



Newsletter

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PRESIDENT'S PEN

Dear Colleagues around the World—

In a few days we will get together in Cape Town for another International Congress of Radiology. Thanks to the great job and dedication of the local organizing committee, led by Jan Labuscagne and Richard Tuft, president of the Radiological Society of South Africa, and a fine professional committee supporting them. ISR 2006 will be a magnificent congress with an excellent scientific program that includes speakers and topics from all over the world. This represents the truly international nature of our society. The social program will allow us to meet in friendship and fraternity — one of the main purposes of our congresses.

On behalf of the ISR Executive Committee, I welcome you to a week of the highest scientific quality and friendship and we look forward to seeing you all there.

—*Francisco Arredondo, M.D.*
President, ISR

DETAILS TO BE COMPLETED IN FINAL WEEKS PRIOR TO ISR 2006

Late registrants attending the ISR 2006, 12 to 16 September in Cape Town, Republic of South Africa, may get a price break on the cost of enrollment and local expenses due to a recent decline in the value of the South African rand (R) against the euro and the dollar, said Richard Tuft of Cape Town, president of the South African society and host to the congress.

As the scientific program nears completion, sessions in French will parallel most of the panel discussions in English. Daily sessions of an “African symposium” will present topics on radiology in topical medicine and on teaching and continuing medical education. The InterAmerican College of Radiology has organized sessions in Spanish. Proffered papers will be presented in sessions on Thursday afternoon. Sessions for radiographers have been organized in collaboration with the International Society of Radiographers and Radiologic Technologists. Radiographers registering for

Congress are eligible to attend any of the sessions.

The two major social events of the congress will be the opening session and general reception on Tuesday afternoon, September 12th and dinner on Friday, September 15th at Moyo, a large country restaurant outside of Cape Town. Registration for the Moyo dinner is **not included** in the general registration fee but can be made at the time of registration.

Registration for radiologists is 4300 R. Fees for radiographers, residents and accompanying persons are 1650 R. Dr. Tuft observed that using a major credit card for registration can ease the complexities of currency transfer. He reminded potential registrants that the congress secretariat would make hotel reservations in any of the 10 participating hotels at a special congress rate.

The secretariat can be reached at: Global Conferences, Box 44503, Claremont 7735, South Africa; Tel: 27 21 762 8600; Fax: 27 21 762 8606; Email: isr2006@globalconf.co.za, or Website: www.isr2006.co.za.

VIRTUAL CONGRESS SUCCEEDS IN LATIN AMERICAN COUNTRIES

The first year of an electronic “virtual congress of radiology” in Spanish has had instant acceptance from radiologists in Spain and Latin America. The program consists of lectures recorded by leading radiologists in Latin America and available *via* the website of the InterAmerican College of Radiology. Some 1,762 radiologists and residents registered when the virtual congress was announced and 1,623 viewed all of the lectures, thus earning a certificate of attendance. More than 97 percent of the registrants came from Spain and Latin

American countries.

The program was developed by radiologists in the national societies in Spain and Argentina, with the distribution responsibility taken over by the IACR. A second set of lectures is being organized for 2007, said Miguel Stoopen of Mexico City, president of the IACR. The virtual program offers a balance in odd years to the biennial InterAmerican Congress of Radiology held in even years, he said. The IACR also presents other electronic courses and conferences available to radiologists in even years.

The website address for registration and participation is www.radiologiavirtual.org. There is no charge for participation, said Dr. Stoopen.

The IACR is in its 73rd year. It has 25 national radiology societies representing most of the 55,000 radiologists in Latin America and Spain. Spanish is the primary language for more than two-thirds of the radiologists.

The economic circumstances in many of the countries in the IACR make it difficult for many radiologists to attend the biennial InterAmerican Congresses of Radiology and for them to travel to other international meetings, Dr. Stoopen explained. Perhaps a thousand radiologists from Latin America attend the annual meetings of the Radiological Society of North America.

To continue management of the virtual program, the IACR created a committee on electronic radiology including Francisco Javier Rodriguez Recio from Spain, as coordinator, along with Alejandro Bereznak from Argentina, Oswaldo Ramos from Venezuela, and Jose Luis Criales Cortes from Mexico.

AMERICAN COLLEGE OF RADIOLOGY BEGINS TWO NEW LECTURE SERIES

The American College of Radiology has announced two new online-lecture series which were to be available by the end of the current summer.

One of the series, called “Virtual Lecture Hall,” will be directed toward training programs with basic presentations. The first three presentations in the series are: (1) magnetic resonance imaging by William G. Bradley, Jr., of San Diego, California, (2) gastrointestinal imaging by Pablo Ros of Boston, and (3) breast imaging by Edward A. Sickles of San Francisco.

The second series, entitled “Grand Rounds,” during its first year, will present 12 broad reviews of current areas of imaging development, said Maurice Reeder of Washington, DC, organizer of the two packages for the ACR. The lectures will be offered on the basis of one new presentation per month. The first six lectures and topics include Lee F. Rogers of Tucson, Arizona on shoulder trauma; William G. Bradley on proton MR spectroscopy of the brain; Edward I. Bluth of New Orleans on duplex carotid ultrasound, Pablo Ros on abdominal imaging and virtual laparotomy; Donald L. Resnick of San Diego on degenerative disorders of the vertebral column and Gillian M. Newstead of Chicago on MR-guided breast intervention.

Both series will be available by subscription to radiology teaching facilities around the world. Only subscribers will be provided with an access code to the lectures. A subscription to the virtual lecture series will be \$350 US for teaching programs. For the Grand Rounds, subscription details will be available by early autumn. The ACR will offer subscriptions to both series at no cost to radiology teaching departments in countries throughout Africa, Asia, Latin America and Eastern Europe.

Registration may be accomplished by writing the American College of Radiology at: 1891 Preston White Drive, Reston, Virginia 20191 USA, or by email at: acrcampus@acr.org.

RADIATION PROTECTION MANUALS AND COMMENTARIES FROM IAEA

The International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) announced the availability of 14 publications. Dealing mostly with medical applications of ionizing radiation. All of them are available for purchase from the IAEA, priced in euros. The primary publications are in English, however, several of them are also available in French, Russian, Chinese, Spanish or Arabic.

The publications are available by email at: sales.publications@iaea.org.

Nuclear Medicine Resources
Manual (STI/PUB/1198) 65 euros

Optimization of the Radiological
Protection of Patients Undergoing
Radiography, Fluoroscopy and
Computed Tomography
(IAEA TECDOC series 1423) 15 euros

Quality Assurance for Radioactivity
Measurement in Nuclear Medicine
(STI/DOC/010/454) 42 euros

Radiation Oncology Physics: A
Handbook for Teachers and
Students (STI/PUB/1196) 65 euros

Radiological Protection for Medical
Exposures to Ionizing Radiation
Safety Guide: Safety Standards
Series (RS-G-1.5) 14.4 euros
(Chinese, English, French, Russian)

Screening of Newborns for Congenital
Hypothyroidism—Guidance for
Developing Programs

(STI/PUB/1234)	40 euros
Accidental Overexposure of Radiotherapy Patients in Bialystok (STI/PUB/1180)	24 euros
Applying Radiation Safety Standards in Diagnostic Radiology And Interventional Procedures Using X-rays: Safety Reports Series 39 (STI/PUB1206)	28 euros
Applying Radiation Safety Standards in Nuclear Medicine: Safety Reports Series 40 (STI/PUB/1207)	28 euros
Applying Radiation Safety Standards in Radiotherapy: Safety Reports Series 38 (STI/PUB/1205)	28 euros
Development of ^{99m} Tc Agents for Imaging Central Neural Systems Receptors Technical Reports series 426 (STI/DOC/010/426)	33 euros
International Basic Safety Standards for Protection against Ionizing Radiation and for the Safety of Radiation Sources: Safety Series 115 (Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian, Spanish, also CD ROMs)	78.50 euros
Labeling Techniques of Biomolecules for Targeted Radiotherapy TECDOC series 1359	15 euros