

JANUARY 2009

Dear ACR Councilor/Alternate Councilor:

Happy New Year! I hope you and your families enjoyed a wonderful holiday season. We are busily working with the ACR Council Steering Committee (CSC) and ACR staff to ensure a successful 2009 AMCLC.

### **New Year's Resolutions**

While getting your ACR resolutions in on time may not have been tops on your personal list of resolutions, the deadline is rapidly approaching. Please make sure your resolutions are received at the ACR offices by no later than **Tuesday, February 2**. To access the proper format for submitting a resolution, please go to [www.acr.org/resolutionprep](http://www.acr.org/resolutionprep). Please send your completed draft resolutions to Brad Short at [bshort@acr.org](mailto:bshort@acr.org) or Jen Fisher at [jfisher@acr.org](mailto:jfisher@acr.org).

### **Zerhouni and Chang Added to List of Outstanding Speakers**

Elias Zerhouni, former Director of the National Institutes of Health will give the annual Robert D. Moreton, M.D. Lecture on Monday morning (May 4). The topic will focus on how scientific advances and changing paradigms in the delivery of health care will affect the roles of radiologists in the future.

Paul Chang, M.D. will give a presentation during lunch on Tuesday, May 5. The title of his talk is "Re-Engineering Radiology in an Electronic and Flattened World: Radiologist as Value Innovator."

In addition to continuing the theme from last year's AMCLC on the future of the specialty, we are confident that this year's program will be outstanding and that some new features will make the meeting run even more smoothly than the past.

### **Conflict of Interest**

The ACR Council Steering Committee, working with ACR Legal staff, has developed a new conflict of interest statement that will be required of all Councilors and Alternate Councilors participating in this year's annual meeting. You can avoid long lines at the Credentials Desk by completing your ACR Councilor Conflict of Interest Form online now at [www.acr.org/amclc09/COIStatement](http://www.acr.org/amclc09/COIStatement).

### **Technology Enhancements 2009**

#### **• USB Drives**

**This year, we are encouraging members to bring their laptops to the AMCLC.** We will provide all Councilors and Alternate Councilors with a portable USB drive that will not only include all the information you are used to getting in the 10-pound agenda book, but will also contain some additional ACR resources not included in the printed book. This additional content will include excellent ACR resources to assist you and your chapter, as well as information about College programs and benefits. **You will have the option of selecting your preference of receiving a copy of the agenda book or a USB drive on your registration form.**

#### **• Practice Guidelines and Technical Standards Revisions**

We understand that many of you have traditionally used the agenda book to assist you with marking up the proposed practice guidelines and technical standards you wish to amend in the open reference committee

sessions on Monday. We directed staff to utilize technology to allow you to access these practice guidelines and technical standards both on-site and online in order to edit, print and submit revised changes to the reference committees. **Please note that all amendments submitted to the reference committee on-site must be heard in the reference committee session to be considered by the reference committee. Thus, you may be able to access, edit, print and submit your proposed changes to the reference committee. However, you must still testify in person in order for your suggested changes to be considered by the reference committee.**

- ***Special AMCLC-09 Web Portal***

To further ensure access to robust information and knowledge sharing, the ACR has established a new AMCLC-09 Web portal. The public face of this portal ([www.acr.org/amclc09](http://www.acr.org/amclc09)) will be available on the main ACR website and provide a one-stop shop for exciting information on AMCLC-09. A private section of the portal, the AMCLC-09 Knowledge Center, will be available during the course of the meeting to all conference attendees. Features such as document sharing, discussion boards, and tools for communicating with conference attendees are designed to improve productivity and enrich the conference experience.

- ***Better Wired***

At this year's AMCLC you will have extended cell phone use as well as Wi-Fi access in the registration area. Like last year, the official AMCLC Web portal will be available in the ballroom. The web portal will provide resources for your use both before and during the meeting.

- ***Electronic Registration***

This year you will have the option of registering for the meeting and hotel online or through the traditional paper brochure. You may access the registration form online now at [www.acr.org/amclc09reg](http://www.acr.org/amclc09reg) and submit the form via fax, mail or our online option.

- ***Computer Print Station***

The meeting will also provide a station for attendees to access e-mail and print information.

## **Program Highlights**

- ***SATURDAY – May 2, 2009***

This year's meeting will include an outstanding CME session on Saturday entitled, "Musculoskeletal MR." The session will begin at 8:00am on May 2 and will provide 7 AMA PRA Category 1 Credits. The all-star faculty will include: Mark Murphey, M.D. from the Armed Forces Institute of Pathology; Mark DeSmet, M.D., FACR, University of Wisconsin; William Morrison, M.D., Thomas Jefferson University; and David Rubin, M.D., Mallinckrodt Institute of Radiology.

- ***SUNDAY – May 3, 2009***

Sunday's session will kick off with several important reports from ACR leadership on the activities and direction of the College and profession. We will then hear from prospective leaders of the College who will make their candidate presentations as they vie for several open seats including the College Nominating Committee, Council Steering Committee, ACR Board of Chancellors, ACR Vice-Speaker and ACR Resident and Fellow Section Representatives to attend the Intersociety Conference in the summer. Sunday will culminate in two distinguished traditions. Arl Van Moore, Jr., M.D., FACR will give the President's Address

on Sunday afternoon. The College will then bestow its highest honors (gold medals, honorary fellowships and ACR fellowships) at its annual convocation. The President's Reception for New Fellows follows the convocation.

• **MONDAY – May 4, 2009**

Elections will be held on Monday morning. Monday morning is also dedicated to the annual Robert D. Moreton Lecture featuring Elias Zerhouni, M.D., former Director of NIH. Monday morning and early afternoon are dedicated to open hearings before the reference committees. All proposed practice guidelines and technical standards as well as any proposed policy resolutions are open for consideration. Back by popular demand will be open microphone sessions. The first of two planned sessions will occur Monday at lunch. We will deviate from past tradition and have a working lunch for attendees as we discuss some of the most prominent issues in radiology today. Monday afternoon is devoted to a central focus of the AMCLC, preparing for our Capitol Hill visits which will take place on Wednesday.

• **TUESDAY – May 5, 2009**

Tuesday morning will be devoted to our interactive economics session. This informative session will provide the latest on public and private financing of radiology and how you can maximize both yours and your group's economic potential. Paul Chang, M.D. will be our featured luncheon speaker. Tuesday afternoon, the Council will be in session to consider the reference committee reports. The second planned open microphone session will occur immediately after the consideration of the reference committee reports. Tuesday night will feature the ever-popular RADPAC Gala. Make plans to attend this session and most importantly give to this critically important cause.

• **WEDNESDAY – May 6, 2009**

Members are encouraged to take part in the Capitol Hill visits as we bring radiology's voice to Capitol Hill. With a new president and new Congress taking over in late January, it is essential that we engage our members of Congress and their staff's on the priorities for radiology and our patients.

**Practice Guidelines and Technical Standards**

The Council meeting will focus on the consideration of resolutions. There are 28 practice guidelines and technical standards to be deliberated this year (one additional resolution sunsets the Scrotal Scintigraphy Practice Guideline). On February 9, 2009, the 28 practice guidelines and technical standards will be available during the Final Field Review for your comments until February 27, 2009. To review and comment on any of the documents to be considered at AMCLC, go to [www.acr.org/reviewguidelines](http://www.acr.org/reviewguidelines). Please remember that all comments received during the Final Field Review will be considered by the reference committees.

**Important Dates**

• **Meeting Registration Forms – Available Online!!!**

Meeting forms are available online at [www.acr.org/amclc09reg](http://www.acr.org/amclc09reg). A copy of the AMCLC brochure will be mailed to you later this month. Please visit [www.acr.org/amclc09](http://www.acr.org/amclc09) for current updates and information.

• **ACR Councilor and Alternate Councilor Identification – ASAP!!! Past January 15 Deadline!!!**

If you have not sent in your complete listing of ACR Councilors and Alternate Councilors from your chapter or specialty society, please do so immediately. The Office of Chapter and Volunteer Development needs to

identify all Councilors and Alternate Councilors in advance of the meeting. Please submit updated Councilor and Alternate Councilor information via e-mail ([chapters@acr.org](mailto:chapters@acr.org)) or fax (703-262-9319).

• ***Resident and Fellow Section Identification – February 1, 2009***

The College needs each chapter to identify its sponsored resident or fellow representatives and provide that information to ACR staff **by no later than Monday, February 1, 2009**. This information can be submitted via fax (703-262-9319) or e-mail ([chapters@acr.org](mailto:chapters@acr.org)). Information on sponsoring residents is available online at [www.acr.org/SponsorMITs](http://www.acr.org/SponsorMITs).

• ***Resolution Submission Deadline – February 2, 2009***

Policy resolutions are also a critical part of the AMCLC. Only councilors, chapters, the Board of Chancellors or Council Steering Committee can sponsor resolutions. **The resolution deadline for this year's meeting is Tuesday, February 2, 2009**. To access the proper format for submitting a resolution, please go to [www.acr.org/resolutionprep](http://www.acr.org/resolutionprep). Please send completed resolutions to Brad Short at [bshort@acr.org](mailto:bshort@acr.org) or Jen Fisher at [jfisher@acr.org](mailto:jfisher@acr.org).

• ***Meeting Registration Deadline – April 3, 2009***

This is the final opportunity for AMCLC attendees to register for the meeting. Should you register for the Pre-conference categorical course and have to cancel an existing registration, **please notify ACR in writing prior to Friday, April 3, 2009** to receive a full refund, less administrative charges.

• ***Hotel Reservation Deadline – April 10, 2009***

Again, those attending the AMCLC will be able to secure hotel accommodations at the Hilton Washington Hotel. The ACR has reserved sleeping rooms for meeting attendees at an established group rate. However, rooms are available on a first-come, first-served basis. The ACR cannot guarantee that rooms will be available after the reservation deadline of **Friday, April 10, 2009**. Reservations made after that time will be accepted by the hotel on a space-available basis and may not be at the ACR group rate. For more information regarding housing and travel information, please visit [www.acr.org/amclc09/travel](http://www.acr.org/amclc09/travel).

**Questions**

Any questions you have about the meeting should be sent to Jen Fisher (800-227-5463 ext. 4386) or Brad Short (800-227-5463 ext. 4975). Questions regarding Chapter Officers, Councilors, Alternate Councilors or the Resident and Fellow Section should be directed to Fran Cordero (800-227-5463 ext. 4496) or Trina Zeberlein (800-227-5463 ext 4998).

We look forward to a very exciting next few months as we put the finishing touches on what we believe will be an exciting AMCLC 2009.

Sincerely,



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