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To: Officers, National Radiology Society members of the International Society of Radiology



From: Nicholas Gourtsoyiannis, President

Dear Doctor:

In 2012, from 3 to 6 May, the International Society of Radiology and the Jornada Paulista de Radiologica in Sao Paulo Brazil will be joining together to present a very remarkable meeting which combines the International Congress of Radiology program with the annual Sao Paulo Radiological Society meeting. This will be a remarkable event with programs in both English and Portuguese and simultaneous translation for many of the lectures. In recent years, the Sao Paulo meeting has become the third largest attendance of any radiology meeting in the world. We are honored and delighted to participate.

As your president of the International Society of Radiology, I want to ask each leader of a national radiology society to be aware of this significant meeting and to make your plans to attend the congress and participate in refresher courses and exhibits, as well as hearing outstanding lectures. I also request that you mention this congress to members of your society with the hope that some of them may be interested in attendance. Details about the registration and arrangements can be found in the website www.spr.org/br/jpr2012.

For our member societies, we will conduct a meeting of our International Committee on Friday, 4 May at 2PM (1400) in Room A of the Conference Center, the Transamerica Expo Center. This is the occasion when national societies are supposed to send delegates to hear our reports and to vote on nominees for officer positions and, in this instance, some proposed amendments to the ISR bylaws which are intended to help expand our service to our national societies. One other element at the international meeting will be a vote for those societies, possibly including yours, who are interested in sponsoring delegate members of the ISR Executive Committee. You will get another letter with specific details about this later this year.

In addition to this amazing congress in a leading city in South America, I call your attention to the expansion of the ISR website with new educational materials in recent years. Our website, www.isradiology.org, now contains three virtual congresses, our remarkable GoRad, the system for emphasizing practice articles from 28 leading radiology journals, plus reference texts and other educational materials in the near future. Please look at the website yourself and call it to the attention of your members. No charges are made for any of our website services.

As to future international congresses, I inform you that our Executive Committee has voted to invite the Egyptian Society of Radiology and Nuclear Medicine to be the host for ICR 2014 and the Argentine Society of Radiology to be the host for ICR 2016.

The details about the program registration and hotel reservations are attached below. Most of us will need a visa to enter Brazil. When you apply for enrollment, you will receive a letter of invitation which can accompany your application for a visa.

I hope to see you in Sao Paulo. If you have questions or suggestions, please write to me.