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GLOBAL STEERING GROUP DEFINES FIRST PROJECTS

The Global Steering Group for Education and Training in Diagnostic Imaging, organized last June by the ISR and the World Health Organization, has proposed a series of monographs on basic radiology by body systems as its first efforts.

Publications on radiography of the musculo-skeletal system, abdomen and obstetrical region, chest and heart, trauma and neuro-radiology will make up the first group, announced Holger Pettersson of Lund, Sweden, co-chairman of the global steering group and chairman of the International Committee on Radiologic Education.

Other initiatives will be developed on equipment maintenance, radiation protection, quality assurance and facility management, said Harald Ostensen, WHO medical officer for diagnostic imaging and laboratories and co-chairman of the global group.

The steering group was a product of a four-day workshop on radiology education sponsored by WHO. Joseph A. Marasco, of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, USA, president of ISR, was workshop chairman. The group has commitments for participation from other international, continental and national societies. They include the World Federation of Nuclear Medicine and Biology, the World Federation in Ultrasound Medicine and Biology, the European Association of Radiology, the InterAmerican College of Radiology, the Asian Oceanian Society of Radiology, the American College of Radiology, the Radiological Society of North America, the International Society of Radiographers and Radiologic Technicians, the Mediterranean-African Society of Ultrasound. The five WHO collaborating centers in Delhi, India; Lund, Sweden; Nairobi, Kenya; Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, USA and Trondheim, Norway also will participate.

Dr. Pettersson said that he hopes to persuade various collaborating societies to take a lead on the proposed monographs and other efforts. The group hopes to explore print and electronic publishing, possibly with translation into several languages. Both co-chairmen emphasized that, in addition to the steering group's own projects, they hope that the group can help to coordinate and distribute the educational products of other radiology groups.

ISR PROPOSES NEW OFFICERS, BECLERE MEDALISTS

Pending ratification by the International Committee when it meets in September in Buenos Aires, the ISR Executive Committee proposed a new slate of officers to begin terms at that time.

Carl-Gustav Standertskjold-Nordenstam of Helsinki, Finland, the current president-elect, succeeds to the presidency and the incumbent, Joseph A. Marasco, of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, USA, becomes immediate past president.

George Klempfner of Melbourne, Victoria, Australia, the current secretary-general, was nominated as president-elect. Francisco Arredondo of Guatemala City, Guatemala, was nominated as secretary-general. Hans Ringertz of Stockholm, Sweden is the nominee for treasurer.

The Executive Committee approved four radiologists to receive the Beclere Medal, the society's highest honor. They are Lenny Tan of Singapore, retiring past president; Ludovico DallaPalma of Trieste, Italy, former member of the Executive Committee; Jean Francois Moreau of Paris, France, current ISR treasurer; and Sidney deSouza Almeida of Ameriana, Brazil, past president of the IACR. Dr. Tan will be the Beclere lecturer at ICR 2000 and Dr. DallaPalma will present the Fuchs lecture in Buenos Aires.

PLANS FOR ICR 2000 NEAR COMPLETION

More than 100 internationally renowned lecturers from four continents will be the core faculty for five intense days of scientific presentations at ICR 2000, 4-8 September of this year at the Sheraton Hotel and Conference Center in Buenos Aires, Argentina.

In addition to the invited speakers, ICR sponsors have issued a call for proffered papers. The program features 20 topic areas featuring contemporary imaging of major body systems. In addition, sessions on emergency radiology, interventional procedures, history, education, forensic medicine, informatics, malpractice and radiologic technology are scheduled.

The formal opening session is set for 1600 hours on the opening day (Monday 4 September) after a full day of scientific sessions. A plenary session is scheduled at midday of each meeting day. Two of those on Tuesday and Friday will feature the Beclere and Fuchs lectures of the ISR. Official languages are Spanish and English, with simultaneous translation provided for all sessions. The principal social activity on Wednesday is a tango night to acquaint visitors with Argentina's national dance.

The scientific program has been organized by Ricardo Garcia-Monaco and Carlos R. Gimenez of the sponsoring Argentine societies with the assistance of Holger Pettersson, chairman of the International Committee on Radiologic Education, and Francisco Quiroz, representing the InterAmerican College of Radiology. Co-presidents are Ruben Gonzalez Villaveiran of the Argentine Radiological Society and Ernest O. Briggs of the Argentine Federation of Radiology, Diagnostic Imaging and Radiant Therapy. The congress is co-sponsored by the ISR and by the InterAmerican College of Radiology, of which Francisco Arredondo is president.

Registration fees for ICR 2000 are \$300 US for radiologists until August and \$400 US thereafter. A special rate for physicians in their first five years after graduation is \$100 US until August and \$150 US thereafter. The rate for radiologic technologists is \$150 US until August and \$200 US thereafter. The program is approved for 38 hours of continuing medical education credit via the IACR and the Radiological Society of North America.

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ICR 2002 SCHEDULED FOR CAIRO, EGYPT

The ISR has confirmed an agreement with the Egyptian Society of Radiology for sponsorship of ICR 2002 at the convention center in Cairo, Egypt in September 2002. Major committees have been appointed by the society and early planning for the program has begun.

ISR WEBSITE EXPANDS E-MAILING LIST ADDED

The ISR has expanded its electronic communication capacity by adding an e-mailing list to its website. National member societies, cooperating groups and interested individuals can subscribe to the mailing list. The mailing list will contain messages from the ISR to its various publics and will be open for members to post their own messages about international radiology topics or comments and invite responses from others viewing the mailing list.

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