremony provided a pleasant conclusion to the meeting. Congratulations to all of the award recipients.

*Image of Key Biscayne, Florida  
 Courtesy of the Ritz Carlton Key Biscayne*

### 2011 ASER Annual Meeting Award Recipients

Gold Medalist	Anthony J. Wilson, MB ChB
Founder’s Lecturer	Stephen Ledbetter, MD, MPH
2011 Honorary Fellow Members	Felipe Munera, MD; Jorge A. Soto, MD
1st Place Paper Award Recipient	Scott Steenburg, MD
2nd Place Paper Award Recipient	Jennifer W. Lim, MD
3rd Place Paper Award Recipient	Michael E. Weiss, MD
1st Place Poster Award Recipient	Craig Cook, MD
2nd Place Poster Award Recipient	Alexander Hattoum, BS
3rd Place Poster Award Recipient	Robin Levenson, MD
4th Place Poster Award Recipient	Linda Armstrong, DO
5th Place Poster Award Recipient	David Dreizin, MD
Harris Award Winner	Jennifer W. Lim, MD
Novelline Award Winner	Craig Cook, MD
Case of the Day Winner	Gustav Blomquist, MD

### The Society owes the following meeting organization team a thank you for a job well done:

ASER President	Stephen F. Hatem, MD
Program Director	Aaron D. Sodickson, MD, PhD
Scientific Program Coordinator	Thomas Ptak, MD, PhD, MPH
Cases of the Day Coordinator	Andrew Gelbman, DO
Program Committee Members	Aaron D. Sodickson, MD, PhD, Chair Stephan W. Anderson, MD Mark P. Bernstein, MD; Andrew Gelbman, DO, PhD; Joel A. Gross, MD Martin Gunn, MB ChB, FRANZCR Stephen F. Hatem, MD Susan John, MD, FACR Douglas S. Katz, MD, FACR Digna R. Kool, MD Wayne S. Kubal, MD Felipe Munera, MD Thomas Ptak MD, PhD, MPH Anthony J. Wilson, MB ChB Joseph S. Yu, MD Ronald J. Zagoria, MD, FACR

## ASER Education Committee Report

As of the past ASER Annual Meeting we have done a little restructuring of the Education Committee. For one, let's give a big welcome to Dr. Kenneth Linnau, who has graciously agreed to taking on the challenge of managing the Core Curriculum Illustration Project. I can assure you, this is no easy task. We also have filled our last vacancy on the Core Curriculum Subcommittee, which was pediatrics. This section will be headed by Dr. Pinar Karakas. I'd also like to welcome Dr. Joseph Yu on the Education Committee. Many of you may know Joe through his excellent lectures in musculoskeletal imaging or through other societies. He is a dynamic person and we are very happy to have him working on our team. Joe has taken the helm of a new subcommittee dedicated to improvement in radiology resident education in Emergency Radiology. Additionally, Dr. David Nickels has come on board to help standardize and facilitate the process by which we submit cases from the Core Curriculum to our journal, *Emergency Radiology*.

We'd like to encourage participation in the Core Curriculum Illustration Project. The project now has 131 public cases and over 60 in progress. We have 100 author licenses available for our use (formerly, we had only 15), so please get involved. Below are instructions on how one can setup their own **FREE** [www.aser.mypacs.net](http://www.aser.mypacs.net) user account...The ASER Executive Committee has authorized newsletter distribution of the validation code for creating new user accounts so, **IT'S EVEN EASIER THAN BEFORE!**

1. Navigate to above URL
2. Click on the "sign up for a new account" button from the left side of the screen.
3. Fill out the registration form, making sure to enter the validation password ("erad") at the bottom. This is all you need to gain access to the cases. However...
4. If you are interested in becoming an author, please send an email to Ken Linnau ([klinnau@u.washington.edu](mailto:klinnau@u.washington.edu)), so he can add you to the approved list of authors in the MyPACS database and help you get started.

For a glimpse over the horizon...we are planning on redefining the differences between resident and fellow expectations in emergency radiology...*more to come...*

Hope to see you in the Fall in New Orleans...

Ron Bilow, MD  
ASER Education Committee Chair

## Emergency Radiology 2012

Ronald J. Zagoria, MD, FACR  
Editor-in-Chief

*Emergency Radiology*, the official journal of the American Society of Emergency Radiology (ASER) is prospering. During the past year submissions have been excellent in both quantity and quality. There continues to be a robust volume of manuscripts submitted for possible publication in *Emergency Radiology*. There has been an increase in the number of research and review articles submitted over the last year. This is a good trend that will improve the impact of our journal over time. Related to the quality of articles published, journal usage, both subscriptions and online downloads, continue to increase. The Society would like to increase the number of published high quality review articles to increase the impact of the journal.

We have a great team of reviewers for the journal. For those of you who are reviewers, I thank you for the work you do for our journal. It is essential for its success. Even with our high submission rate, we maintained a rapid process for reviewing submitted manuscripts and for making final editorial decisions.

The finished product, *Emergency Radiology* continues to be published on a regular schedule every other month. Dr. Leonard Swischuk has continued his excellent column on trauma issues unique to children that is featured in each issue. This continues to enhance each issue of our journal with useful information specific for pediatric trauma radiology.

Dr. Sravanthi Reddy continues to contribute a major article to the journal highlighting the scientific material presented at the annual ASER meeting. This creates a searchable review for those who attended the meeting and great coverage for those unable to attend.

For this year, I welcome volunteers to review for our journal and if you have a good topic for a review article, please consider submitting the manuscript to *Emergency Radiology*.

Through the help of our reviewers, editorial board, and authors, the journal is prospering and continues to improve.

*Emergency Radiology*  
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Sign up for a **free** Table of Contents (TOC) Alert of *Emergency Radiology*, the ASER journal. Every time an issue is published online, you will be notified of its content per e-mail. [Click here](#), and simply fill in your e-mail address in the box on the right hand side entitled, 'ALERTS FOR THIS JOURNAL'.

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WEBSITE**NEW to the Website - ASER Fellowship Listings**

OK...this isn't *brand* new, but it is a *relatively* new page on the website. We have received several new fellowship listings for the fellowship program page in Emergency Radiology. It has active hyperlinks for each institution, which are revisited periodically to make sure they are still functioning properly. Please take a moment to check it out! If you have a fellowship in Emergency Radiology at your institution, and it is not listed here, please let us know so we can add it. Do you have ideas on how we can improve the website? Please send them to: [ronald.m.bilow@uth.tmc.edu](mailto:ronald.m.bilow@uth.tmc.edu)

**Spring Report from the ACR Councilor for the ASER Newsletter****Robert A. Novelline, MD, FACR, ACR Councilor**

For the Spring newsletter, your ASER American College of Radiology Councilor would like to report on recent efforts of the ACR government relations department as well as several ACR initiatives: the 2012 Annual ACR meeting, a new ACR Education Center course on Emergency Radiology, the new ACR Leadership Institute, and a proposal for a new format ACR spring meeting for 2015.

The ACR has been working through its government relations department to advocate on behalf of the membership with Congress, federal agencies, and state legislative and regulatory bodies. ACR has been particularly active in supporting radiology issues regarding proposed healthcare reform legislation. Of concern is legislation to offset the scheduled 27% reduction in Medicare physician reimbursement, due to the flawed Sustainable Growth Rate (SGR) formula. ACR anticipated this scenario and is working with House leaders to include in any SRG bill; provisions to block CMS mandated multiple procedures payment reduction to the professional component of diagnostic imaging.

The ACR 89<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting and Chapter Leadership Conference is scheduled in Washington DC, from April 21 – 25, 2012. The council will convene on Sunday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>, during which the councilors will participate in the business, educational and legislative activities of the ACR. A major topic for discussion during plenary sessions will be healthcare reform, with lectures on accountable care organizations; use of medical imaging; quality and safety. Saturday's categorical course is entitled "Abdominal Imaging 2012: The current knowledge base that supports safe and clinically effective practice". The council will conclude activities on Tuesday, April 24<sup>th</sup>, and on Wednesday, April 25<sup>th</sup>, registrants will participate in congressional visits.

The ACR is expanding its portfolio of very successful hands-on training courses by adding a three-day course fully devoted to Emergency Radiology and is doing it in partnership with the ASER. The Executive Committee of the ASER approved the involvement of the Society in this ambitious project and appointed Aaron Sodickson, M.D. Jorge A. Soto, M.D. and O. Clark West, M.D. as Co-Directors of the "A Weekend in the ED" course. This will be a hands-on, case intense, training program intended to improve or sharpen the interpretive skills of radiologists practicing emergency radiology in all types of settings. The course will be offered 4 times per year at the ACR's Training Center in Reston, Virginia; the first one is scheduled for June 13-15, 2012. All faculty who participate in this program will be members of the ASER. The Society is indebted to Jorge Soto, M.D., for leading the efforts that made this partnership with the ACR possible.

The American College of Radiology has also developed a new Radiology Leadership Institute (RLI) to train leaders for the future of radiology. The RLI will provide advanced leadership courses, designed for various levels of professional experience. The RLI will equip radiology professionals in both private practice and academia with leadership skills to permit them to advance their careers and strengthen the radiology profession.

Last summer Paul H. Ellenbogen, MD, FACR, Vice-Chair of the Board of Chancellors, approached the ACR with the idea of expanding the annual meeting and chapter leadership conference (AMCLC) to become a more engaging, all-member meeting in 2015. While the AMCLC has always been open to all ACR members, it has typically only been attended by councilors and alternate councilors. The concept is to attract more ACR members to the meeting, providing new content, centered on the business and information structure of the current AMCLC. More specifically, the concept proposes providing some unique ACR educational programming, to offer additional CME and SAMS opportunities to the ACR membership. Details of this future meeting are under development and discussion.

## ASER Membership Update

Sravanthi Reddy, MD, ASER Membership Committee Chair

### 2012 Membership Dues

The first notice has been sent; and if you have not already paid your 2012 dues, please remember to do so. Dues can be submitted via mail, fax or online. To obtain a copy of your invoice, please log in to the ASER online payment site, <https://aser.meetingmanagers.com:444/>. When prompted, please enter your e-mail address on file with the ASER, and your password. If this is your first time accessing the online payment site, your password is – password (all lowercase). Once you are logged in, you will be prompted to change your password for security purposes.

### How Much Time Do You Allocate to the ER/Teleradiology?

The ASER would like to get to know its membership better, and asks that you update your membership record to note the percentage of your time allocated to practicing Emergency Radiology/Teleradiology. You can update your record when you pay your 2012 dues via the aforementioned payment site, or you may send an e-mail to [aser@meetingmanagers.com](mailto:aser@meetingmanagers.com).

### Welcome New Members

Since the last newsletter, the Membership Committee has had an influx of 83 new Society members. Please join us in extending a warm welcome to the Society's newest members:

<u>Active Members</u>	<u>Training Members <i>continued</i></u>	<u>Training Members <i>continued</i></u>
Dr. Joshua Aalberg	Dr. Andrew Boyer	Dr. Benjamin Meyer
Dr. Anjali Agrawal	Dr. Jeremy Cannell	Dr. Patrick Millerd
Dr. Shane Bezzant*	Dr. Hamid Chalian	Dr. Sahar Mirpour
Dr. Nagaramesh Chinapuvvula	Dr. Majid Chalian	Dr. John Morelli
Dr. Kelly Corrigan	Dr. Andrew Choi	Dr. Ogonna Nwawka
Dr. David Dalzell	Mr. Dennis Choi**	Dr. Kaplesh Panchal
Dr. Gary Danton	Mr. Youngkey Chung**	Dr. Darshan Patel**
Dr. David DeLonga*	Dr. Craig Cook	Dr. Delip Patel
Dr. Katrina Glazebrook	Ms. Shannon Corbett**	Dr. Suchit Patel
Dr. Kiran Jain	Dr. Farid Dahi	Mr. Vaiibhav Patel**
Dr. Abdul-Majid Khan	Dr. Kevin Delk	Ms. Elizabeth Perry**
Dr. Bharti Khurana	Dr. Suzette Fink	Dr. Warren Perry**
Dr. Noel Langhorne	Dr. Yaniv Gal	Dr. Jonathan Phelan
Dr. Brian Marshall	Mr. Jeffrey Gartner**	Dr. Nirjmal Phulwani
Dr. Dirk Mueller	Dr. Lucas Geyer	Dr. Drew Pierce
Dr. Vijayanadh Ojili	Dr. Elon Granader	Dr. John Pietila
Dr. Mario Orsini	Dr. Faris Haddad	Dr. Jaideep Rampure
Dr. Timothy Pendergrass*	Dr. Jay Haggerty	Dr. Kenny Rentas
Dr. Katrina Read	Dr. Scott Hamlin	Dr. Megan Saettele
Dr. Michael Reiter*	Dr. Christopher Hartness	Dr. Nitima Saksobhavivat
Dr. Christopher Roth	Dr. John Harvey	Dr. Kiran Sheikh
Dr. Thomas Seay*	Dr. Mandeep Heir	Dr. Connie So
Dr. Berndt Schmit	Dr. Ryan Hernandez	Dr. Christopher Takehana
Dr. Paul Sherman*	Dr. Stephanie Horton	Dr. Elias Taxakis**
Dr. Kenneth Tarr	Ms. Fariha Hussain**	Dr. Jacob Thomas**
	Dr. Sheldon Jensen	Dr. Joshua Tice
<u>Training Members</u>	Dr. Ream Justin	Dr. Jennifer Uyeda-Lim
Dr. Shah Akash	Mr. Shawn Kumar**	Mr. Gauthier Vinee**
Dr. Amana Akhtar	Dr. Jeanne Lammering	Dr. Karoly Viragh
Dr. Juan Baez	Mr. Jason Laufman**	Dr. Cara Whiteman
Dr. Christina Bakalis	Dr. Tiffany Lewis	Mr. Stephen Zintsmaster**
Dr. James Berger	Mr. David Lin**	
Mr. Zeeshaan Bhatti**	Dr. Remy Lobo	
Dr. Ritu Bordia	Dr. Cleo Maehara	

\*Active Military

\*\*Medical Student

## ASER Membership Update

### Continued

The Society is grateful to the many of you who have actively promoted ASER in your lectures, to your partners, residents and clinical colleagues; and we encourage you all to keep up the good work. The Society is only as strong and active as its membership. Happily, we are thriving, but, as always, looking for more ways to promote the Society as the voice of, and driving force behind, Emergency Radiology. Please forward any suggestions for improving member services or for new recruitment to me, Sravanthi Reddy at [sravanthi.reddy@usc.edu](mailto:sravanthi.reddy@usc.edu).

#### How to Join the ASER

Radiologists, scientists, imaging technologists, physician assistants in radiology, practice assistants in radiology, or non-radiological physicians with an interest in Emergency Radiology whose credentials are acceptable to the Membership Committee, and who are interested in promoting the goals of the American Society of Emergency Radiology are invited to complete the application form. New applications are reviewed on a monthly basis by the Membership Committee. Upon approval, a dues invoice and notification of acceptance will be sent. To download a printable membership application, please click on the following link, [ASER Membership Application](#). For additional information regarding ASER membership, please visit the ASER website at [www.erad.org](http://www.erad.org)

#### Benefits of Joining the ASER

There are many benefits to joining the American Society of Emergency Radiology, including:

1. Discounted registration fee for the annual meeting of the Society
2. Hard copy and online subscription to the Society's official journal, *Emergency Radiology* (*members-in-training receive only the online subscription; however, a hard copy subscription may be purchased for an additional fee*)
3. Complete access to the ASER website, which includes the Core Curriculum Illustration Project and the members only online directory, allowing you the opportunity to connect with emergency radiologists throughout the US and abroad
4. The opportunity to participate on numerous committees

#### Military Discount

If you qualify for active or associate membership within the ASER and are in full-time training duty in one of the US Military branches listed below, then you are eligible for a membership discount. Please note that applicants must also submit a copy of their government ID.

Army	Air Force
Navy	USMC
Coast Guard	Reserve/National Guard

#### All Members-in-Training Receive FREE Membership in the ASER

The Executive Committee and the Membership Committee of the American Society of Emergency Radiology are pleased to inform you that residents, fellows and medical students can join the ASER for FREE! As previously noted, members-in-training will receive free online access to the Society journal, *Emergency Radiology*, and can subscribe to the printed version at a discounted rate of \$45/year\*. They will also be able to attend the Annual Meeting of the Society at a discounted rate. Members-in training are encouraged to submit an abstract for consideration of presentation at the annual meeting of the Society.

If you have questions regarding your membership or need to update your contact information, please contact the ASER Office via e-mail at [aser@meetingmanagers.com](mailto:aser@meetingmanagers.com) or via telephone at 713.965.0566. Please encourage your residents, fellows and medical students to join today! \*At the time of publication of this newsletter.

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### REMEMBER TO CHECK THE ASER JOB BOARD

This is a free Job Listing service on the website of the American Society of Emergency Radiology, and is dedicated to Emergency Radiology professionals. Register to post your free, 60 day listing today. Get started now, by [clicking here!](#)

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