

CARDINAL RAYS



Annual Meeting 2011

The 71st Annual Meeting of the OSRT was held April 14th-17th in Dublin, Ohio. The meeting was a smashing success with a total of 580 attendees, representing Ohio, Michigan, Kentucky, West Virginia, & Connecticut in attendance! This year's annual meeting held a twist from the usual format when the hotel lost all power and **Kevin Rush** had to do his presentation in the dark by candlelight! **KUDOS** to Mr. Rush for carrying on the show! In addition to our various educational sessions for technologists, the students also hosted a Student Open Forum. This format allowed students to ask any questions they might have about their future profession. A special thanks to **Tracy Herrmann, Nina Kowalczyk, Jonathan Mazal,** and **Kevin Rush** for serving on the expert panel. Thanks also to our annual meeting co-chairs, Linda Rizzo and Nikki Lyons for a great meeting!

And the winners are...

In the competition venue, members submitted essays, posters, and of course, participated in the infamous "Quiz Bowl Session". Please keep in mind all of those that participated are winners!

The winner of the **Mary E. Atkins** first place award in the student *essay* competition was **Samantha Burton** from The Ohio State University for the essay entitled, "Respiratory Gated Radiation Therapy: An Emerging Treatment Modality."

The second place winner was Shoshanah Snowman, also of The Ohio State University for her essay entitled, "Pneumonectomy as Treatment for Non-Small Cell Lung Cancer: a Case Report."

In the student *poster* competition the winners of research category dedicated

to the **Sara J. Bauer's Award** were Jonathan **Mazal** for his poster entitled, "Comparative Effectiveness of Alternative Imaging Procedures in the Monitoring of the Progression of Crohn's Disease."

Second place went to **Candace Hughes** entitled, "A comparison of the effectiveness of dual catheter and embedded catheter techniques used for PE thrombolysis."

This year the recipient of the **Philip Ballinger Student Self-Assessment Award** was **Jeremy Curran**, a student at Marion Technical College.

In the clinical applications posters category the winner was **Jeremy Bradley**, for fMRI: *The New Polygraph* and **Jessica Schlatter** for her poster entitled, "Langerhans cell Histiocytosis."

Another highlight of the Annual Meeting was the Quiz Bowl Competition. The final rounds were intense to the end, between the teams from **Kent State University Ashtabula and Marion Technical College**, with the team from **Kent State University, Ashtabula** winning. Congratulations to all of the teams!

Grant Recipients

The OSRT awarded four student educational *grants* at the April meeting. The **OSRT Honors Grants** were presented to **Michael Morton**, Columbus State Community College and **Lisa Quick**, RT, was awarded technologist grant.

The **George J. Matesich Grant** was awarded to **Christina Ann Ernest**, Central Ohio Technical College; The **Lee Shadle Grant** was awarded to **Rick Juan** of Cleveland Clinic School of Diagnostic Imaging

This year we would also like to recognize our outgoing and incoming interns they are:

Christopher Gerity, Brittany Krumpholtz, and Mary Napier. Along with the outgoing student director, **Bridget Donahue.** The incoming Student director and interns are; **Paul Davis** from the Cleveland Clinic School of Diagnostic Imaging (student director) and **Katie Ditz**, Columbus State Community College, **Jessica Ladd**, The Ohio State University, and **Lori Mayfield**, Kent State University, Ashtabula as the new interns. Welcome aboard!



Noteworthy News

This year's *Penn-Hu-Mac-Par speaker* was, Sheryl Bacon, AAS, RT(R). Ms. Bacon spoke about "Looking at Life from the Pup Side" which she spoke about looking at life with another perspective, and included pictures of OSRT member's dogs and other cute photos. Thank-you Sheryl for all that you do for the organization! Ms. Bacon also serves as the OSRT's executive secretary!

NOTICE TO MEMBERSHIP

The OSRT is committed to becoming more and more environmentally responsible. One way to accomplish this is to decrease the amount of paper that we use within the society. Beginning **September 2011**, membership renewal notification will be done via postcard. Members will then go to our website www.osrt.org to complete and submit the renewal form online. Members can use the convenient PayPal option for payment. Entering information online will also result in faster turn-around time of membership data processing. In 2012, we will be voting "ONLINE" as well as registration for the annual meeting. This is an effort to "go green" and be conscious of our environment for future generations.



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Health Policy Update

Ohio hits Capitol Hill when four OSRT members joined 113 other radiologic technologists and radiologist assistants from around the nation to lobby for sponsorship of the Consistency, Accuracy, Responsibility, and Excellence in Medical Imaging and Radiation Therapy (CARE) bill during the ASRT's 13th annual *RT in DC* event. OSRT Board members, Jonathan Mazal and Linda Rizzo, Student intern Chris Gerity, and committee member Julie Gill, who also serves on the ASRT Board of Directors as the Secretary/Treasurer, arrived in Washington D.C. on Sunday, March 13th.

The group met with other RT in DC attendees on Sunday evening, and on Monday they learned about the CARE bill and how to effectively meet with aides of the House of Representatives and Senate to garner sponsorship for the bill. Mazal also learned about the Medicare Reimbursement of Radiologist Assistant's bill and lobbied for sponsorship of this bill, as well. On Tuesday, it was off to Capitol Hill! The group met with no resistance to sponsorship of the CARE Bill. The primary provision of the CARE bill is that those facilities and health care providers who receive Medicare reimbursement be required to hire educationally-prepared and clinically-competent radiologic technologists to perform all medical imaging and radiation therapy procedures. The federal bill would also mandate minimum standards for education and clinical competence. Practically speaking, the bill will help reduce the risk of medical errors associated with misdiagnosis or the misadministration of radiation, and would reduce patient radiation dose.

This past year, The New York Times published an expose on radiation overexposure and errors which culminated in their February 28th front page article emphasizing the need for the CARE bill to protect U.S. citizens. At this point in time, there is NO opposition to the CARE bill!

Thanks Jonathan, Linda, Chris, and Julie for representing Ohio technologists and all to all Ohioans who help support the passage of the CARE Bill!



Foundation Corner

This past year the Foundation has been busy trying to raise funding for grants for imaging professionals. If you attended the annual meeting you may have noticed the Foundation presence at vendor tables and also the silent basket auction. This year the silent auction monies went to the Foundation for funding. I would like to personally thank everyone that participated and donated their time and efforts at this event! The Ohio Society Education and Research Foundation thanks all of you!

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ANNOUNCEMENTS & THANK-YOUS!

This past year Ohio won a number of seats in the 2011 ASRT election. The House of Delegates is the legislative body of the ASRT and establishes professional standards of practice. It is comprised of chapter and affiliate voting delegates, with 170 potential delegates. Of those potential delegates, 56 are chapter delegates, 108 are affiliate delegates and six are military delegates.

There are 15 chapters and each elects two ASRT members to serve as delegates and two ASRT members to serve as alternates. Delegates represent their specialty area in the House. Every year, these representatives gather at the ASRT Annual Governance and House of Delegates Meeting to review motions, attend chapter meetings and participate in discussions that shape the ASRT and the radiologic technology profession. Throughout the year, they also act as expert resources on behalf of the profession. Chapter delegates volunteer their time to help improve the profession.

Ohio is always well represented because of sheer dedication and passion for the profession! This year, several Ohio technologists won elected delegate positions for the 2012 House. Congratulations to all of you that serve your profession so well!



Just a note to publicly thank all of you for your efforts and dedication to the success of the OSRT! Also, thanks to a special group of people that have a HUGE job and rarely get recognized. The OSRT has an Editorial Review Board in place to grade all of the essays and posters. A big thank you to Gloria Albrecht, Gary Greathouse, Deb O'Mellan, Linnea Hopewell, Emma Palmer, Trudi James-Parks!