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■ PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Raymond Sawaya, MD
ARS President

The 91st American Radium Society annual meeting concluded on April 29, 2009 in Vancouver, Canada. By any account, this was a highly successful meeting, with a record number of abstracts received. We owe much gratitude to our immediate past-president, Dr. Bruce Haffty for his leadership and hard work over the past year in helping advance the cause of our society and bringing it to its current status as a vibrant and growing society. Great appreciation is also due to Dr. Lynn Wilson for the outstanding scientific program he organized and managed. Our annual meeting is the only activity we provide that brings us all together in a lovely environment, conducive to academic pursuits and enhanced fellowship.

It gives me great pleasure, and indeed it is an honor, to serve as your president for this year. I have been associated with the society for over 15 years and have attended almost every meeting. Great efforts go into the planning; assuring broad representation and participation of multidisciplinary and qualified experts in order to present stimulating and balanced discussions. To this end, I am pleased to report that Dr. Quynh Thu Le, the 2010 Scientific Program Chair has already assembled her committee and has outlined the major components of our program for next year. The meeting will take place at the J. W. Marriott in Cancun, Mexico on May 1-5, 2010.

In addition to this major aspect of our society's activities, there is a need to continue to develop our organization strategically. To this end, a survey addressing a number of topics and initiatives is being developed and will be sent to our entire membership for input and feed-back. It is essential to get your participation if we are to continue to improve our activities and increase their relevance.

Once again, I am pleased and honored to serve as your president and look forward to my role and my interactions with all of you.

— Raymond Sawaya, MD

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2009 MEETING RECAP

Lynn Wilson, MD, ARS 2009 Scientific Program Chair

Planning for this 91st Annual Meeting in Vancouver began during the 90th annual meeting in Laguna Niguel, CA in 2008. The Scientific Program Committee was comprised of 20 members representing a wide variety of institutions and included radiation, surgical and medical oncologists. The theme of the meeting, was "Enhanced Tumor Targeting Through Technology and Biology," and a program was planned and established which has hopefully achieved that mission. New for 2009 was a contouring learning laboratory that took place on April 25th and included GI, lung and prostate cancers. A substantial amount of planning was put into this under the guidance of Andre Konski, MD, MBA who is the course chair. Presenters during the learning lab included Dr. Alan Pollack, Dr. Ken Rosenzweig, Dr. Lisa Kachnic and Dr. Chris Crane. Because of the logistical complexities of real time learning, Dr. Konski spent a significant amount of time planning this event and seeking input from members of the Scientific Program Committee. Following the theme of this year's meeting, Drs. Paul Harari and David Stewart from University of Wisconsin and MD Anderson Cancer Center, respectively, were invited to give key note addresses. Dr. Larry Kun from St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital was invited to give the Janeway Lecture.

At this year's meeting, there were two self-assessment modules that were selected based on careful review of the meeting agendas from the previous five years. The first self-assessment module was on gynecologic cancer and was given by Beth Erickson, MD. The second module was on lymphoma and given by Joachim Yahalom, MD.

There were four panels at the meeting this year which included esophageal cancer, sarcoma, breast and protons. The respective panel chairs were Dr. Mohan Suntha (Dr. Crane substituted for Dr. Suntha due to a travel delay), Dr. Kaled Alektiar, Dr. David Wazer and Dr. Stephen Hahn.

A special feature of this year's meeting was a debate which included Eric Chang, MD and Roy Patchel, MD. The subject of the debate was "Whole Brain RT Versus No Whole Brain RT Following SRS for Brain Metastasis," and a lively discussion ensued.

With respect to abstract content, there was a wide range of subjects covered including breast cancer, genitourinary cancer, head and neck cancer, lung/thoracic cancer, CNS/peds/lymphoma/sarcoma, gastrointestinal cancer and gynecologic cancer/miscellaneous disorders. In terms of abstract submissions, there was a new record set for the 2009 meeting with a total of 207 abstracts submitted. Six essay awards were selected in addition to ten travel grants, which is also an increase over last year.

Overall, the 91st Annual Meeting was a huge success! See you next year at the 92nd Annual Meeting in Cancun, Mexico.



ARS holds its first ever Computer Learning Lab: Contouring for GI, Lung and Prostate Cancers.



ARS attendees visit with exhibitors during the Welcome/Opening Exhibit Hall Reception.



ARS 2008-2009 President, Dr. Bruce Haffty, makes a new friend at the ARS Main Social Event at the Vancouver Aquarium.



Dr. Haffty presents Camille Green with a Young Oncologist Essay Award.



ARS Executive Committee members enjoy the President's Dinner.



ARS 91st Annual Meeting attendees at the Vancouver Aquarium social event.

■ 2009 POST GRADUATE COURSE

Dr. Andre Konski, ARS 2009 Post Graduate Course Chair

The first American Radium Society Post-Graduate Course dedicated solely to contouring was held at the 91st Annual Meeting in Vancouver. With the support of Anatom-e and IBM Life Sciences, 44 attendees were able to follow along with 4 faculty members contouring prostate, lung, lower and upper gastrointestinal cancers. Dr. Alan Pollack highlighted the basic structures in the treatment of primary and post-prostatectomy prostate cancer, including contouring of the at-risk pelvic lymph nodes. Dr. Kenneth Rosenzweig illustrated both primary lung cancer organs at risk as well as contouring for stereotactic body radiotherapy of primary lung cancers. Dr. Lisa Kachnic described the difficulty in contouring for anal and rectal cancer. She pointed out the difficulties in anal cancer contouring she experienced as one of the principal investigators for the recently closed Radiation Therapy Oncology Group (RTOG) trial. Finally, Dr. Christopher Crane pointed out the organs at risk for pancreatic and stomach cancer treatment including the importance of proper technique for the CT treatment simulation, including oral and intravenous contrast and how lack of contrast makes identification of the at risk tumor volumes difficult.

■ SECRETARY'S REPORT

Dr. Tom Buchholz, ARS Secretary

2009 ELECTION RESULTS & APPOINTMENTS

The following ARS members were elected to leadership positions during the annual ARS business meeting held during the ARS 91st Annual Meeting:

Secretary (2009-2011): Thomas Buchholz, MD

Member at Large (2009-2011): Kaled Alektiar, MD

2010 Scientific Program Committee Chair (2009-2010): Quynh-Thu Le, MD

The following ARS members were appointed to leadership positions by ARS President Dr. Ray Sawaya:

Janeway Lecture Committee Chair (2008-2011): Mary Katherine Hayes, MD

Resident & Attending Educational Committee Chair (2007-2010): Joachim Yahalom, MD

Representative to the National Council

on Radiation Protection & Measurements (2009-2012): Ritsuko Komaki, MD

■ ARS 2010 ANNUAL MEETING

Quynh-Thu Le, MD, 2009-2010 SPC Chair

The theme of the 2010 American Radium Society in Cancun will be "Improved Outcomes through Judicious Applications of Advanced Technology". The meeting will include a variety of panels, two self assessment modules (SAMs), several poster and oral presentations, two key note speakers, a Janeway Lecture, and a lively debate on the role of randomized clinical trials on proton therapy for prostate and lung cancers. The program is already being assembled and the panel topics will focus on (1) New Technologies and Outcomes, (2) Management of Liver Tumors and Metastases, (3) Stereotactic Management of Central Nervous Tumors and Functional Disorders and (4) Integration of Targeted Therapy and Radiation Therapy. The SAMs will cover small cell lung cancer and pediatric tumors. Several panelists, SAM presenters, speakers and debaters have already been confirmed but a final list of speakers and faculty members will be solidified by the late summer.

Based on the success of last year postgraduate course on tumor volume contouring, we will again be holding a similar contouring course focusing on head and neck and breast cancers. Recognized experts in these fields will be leading the course, and we will have active participation with more allotted time for individual interaction with faculty members.

We will continue to provide a large number of awards for the 2010 meeting to encourage participation from trainee members. There will be ten Young Oncologist Travel Grants and six Young Oncologist Essay Awards.

Please join us for an exciting and educational program on May 1-5, 2010. Abstract submission will be opened on August 30, 2009. More information will be available on the website, www.americanradiumsociety.org.

Hope to see you in Cancun!

■ 2009-2010 ARS COMMITTEES

Executive Committee

Raymond Sawaya, MD, President	2009-2010
Peter A.S. Johnstone, MD, President Elect	2009-2010
Thomas Buchholz, MD, Secretary	2009-2011
Alan Pollack, MD, PhD, Treasurer	2008-2010
James D. Cox, MD, Industry Relations Chair	2007-2011
Kaled Alektiar, MD, Member at Large	2009-2011
Elin Sigurdson, MD, Member at Large	2008-2010
Quynh-Thu Le, 2010 SPC Chair	2009-2010
Bruce G. Haffty, MD, Immediate Past President	2009-2010

Constitution & By-Laws Committee (3-year term)

Kenneth Roberts, MD (Chair)	2008-2011
Ray Sawaya, MD (Ex-Officio, President)	
Andre Konski, MD	2009-2011
John Ward, MD, FACS	2007-2010

Educational Resources Committee (3-year term)

Thomas Buchholz, MD (Chair)	2007-2010
Ray Sawaya, MD (Ex-Officio, President)	
Ron Allison, MD	2007-2010
Ana Maria Gonzalez-Angulo, MD	2007-2010
Elin Sigurdson, MD	2007-2010
Lynn Wilson, MD, MPH	2007-2010

Industry Relations/Development Committee (4-year term)

James D. Cox, MD (Chair)	2007-2011
Jonathan J. Beitler, MD, MBA, FACR	2007-2011
Nancy Lee, MD	2007-2011
Ann S. Tsao, MD	2007-2011

Janeway Lecture Committee (3-year term)

Mary Katherine Hayes, MD (Chair)	2008-2011
Ray Sawaya, MD (Ex-Officio, President)	
Laurie Gaspar, MD	2009-2010
Steve Hahn, MD	2009-2012

Membership & Credentials Committee (3-year term)

Thomas Buchholz, MD (Chair)	2009-2011
Ray Sawaya, MD (Ex-Officio, President)	
Steve Hahn, MD	2007-2010
Ben Slotman, MD	2009-2011
Vani Vijayakumar, MD	2009-2012
Srinivasan Vijaykumar, MD	2008-2011
John Ward, MD, FACS	2007-2010

Nominating Committee (3-year term)

Meena Moran, MD (Chair)	2008-2011
Kenneth Rosenzweig, MD	2009-2012
Kenneth Russell, MD	2007-2010

Resident & Attending Educational Committee (3-year term)

Joachim Yahalom, MD (Chair)	2007-2010
Ray Sawaya, MD (Ex-Officio, President)	
Sung Kim, MD	2008-2011
Jeff Bradley, MD	2009-2012

Website & PR Committee (3-year term)

Ashesh Jani, MD (Chair)	2008-2011
Ray Sawaya, MD (Ex-Officio, President)	
Jeff Michalski, MD	2009-2012
Lynn D. Wilson, MD, MPH	2007-2010

2009 Scientific Program Committee (1 year term. 2009-2010)

Quynh-Thu Le, MD (SPC CHAIR)	
Kaled Alektiar, MD	
Jeffrey A. Bogart, MD	
Thomas Buchholz, MD	
Christopher Crane, MD	
John Davis, MD, FACS	
Roy Decker, MD	
Iris Gibbs, MD	
Bruce Haffty, MD	
Stephen Hahn, MD	
Andre Konski, MD, MBA, MA, FACR	
Meena Moran, MD	
Alan Pollack, MD, PhD	
Drew Ridge, MD	
Kenneth Rosenzweig, MD	
Ray Sawaya, MD (Ex-Officio, President)	
Anne Tsao, MD	
Jeffrey Weinberg, MD	
Lynn Wilson, MD, MPH (Ex-officio)	
Sue S. Yom, MD, PhD	

International Member Task Force

Chung-Taik Chung, MD (Chair)	
Tetsuo Akimoto, MD	
Chul Ha, MD	
Mashiro Hiraoka, MD	
Ritsuko Komaki, MD	
Chung Kyu Kim Lee, MD	
Zhongxing Liao, MD	
Rolf-Peter Mueller, MD	
Etsuyo Ogo, MD	
Bin Teh, MD	
Joachim Yahalom, MD	

Representative to the Board of Chancellors of the American College of Radiology

Richard Hoppe, MD	2008-2011
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Representative to the Commission on Cancer

Erich Sturgis, MD	2009-2012
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Representative to the National Council on Radiation Protection & Measurements

Ritsuko Komaki, MD	2009-2012
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Trustees of the American Board of Radiology

Beth Erickson, MD	2003-2007, 2007-2011
Kian Ang, MD	2004-2008, 2008-2012
Bruce Haffty, MD	2005-2009, 2009-2013

The American Radium Society invites you and your colleagues to
participate in the
ARS 92nd Annual Meeting
May 1-5, 2010
JW Marriott Cancun
Cancun, Mexico



Improved Outcomes Through Judicious Applications of Advanced Technology

President: Raymond Sawaya, MD
Program Chair: Quynh-Thu Le, MD



CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

All authors who wish to present papers for the ARS 92nd Annual Meeting may submit an abstract online starting **August 30, 2009**. Abstracts may be selected for either oral or poster presentations.

Deadline for submission is November 6, 2009.

We encourage everyone to submit an abstract, whether or not you are a member of the ARS.

Visit www.americanradiumsociety.org/abstracts for more information and complete submission instructions.

Original contributions should be submitted for consideration; any work that has already been accepted for publication or previously presented is not eligible.

Travel Grants and Essay Awards:

Trainees who submit a completed manuscript, dealing with subjects related to clinical, translational or basic research, by November 6, 2009, 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.

For more information, please visit www.americanradiumsociety.org or contact the ARS office:

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