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## ■ PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

*Dr. Ritsuko Komaki*

Congratulations to the American Radium Society (ARS) on a very successful meeting in Amsterdam, Netherlands in May 2007. In spite of the challenges of transitioning to a new management team, we had an outstanding meeting. I extend my great appreciation to Dr. Jonathan Beitler, Past President of the ARS and his wife, Dr. Mary Katherine Hayes, Dr. Peter Johnstone, the Scientific Program Committee Chair, and the members of the Scientific Program Committee, as well as the members who spent time and effort to raise funds for the 89th ARS Annual Meeting. Best of all we had an outstanding Executive Director, Ms. Jaclyn Weinstein, who performed incredible tasks and demonstrated her ability to be creative and efficient.

Congratulations are also due to the fantastic speakers, including Janeway Lecturer, Dr. Harry Bartelink from The Netherlands Cancer Institute. Dr. Bartelink presented a talk titled: "Moving Towards a New Era in Radiotherapy." Other keynote speakers, Johannes H.A.M. Kaanders, MD, PhD and Jens Overgaard MD, presented insightful molecular imaging studies, translational research and results of well-conducted prospective clinical trials. We were truly impressed by their talks. I would also like to congratulate those who received Young Oncologists Essay Awards and Travel Grants, as well as all of our speakers and poster presentations, which were scientific and well received.

The American Radium Society will have its 90th Annual Meeting at the Ritz Carlton Laguna Niguel in California from May 3 – 7, 2008. New this year, we have added a Post-Graduate Course to be held on Friday, May 2, 2008, just preceding the Annual Meeting. Dr. Thomas Buchholz has agreed to chair this course and has a list of extraordinary faculty lined up to present an "Update on Multidisciplinary Management of Non-Metastatic Breast Cancer." Please check for more information on this Post-Graduate Course, as well as information on the 90th Annual Meeting at [www.americanradiumsociety.org](http://www.americanradiumsociety.org).

The theme of the 90th Annual Meeting will be "Toward Individualized Cancer Therapy." The Scientific Program Committee, chaired by Dr. Alan Pollack, has recruited an exceptional group of lectures, including Dr. John Mendelsohn, President of The University of Texas M. D. Anderson Cancer Center, to give the famed Janeway Lecture. Other keynote speakers will be Dr. Jay Loeffler of the Massachusetts General Hospital and Dr. Armando Giuliano of the John Wayne Cancer Institute. We also have self-assessment modules (SAMs) on Head and Neck Cancer, which will be presented by Dr. Kian Ang and Dr. Jonathan Beitler, and Lung Cancer, which will be presented by Dr. Jeff Bradley and Dr. Kenneth Rosenzweig.

The Ritz Carlton, Laguna Niguel is an exquisite venue, located at one of Southern California's premier seaside towns, where you can meet artists and enjoy tropical gardens and beaches stretching along 7 scenic miles. This year's Main Social Event will be held nearby in the historic town of San Juan Capistrano at El Adobe de Capistrano, a historic landmark, built in 1797, which housed the court and jails in 1812 and is now a famous restaurant.

I am truly excited by the scientific rejuvenation of the American Radium Society through its post-graduate course and emerging on-line education. We are constantly adding more benefits to your membership. ARS has a great deal to offer, and we ask your help in spreading the word to recruit your colleagues, residents, physicists and other related professionals. We are fortunate to have Jaclyn Weinstein, who handles all the daily activities and communications for the American Radium Society. Please contact her with any questions or visit our website [www.americanradiumsociety.org](http://www.americanradiumsociety.org) for additional society information. Please send any suggestions and comments to improve the American Radium Society. We would like to hear from you.



Drs. Jonathan Beitler, Elin Sigurdson, Drew Ridge and Mary Katherine Hayes and ASTRO CEO Laura Thevenot enjoy themselves during the main event at Cafe Americain.



Janeway Lecturer, Dr. Harry Bartelink, explores the Hilton Amsterdam's famed John and Yoko Suite.



2007 ARS President Dr. Jonathan Beitler, ARS Executive Director Jaclyn Weinstein and 2008 ARS President Dr. Ritsuko Komaki smile for the camera during the President's Dinner at the West Indies House.

## ■ ARS 89<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL MEETING RECAP

Dr. Peter Johnstone, 2007 Scientific Program Committee Chair

### SUMMARY OF 2007 ARS MEETING

The **89th ARS Annual Meeting, *Integrating Imaging into Cancer Management***, was a success!

On behalf of the ARS 2007 Program Committee, we would like to thank all of the presenters, moderators, discussants, members, guests and residents who contributed to making the Amsterdam Meeting one of the best meetings the ARS has ever had! We had a record number of abstracts submitted for the meeting, and the caliber of research findings presented was outstanding.

ARS prides itself on the structure of the meeting, offering afternoons free to explore the destination in which the meeting takes place. This year was no exception. Amsterdam provided an exquisite locale to explore and take in, and our optional tours and social events highlighted the city. The Scientific Program in the mornings was an outstanding mix of topics including proffered papers, panels, a debate and fascinating Keynote Lectures: *Microenvironmental Characteristics and Individualization of Treatment of Head and Neck Cancer* by Johannes HAM Kaanders, MD, PhD of UMC St. Radboud, and *Importance of Clinical Radiobiology and Translational Research for Optimal Radiotherapy – Experience from the Danish Head and Neck Cancer Group* by Jens Overgaard, MD of Aarhus University Hospital. The prestigious **Janeway Lecture** was presented by Harry Bartelink, MD of the Netherlands Cancer Institute, entitled *Moving Towards a New Era in Radiotherapy*.

One of the additional highlights of the 89th ARS Annual Meeting was the recognition of the many outstanding oral presentations and posters given by up and coming young oncologists. Erik P. Sulman, MD (M. D. Anderson Cancer Center), Daniel J. Indelicato, MD (University of Florida) and Elizabeth A. Kidd, MD (Washington University) were this year's **Young Oncologist Essay Award** winners. In addition to these, **Young Oncologist Travel Grants** were awarded to eight residents and trainees in the field of oncology. These winners were U. Hermanto, MD (M. D. Anderson Cancer Center), Roy H. Decker, MD (Yale Cancer Center and Wilford Hall Medical Center), Moira C Ferrier, MD (East Carolina University), Joshua D Lawson, MD (Emory University), Matthew C Abramowitz, MD (Fox Chase Cancer Center), Phuoc T Tran, MD (Stanford University Medical Center), Jinesh N Shah, MD (Columbia University) and Pimkhuan Kamnerdsupaphon, MD (Chiang Mai University, Thailand).

Please mark your calendars for the **90th Annual Meeting, *Toward Individualized Cancer Therapy***, from **May 3-7, 2008 at the Ritz Carlton Laguna Niguel, California**, which promises to be an outstanding meeting! The abstract deadline is **November 9, 2007**. See you there!

**MARK YOUR  
CALENDARS!****May 2, 2008**

Post Graduate Course

*Update on Multidisciplinary  
Management of  
Non-Metastatic Breast Cancer***May 3-7, 2008**

ARS 90th Annual Meeting

*Toward Individualized  
Cancer Therapy  
Ritz Carlton**Laguna Niguel, California***April 25-29, 2009**

ARS 91st Annual Meeting

*Four Seasons Vancouver,  
BC, Canada***VISIT ARS AT  
THE ASTRO  
MEETING!****October 28 -  
November 1, 2007**Visit the American  
Radium Society  
Exhibit Booth #504  
at the ASTRO Meeting*Los Angeles  
Convention Center  
Los Angeles, CA***■ ABOUT THE ARS 90<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL MEETING**

The **90th Annual Meeting of the American Radium Society** will be held at the Ritz Carlton Laguna Niguel in California from May 3-7, 2008. The ARS Meeting is the world's oldest multidisciplinary cancer conference and has a tradition of scientific excellence, collegiality, and a multidisciplinary scientific program.

The theme for this year's meeting will be *Toward Individualized Cancer Therapy*. The Scientific Program Committee, chaired by Dr. Alan Pollack, has recruited an extraordinary group of lecturers and panelists including Keynote speakers, **Jay Loeffler, MD** of Massachusetts General Hospital and **Armando Giuliano, MD** of John Wayne Cancer Institute, as well as Janeway lecturer **John Mendelsohn, MD** of U.T. MD Anderson Cancer Center.

Panels, featuring experts in the field, will be conducted on *Hypofractionation, Practical Aspects of Targeted Therapy, Lung Cancer and Cervix Cancer*. In addition, a debate on *Pelvic Irradiation for Prostate Cancer* will be featured.

**Self-Assessment Modules (SAMs)** on **Head and Neck Cancer** and **Lung Cancer** will be offered.

**NEW THIS YEAR:** The ARS will offer a Post Graduate Course on May 2, 2008 at the Ritz Carlton Laguna Niguel. Visit [www.americanradiumsociety.org](http://www.americanradiumsociety.org) for updates regarding this course, as well as information on the Annual Meeting.

**WHERE: Laguna Niguel, CA** - Laguna is Southern California's premier seaside artist haven – with quaint cottages, subtropical gardens and sandy coves, stretching along a seven-mile scenic coastline. Artists began arriving more than a century ago – drawn by the year-round, picture-postcard weather. Today, distinguished visitors from around the world come to Laguna Beach to enjoy the superb art galleries, restaurants, and idyllic resort atmosphere.

**WHO:** The ARS meeting is open to ARS Members and Non-Members, specializing in the field of Oncology – Medical Oncology, Surgical Oncology, Radiation Oncology, Gynecological Oncology, Head and Neck Oncology and Industry Leaders.

**HOW:** Registration will be opening soon, so be sure to mark your calendars with the meeting dates.

**American Radium Society Registration**

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Email: [info@americanradiumsociety.org](mailto:info@americanradiumsociety.org)Website: [www.americanradiumsociety.org](http://www.americanradiumsociety.org)**REGISTER ON-LINE!** Beginning early 2008**HOTEL INFORMATION:****The Ritz Carlton Laguna Niguel**

One Ritz-Carlton Drive • Dana Point, CA 92629

Phone: +1 (949) 240-2000 • Fax: +1 (949) 240-0829

To book your hotel room at the group rate, please visit:

<http://www.ritzcarlton.com/en/Properties/LagunaNiguel/Default.htm>Or call: **949-240-2000**

When booking be sure to use group code: ARSARSA

*More information  
will be available  
soon. Please check  
the website for  
updates.*



**MAY 3-7, 2008**  
**RITZ CARLTON LAGUNA NIGUEL**  
**CALIFORNIA**

The American Radium Society invites you and your colleagues to participate in the ARS 90<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting...

*Toward Individualized Cancer Therapy*



**CALL FOR ABSTRACTS**

All authors who wish to present papers for the ARS 90<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting may submit online, starting **September 4, 2007**. Abstracts may be selected for either oral or poster presentations. Accepted abstracts will be published in the onsite final program and in *Oncology*.

**Deadline for submission is November 9, 2007.**

We encourage everyone to submit an abstract, whether or not you are a member of ARS. Visit [www.americanradiumsociety.org/abstracts](http://www.americanradiumsociety.org/abstracts) for more information and complete submission instructions.

**Travel Grants and Essay Awards:** Trainees who submit a completed manuscript, dealing with subjects related to clinical, translational or basic research, by November 9, 2007, are eligible for the Young Oncologist's Essay Awards. These awards provide an honorarium of \$500 plus reimbursement up to \$2000 for travel. Young Oncologist Travel Grants of \$1000 will also be available for outstanding abstracts that are reviewed favorably for presentation at the Annual Meeting. More information can be found online.

For more information, please visit [www.americanradiumsociety.org](http://www.americanradiumsociety.org).

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Bruce G. Haffty, MD
Peter A.S. Johnstone, MD, <i>Ex-Officio</i>
Andre Konski, MD
Quynh-Thu Le, MD
John Ridge, MD, PhD
Raymond Sawaya, MD
Elin Sigurdson, MD
Ann S. Tsao, MD
Lynn D. Wilson, MD, MPH

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**Representatives to the American Board of Radiology**

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