

## **Report of the Associated Sciences Committee**

The Associated Sciences Committee main responsibility is to oversee the activities of the Associated Sciences Consortium. The Associated Sciences Consortium is composed of 11 organizations: AHRA: The Association for Medical Imaging Management; American Institute of Architects - Academy of Architecture for Health; American Society of Radiologic Technologists; 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 September 2013 the Associated Sciences Consortium met in Chicago to plan their program for the 2014 RSNA Annual Meeting. The planning approach was changed so that large topic areas common to the sponsoring organizations were developed to cover the ten 90 minute sessions and with each organization taking the lead for a topic area. The topic areas include, Imaging Services Delivery/Patient Assessment/Safety, Effective & Efficient Imaging Services, Reimbursement, Dose/Radiation Safety, Emerging Imaging Trends, Global Imaging and Issues, Staffing/Personnel, and Patients. This plan will help with future planning as the member organizations will be searching for talented and current speakers for the topic areas all year rather than selecting topics/titles at the September planning meeting and then searching for speakers and then ensuring they are willing to join us at RSNA. The session sponsor will provide the title and brief description to the group for review and coordination of titles to ensure no overlap, coverage of a knowledge gap, and coverage of the topic areas by October 1 with speaker identification by November 1. Review and finalization of the next year's program would occur at the Consortium meeting that occurs during the Annual Meeting with identification of any gap areas. Final program, speakers, and speaker information would be sent to RSNA staff by January 1.

At the 2013 Annual Meeting, there was a series of ten 90-minute refresher courses that took place all day Monday, all day Tuesday, and Wednesday morning. The refresher courses kicked off with a two-part series, "Global Health," on Monday morning. Audience response technology was used in each Associated Sciences Refresher Course.

The RSNA Student Theater was held Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday at noon with an additional session on Monday morning. These sessions continue to be a popular and positive experience for area radiologic technology students and their program directors. Topics presented in 2013: Clinical Decisions in Radiology - Patient Care and Imaging Responsibilities; To Report or Not to Report - That Is the Question; Good Images - Accurate Diagnosis; Bad Images - Inaccurate or Delayed Diagnosis; and Why Do Good Technologists Do Bad Things?

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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