

Report of the Associated Sciences Consortium

The Associated Sciences Consortium is composed of 12 organizations, AHRA: The Association for Medical Imaging Management, American Institute of Architects - Academy of Architecture for Health, American Society of Radiologic Technologists, Association for Radiologic and Imaging Nurses, Association of Educators in Imaging and Radiologic Sciences, Inc, Association of Vascular and Interventional Radiographers, Canadian Association of Medical Radiation Technologists, The College of Radiographers, the International Society of Radiographers and Radiological Technologists, Radiology Business Management Association, Section for Magnetic Resonance Technologists, and the Society of Nuclear Medicine and Molecular Imaging Technologists Section.

The past year was exciting and productive for the Associated Sciences Consortium. In January 2012 the Associated Sciences Consortium met in Chicago to plan their program for the RSNA Annual Meeting. There was a series of ten 90-minute refresher courses that took place all day Monday, all day Tuesday, and Wednesday morning. New this year was the addition of audience response technology to each Associated Sciences course.

This year six new courses were introduced into the program: Are You Ready: The Business Case for Cultural Competence--Impact of Health Literacy; Are You Ready: The Business Case for Cultural Competence--Impact of World View; Radiology in the Developing World: Strategies for Improving Global Health; Creating a Just Patient Safety Culture; and Reimbursement Realities.

Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday at noon, the RSNA Student Radiographers Theater was held. For 2012 an additional morning session was added in response to the evaluation data provided by program directors. The 2012 series included four sessions rather than the usual three. This continues to be a popular experience for area radiologic technology students and their program directors. Topics presented in 2012: Good Images-- Accurate Diagnosis; Bad Images: Inaccurate or Delayed Diagnosis; Situational Awareness in Radiology; "To Report or Not to Report-That is the Question"; Clinical Decisions in Radiology-- Patient Care and Imaging Responsibilities.

The Associated Sciences Consortium appreciates the support of the RSNA Board of Directors and staff. The Consortium strives to present programs that will be of significant value to the RSNA attendees from the radiological sciences and to participating radiologists. We believe that there will be continued growth in the attendance of our sessions as there continues to be an increase in allied health personnel attending the annual meeting.

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