

# Newsletter

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Presidents and representatives of seven Central American radiology societies met with the ISR Executive Committee 5 June in Guatemala City. They are: (seated from left) Norma Brooks of Honduras, Josethy Solorzano of El Salvador, Lilli Weng de Espino of Panama, ISR President Francisco Arredondo of Guatemala, Ines Carrasco of Honduras, Cristina de Gomez of El Salvador, Mirna Tellez of Nicaragua, and (standing from left) Armando Zamora of Guatemala, Miguel E. Stoopan, president of the InterAmerican College of Radiology, Faylan Esquivel of Costa Rica, Julio Diaz of Belize.

## **CENTRAL AMERICAN PRESIDENTS MEET WITH ISR**

The presidents of Central American radiological societies met with the International Society of Radiology (ISR) Executive Committee on 5 June in Guatemala City to discuss ways in which the ISR might help them with educational programs and other efforts. That session was the first of what the ISR hopes will be a series of regional meetings.

The session was arranged by ISR President, Francisco Arredondo, who also is the retiring president of the Guatemalan society. A major purpose of the discussion was to make the presidents aware of the availability of educational materials from societies and organizations which cooperate with the ISR. A second purpose, said Dr. Arredondo, was to help the presidents get acquainted and to work together on small conferences and electronic learning exercises.



Members of the ISR Executive Committee at their June meeting in Guatemala City. Seated, from left, are Jan Labuscagne of South Africa, treasurer Hans Ringertz of Sweden, Claude Manelfe, secretary general, of France, and standing from left: George Klempfner, past-president, from Australia, Jean Chalaoui of Canada, Francisco Arredondo, ISR president, of Guatemala, Holger Petterson, ISR president-elect, from Sweden and Lawrence Lau of Australia.

## **HRICAK, FRIJA LECTURERS AT ISR 2006 IN CAPE TOWN**

Hedvig Hricak of New York City and Guy Frija of Paris, France will be the featured lecturers at the 2006 international congress 12-16 September in Cape Town, Republic of South Africa.

The ISR sponsors two special lectures at each congress. The one to be delivered by Dr. Hricak honors Antoine Beclere, a pioneering French radiologist, and the one to be delivered by Dr. Frija honors Walther Fuchs, the Swiss radiologist who was secretary-general of the ISR for almost two decades. Dr. Hricak is the chairman of diagnostic radiology at the Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center. Dr. Frija has been the secretary-general of the French Society of Radiology and, shortly, will take a similar post with the European Association of Radiology. Both will receive Beclere medals, the ISR's award for individuals who have contributed to international radiology.

In addition to the two lecturers, the ISR Executive Committee voted to award three other Beclere medals. They will be presented at the Cape Town meeting to George Klempfner of Melbourne, Australia, retiring past president of the ISR, to Lilian Leong of Hong Kong, a past president of the Asian and Oceanian Society of Radiology, and to Cesar S. Pedrosa of Madrid, Spain, a prominent educator and principal author of a leading radiology textbook.

## DETAILS ANNOUNCED FOR ISR 2006 REGISTRATION

Early registration costs and details for the International Society of Radiology 2006 on 12-16 September in Cape Town, Republic of South Africa have been announced by the national sponsor Radiological Society of South Africa.

“We have priced registration and hotel costs in the South African rand, rather than in dollars or euros because of the constant fluctuations in currency exchange,” explained Richard Tuft, president of the RSSA. “We will accept credit cards and international money transfers which should make the conversion easy for registrants.”

Registration before 30 June 2006 will be 3900R. After that date, the full charge will be 4300R. As of the end of August, 2005, the conversion was 7.73R to the euro and 6.36R to the US dollar. Fees for residents, radiographers and accompanying persons are 1500R early and 1650R late.

The sponsors suggest that reservations for any of the 10 participating hotels be made through the congress headquarters to take advantage of negotiated convention rates. Hotels require payment in rands but will accept credit cards. Their double rates, using the August conversion, range from 315 euro or \$380 US to 80 euro or \$95 US. The quoted rates include breakfast and a 14 percent VAT. The hotels require a 50 percent deposit at the time of booking and complete payment by 5 June 2006. Requests for reservations after 5 June 2006 will be served on a space available and current price basis.

Participating hotels are the Arabella Sheraton, the Table Bay Hotel, the Southern Sun Cape Sun, the Southern Sun Cullinan, the Holiday Inn Waterfront, the Commodore Hotel, the Protea President, the Capetonian Hotel, the City Lodge Waterfront, the Protea Sea Point and the Protea Breakwater Lodge.

The congress secretariat can be reached at **Global Conferences, Box 44503, Claremont 7735, South Africa**, or by phone at **27 21 762 8600**, or by fax at **27 21 762 8606** or by email at **isr2006globalconf.co.za**. The congress website is [www.isr2006.co.za](http://www.isr2006.co.za)

Registrants from most countries will not require a visa to visit South Africa for 30 days or less. A specific list of those countries requiring a visa can be obtained from the South African website [www.saembassy.org](http://www.saembassy.org) with reference to consular services.

## SCIENTIFIC PROGRAM HAS AFRICAN EMPHASIS

A daily series of presentations on African challenges and problems in radiology will be a distinctive feature of the scientific program for ISR 2006, 12-16 September, announced the program chairman, Jan Labuscagne of Cresta, RSA.

Most of the sessions will be organ-system based, to include chest, abdomen, bone, neurology, pediatrics, head and neck, plus women's imaging, oncologic imaging, interventional procedures, he said. Daily sessions will be offered in French and in Spanish. The International Society of Radiographers and Radiologic Technologists is a congress participant and will organize a series of lectures for its registrants. All of the scientific presentations will be open to technologists. Speakers will be confirmed and announced early in 2006.

The Beclere lecture by Hedvig Hricak will be presented at 11:00 on Wednesday, 13 September, and the Fuchs lecture by Guy Frija will be delivered at 11:00 on Friday, 15 September. The opening session and opening of the exhibits will begin at 16:30 on Tuesday, 12 September.

The program committee will welcome submission of abstracts for proffered papers if received before 28 February 2006. Abstracts must be submitted online and directed to the Scientific Program Secretariat at [isr2006@globalconf.co.za](mailto:isr2006@globalconf.co.za). The committee welcomes abstracts for oral presentations and also for exhibits. Details about abstract requirements are listed at the website cited above. Acceptance notices will be sent in April 2006 and those accepted must register no later than 15 May to keep a spot on the program.

### **DUES PAYMENTS CAN BE MADE AT RSNA**

Some national societies have advised the ISR secretariat that making annual dues payments is difficult because of national currency restrictions or the cost of interbank transfers.

The ISR has arranged an alternative method for society officers attending the meeting of the Radiological Society of North America 27 November-2 December. Michaela Gelvin, who keeps the financial records for ISR, will be in the American College of Radiology booth during normal exhibit hours at the RSNA. She is authorized to accept dues payments for 2005 for those societies not yet paid and for 2006 for those who find this method convenient. Dues notices for 2006 will be sent to all societies in December.

She can accept cash in US currency, checks in dollars or major credit cards. Receipts will be provided.



### **ICR 2008 CONTRACT**

For the signing of a contract between ISR and the Moroccan Society of Radiology for sponsorship of ICR 2008 in Marrakesh, Nouredine Chakir, general secretary of the organizing committee, met with ISR President Francisco Arredondo and Secretary-General Claude Manelfe, during the November 2004 session of the ISR Executive Committee.