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For Members Only



DYMM Paduka Seri Sultan Azlan Shah (front row 4th from right) and YAB Dato' Seri Dr Siti Hasmah Hj Mohd Ali lead the list of VIPs present there ?

Excited new inductees swarming the stage after the ceremony. See yourself

We are a College !

August 23rd, 2001 was indeed a historical day in the annals of the Malaysian Radiological Society. Conceived in 1977, the MRS has gone a long way in representing the radiology fraternity in Malaysia. We have gone from strength to strength and the idea to form a College under the auspices of the Academy of Medicine was already in the pipelines for the past few years. (Check out 'The Founding of the MRS' next issue)

A total of 108 colleagues (see list of inductees, pg. 3) were there at the Shangri-la Hotel Kuala Lumpur in conjunction with the 35th Malaysia-Singapore Congress of Medicine to witness and participate in this

memorable occasion. This was easily one of the biggest turn-outs by radiologists (and oncologists) at any one gathering. No MRS AGM could garner such interest – must be the eligibility to use the title 'AM' in addition to other degrees attained that was so enticing.

It was certainly a grand do with HRH Sultan of Perak Sultan Azlan Shah gracing the occasion to present the scroll to the new inductees. YAB Dato' Seri Dr Siti Hasmah Mohd Ali delivered the 14th Tun Dr Ismail Oration to wrap up a fine afternoon.

[More stage raiders ...](#)



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Yours truly at the induction

How is everyone ? Some of you must be wondering when you are going to see the lights of the second newsletter for 2001. Frankly, when I took over the job from Maimunah this year, I was already warned albeit in a friendly way the challenges to be encountered and the support from friends and colleagues in providing articles of interest to maintain. The first issue this year was relatively easy – I had material from Maimunah



As glamorous as Datuk Shahrizat

supposedly for the end 2000 issue which was not to be.

This time around I was faced with a monumental task of sourcing material myself. From the bottom of my heart, I sincerely thank all contributors to this issue and all who in some way have encouraged me and given me ideas. So, here we are

– the second issue for 2001 – conceived the best I could. Hope this is to everyone's satisfaction and gives much reading pleasure. Once again, I appeal to all colleagues to contribute to the newsletter – to keep it alive.



Asmah : 'Who's sitting in-between us ?'

If you had attended a conference which you think would interest others, it would be doing everyone a great favour, in particular those too busy or the less fortunate ones if you could write a few words and perhaps enclose a photo or two. Also, if you have an event which you are proud to share, an interesting case, a personal workplace experience or even a joke, we'll be glad to accept it. Evelyn Ho has also done a great



'When's our turn ? It's getting hot here'

job of getting the MRS website going. Those who were present at the recent AGM in Penang would have seen the preview of



BJ to Azizan : 'Stop me if you've heard this one.'

the website. I must say the website will be complementary to this newsletter which I believe will remain as the mainstay of link and update in the MRS. (Why, as of 23 August 2001 we are no longer MRS but the



'Waa.. you're also here aah...heehee '

College of Radiology, Academy of Medicine, Malaysia.) Some articles will be common to both media - Evelyn will dictate and manage articles on the website while I will see to the needs of putting up an interesting tabloid each time during my tenure. Thus, I strongly encourage readers who have Internet access to visit the website regularly for your personal pleasure. The address is www.radiologymalaysia.org. I realise the "friendly" competition from the website would be the spur I need to work harder for the newsletter. So, here goes ... happy reading.



Dear Colleagues,

This issue of the newsletter marks a new chapter in the history of our society – we are now the College of Radiology, Academy of Medicine, Malaysia. This move by our Society is undoubtedly the right move as the Academy of Medicine is the largest and strongest organisation representing the specialists in this country. It is involved in all the important activities related to the field of medicine and works closely with the Ministry of Health, Malaysia. Thus, it is better for us to be part of the Academy of Medicine than to be on our own.

As a professional body, the primary goal of the College of Radiology is to promote and develop the highest standards of radiology and other related sciences through education and research. This must be achieved by providing educational programmes for radiologists, promoting research, actively participating in regulatory activities and producing publications and guidelines. It is also our responsibility to educate the public and to ensure that the public has easy access to information. This will assist the consumers to make the right choice. The College will achieve this through our web site : www.radiologymalaysia.org and by organising community projects.

In line with the above objective, the College, in collaboration with the MMA Radiology Fund, is organising a "Breast Cancer Awareness" campaign to educate the public about the early detection of breast cancer and the role of imaging. The key message throughout this one month long campaign is "Early Detection Saves Lives". The campaign will be launched on the 4th of October, 2001 by the honourable Minister of Health, YB Dato' Chua Jui Meng at the National Blood Bank Auditorium, Jalan Tun Razak at 10.00am. In conjunction with this launch, there will be a public forum. The speakers for this forum are : Professor Dr Zulfiqar Annuar, Dato' Dr Suseela Nair, Ms. Mageswari and Ms. Ranjit Kaur. Subsidised mammographic services will be provided during this period in a number of hospitals in the Klang Valley and Kota Baru. As a start, subsidised mammographic services will be provided for about 750 women and men (if indicated). If this campaign proves to be a success, the services will be extended to include a wider coverage so that more women may benefit from them.

I request all members to actively participate in all our activities because without your participation and support, it will not be possible for the College of Radiology to excel. Thank you.

Dr P. Sathyamoorthy
President 2000-2002

Congratulations

Heartiest congratulations to Dr Joginder Singh, a founding member of the MRS and a constant pillar of strength in the society, on being conferred D.P.M.P. by DYMM Sultan of Perak, Sultan Azlan Shah which carries the title of Dato' in conjunction with His Royal Highness' birthday recently.



Better a meal of vegetables where there is love than a meal of fattened calf where there is hatred



History

On Chinese New Year 2001 Eve, a ten year old boy was helping his parents to tidy up their garden. He fell on to a rusty iron rod which is used to tie plants for them to twine around. The 1 metre long rod went through his left axilla, passed through his supraclavicular region, the back of his neck and came out through the skin at his occiput, above hairline. He

was haemodynamically stable but shivering and blue with fear.

I was called to do a left upper Limb venogram for him just as I was about to take dessert after the family reunion dinner. The venogram shows compression of the left axillary vein, but no extravasation. Left arm perfusion was clinically normal.

The surgeon cleaned and filed the occipital end of the rod, and pulled it out from the axilla under GA. The boy was covered with antibiotics and was fit for discharge after a few days so as not to miss out on the Chinese New Year celebrations.

contributed by Dr Sharon Siaw (Sibu Hospital)

Inductees of Academy of Medicine of Malaysia

The Malaysian Radiological Society has merged with the Academy of Medicine of Malaysia. The following members of the Malaysian Radiological Society will be admitted as members of the Academy of Medicine of Malaysia at the Opening Ceremony of the 35th Malaysia-Singapore Congress of Medicine on 23 August 2001.

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|---------------------------------|----------------------------------|------------------------------------|--|
| 1. Dr Abd Hasif Husin | 27. Dr Ho Chee Keong | 53. Dr Narinder Singh | 79. Dr Sharifah @ Mastura Syed Abu Bakar |
| 2. Dr Abd Jalil Nordin | 28. Dr Evelyn Ho Lai Meng | 54. Dr Nazrila Hairiana Nasir | 80. Dr Shukriah Jalaludin |
| 3. Dr Adnan Ramli | 29. Dr Hu Wen Shiong | 55. Dr Ng Seng Man | 81. Dr Sharon Siaw Kho Na |
| 4. Dr Ahmad Zalizan Zainul | 30. Dr Humairah Samad Cheung | 56. Dr Noraini Abd Rahim | 82. Dr Sim Kah Yong |
| 5. Dr Asmah Omar | 31. Dr Ibrahim Lutfi Shuaib | 57. Dr Norita Mustapha | 83. Dr Siti Fathimah Hj Abbas |
| 6. Dr Asokan Raman Nair | 32. Dr Idrus Mohamad | 58. Dr Norlah Khalil | 84. Dr Subramani M Venogopal |
| 7. Dr Azian Abd Aziz | 33. Dr CR Jayakumar | 59. Dr Nurhayati Mukhty | 85. Dr Suma Menon |
| 8. Dr Azizan Zainal Abidin | 34. Dr Jeyaledchumy Mahadevan | 60. Dr Nurul Azman Ahmad Alias | 86. Dr Suraiya Ibrahim |
| 9. Dr Basri Johan Jeet Abdullah | 35. Dr Kanagalangam K Kulasingam | 61. Dr Oh Choo Eng | 87. Dr Suraini Husain |
| 10. Dr Charanpal Singh | 36. Dr Khatijah Abu Bakar | 62. Dr Ong Phek Har | 88. Dr Tan Suzet |
| 11. Dr Chen Chwen Kuang | 37. Dr Kuan Bee Bee | 63. Dr Pushpabandy Ramanathan | 89. Dr Tang Ah Lak, Alex |
| 12. Dr Chew Kee Hock | 38. Dr Mahayidin Muhammad | 64. Dr Puvanewary Murugasu | 90. Dr Teh Siew Guan, William |
| 13. Dr Chong Aun Kee | 39. Dr Maimunah Atan | 65. Datin Dr Ramani Subramaniam | 91. Dr Toh Siew Tee |
| 14. Dr Chong Chia Li, Clarisse | 40. Dr Makhindran Subramaniam | 66. Dr Rohana Hanafi | 92. Dr Vijayalakshmi S Krishnapillai |
| 15. Dr Chong Ying Seong | 41. Dr Manoharan Kumaran | 67. Dr Roshayati Bashir | 93. Dr Vijayaletchumi Kandiah |
| 16. Dr Lilius Chua Kim Lian | 42. Dr Mariam Ismail | 68. Dr Rosminah Md Kassim | 94. Dr Vijayan Sannasi |
| 17. Dr Deepti Das | 43. Dr Masrur Abd Hamid | 69. Dr Rozalina Abd Hamid | 95. Dr Vimali KP Palaniappan |
| 18. Dr Philomena Devadass | 44. Dr Mastura Talib | 70. Dr Rozi Mahmud | 96. Dr Wong Leong Wai |
| 19. Dr Fatimah Moosa | 45. Dr Md Ariff Abas | 71. Dr Sabariah Ibrahim | 97. Dr Yun Sii Ing |
| 20. Dr Fatimah Othman | 46. Dr Mohamad Abd Kadir | 72. Dr Saharudin Abd Jalal Ajma'in | 98. Dr Zahara Musa |
| 21. Dr John George | 47. Dr Mohamad Ibrahim A Wahid | 73. Dr Sazilah Ahmad Sarji | 99. Dr Zahary Mohd Kassim |
| 22. Dr Gnanakumar G | 48. Dr Mohd Ali Abd Khader | 74. Dr Shahrin Merican | 100. Dr Zainariah Mohd Zain |
| 23. Dr Gurucharan Singh Khera | 49. Dato' Dr Mohan Singh | 75. Dr Shaik Ismail Bux | 101. Dr Zainun A Rahman |
| 24. Dr Hanipah Gam | 50. Dr Mohd Fadzil Mohd Tahir | 76. Dr Shairi Abdullah | 102. Dr Zaleha Abd Manaf |
| 25. Dr Haniza Abu Hassan | 51. Dr Eric Marcel Munjan | 77. Dr Shanti Sivanesan | 103. Dr Zulfiqar Md Annuar |
| 26. Dr Hanun Fauziah Abd Ghani | 52. Dr Nafikudin Hj Mahmud | 78. Dr Shantini A Arasaratnam | |

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Why www.radiologymalaysia.org?

Our website revamp was born to project our Vision and Mission to a wider and younger audience.

In addition to serving our members, this will be an e-community service project.

There is a need to move into the Internet and Information & Communications Technology age.

It coincides with the merger with the Academy of Medicine

What is www.radiologymalaysia.org?

1. Web Site to service:

Public

Medical Professionals

MRS Members

2. Bring together Malaysian radiology community, medical professionals & public

Design Objectives

Simple, easy to navigate

Quick loading web pages with minimal fancy graphics

Packed authoritative content

Members' Corner

- MRS News and source for CME information
- Sensitive News & Discussion Forum (password required!)
- Members' e-Services

Frequently Updated

- Monthly content updates are scheduled

Constraints

Insufficient human resources

- Content development
- Site co-ordination and administration
- Advertise and promote site

Budgetary

- Need to secure some advertisers and sponsors to defray costs
- Sponsorship and advertising may help us outsource more work, thus giving us a better web site service

How can MRS Members Help?

1. Visit www.radiologymalaysia.org

- Familiarise yourself with the content of the site
- Tell us what you think of it
- Tell your patients, friends and business contacts about it

2. Contribute Content

- Articles most welcome!

Write on any subject related to radiology/oncology/radiation. Your "memoirs", experiences, anecdotes!

Universities are our "academic leaders": Lectures/Talks/Quizzes

Email me a good website or article you come across!

3. Print www.radiologymalaysia.org on:

- Your business cards and stationery

- Your promotional leaflets and other literature
- Your email signature

4. Use the Member Services

- Promotes efficiency as we no longer need to rely on snail mail, faxes, or phone calls

5. Get sponsors and advertisers for our Web Site

Benefits

Your source for news on the Malaysian Radiology community

Cuts down on your administrative workload

- A lot of patient info is available on the site. You can point them to this info and save yourself from long, tedious explanations

Easier communications with Secretariat

- Dispense with snail mail, phone or fax. Use our e-Services for more efficient and effective communications with the Secretariat and council members

Schedule

Targeting for official launch in October 2001

Current Status

Web Site Development

- Go ahead for new web site given in mid-May 2001
- Mock up ready on 1st June 2001
- Currently Previewing
- Content development ongoing

Target to have about 100-150 pages of content by launch date

Target to have one sponsor by launch date

Action Items

www.radiologymalaysia.org

- Have you visited our demo preview site in exhibition area?

Register for Members' access

- Lets you view sensitive content not for public eyes!
- Get mystery gift!

Contribute Content

- Write and become famous worldwide!

Submit questions

- About the web site or any aspect of it

Submit your Name, Email & Place of Work if you wish to be in our directory listing of radiologists/radiotherapists in Malaysia.

Summary

This is your website. How successful it becomes will depend on your contributions, small or otherwise. Purely promoting this website in every department, to your patients and others will help to make this website a "busy" site. Help your patients, your community and yourselves by using this avenue to achieve our Vision & Mission into the Millenium.



BREAST CANCER AWARENESS CAMPAIGN

MMA Foundation Radiology Fund & College of Radiology

Breast Cancer Awareness Month Campaign – October 2001

This is not to promote mammography or screening mammography. The message is **Early Detection Saves Lives**. The 3-prong strategy is: (1) Self breast examination (2) Regular clinical examination once of the appropriate age (3) Consider mammography if they are in the high risk groups or above 50 years.

Our education campaign is supported by breast surgeon (Prof Yip Cheng Har, UMMC), the Breast Cancer Welfare Association and many breast cancer survivors have come forward in support telling women/men (yes, men too) not to fear the disease but to actually come

forward early if they detect any abnormality in their breasts.

The mammogram subsidy is to encourage some women of the appropriate age group and in high risk groups to come forward, especially if they find the charges in private hospitals too expensive.

Secondly, the educational campaign is also to dispel myths concerning mammography and also wide misperceptions that it is a painful and dangerous procedure.

See The Mammography Debate article on the website : <http://www.radiologymalaysia.org/Content/Public/BreastCancer/index.html>

where some of the issues are summarised.

It is definitely not our intention to equate breast cancer awareness with mammography but it has been proven that beyond 50 years of age, early detection means finding cancer before you or your doctor can feel it and up until this year, mammography is still the gold standard.

Let us hope that there won't be confusion but rather clarification on the matter of breast health awareness.

Here is a story :

'The Pink Ribbon'

A handsome, middle-aged man walked quietly into the cafe and sat down. Before he ordered, he couldn't help but notice a group of younger men at the table next to him. It was obvious they were making fun of something about him, and it wasn't until he remembered he was wearing a small pink ribbon on the lapel of his suit that he became aware of what the joke was all about.

The man brushed off the reaction as ignorance, but the smirks began to get to him. He looked one of the rude men square in the eye, placed his hand beneath the ribbon and asked, quizzically, "This?".

With that the men all began to laugh out loud. The man he addressed said, as he fought back laughter, "Hey, sorry man, but we were just commenting on how pretty your little ribbon looks against your blue jacket!"

The middle aged man calmly motioned for the joker to come over to his table, and invited him to sit down. As uncomfortable as he was, the guy obliged, not really sure why.

In a soft voice, the middle aged man said, "I wear this ribbon to bring awareness about breast cancer. I wear it in my mother's honour."

"Oh, dude. She died of breast cancer?"

"No, she didn't. She's alive and well. But her breasts nourished me as an infant, and were a soft resting place for my head when I was scared or lonely as a little boy. I'm very grateful for my mother's breasts and her health."

"Umm", the stranger replied, "yeah".

"And I wear this ribbon to honour my wife", the middle aged man went on.

"And she's okay, too?", the other guy asked.

"Oh, yes. She's fine. Her breasts have been a great source of loving pleasure for both of us, and with them she nurtured and nourished our beautiful daughter 23 years ago. I am grateful for my wife's breasts, and for her health."

"Uh huh. And I guess you wear it to honour your daughter, also?"

"No. It's too late to honour my daughter by wearing it now. My daughter died of breast cancer one month ago. She thought she was too young to have breast cancer, so when she accidentally noticed a small lump, she ignored it. She

thought that since it wasn't painful, it must not be anything to worry about."

Shaken and ashamed, the now sober stranger said, "Oh, man, I'm so sorry".

"So, in my daughter's memory, too, I proudly wear this little ribbon, which allows me the opportunity to enlighten others. Now, go home and talk to your wife and your daughters, your mother and your friends. And here." The middle-aged man reached in his pocket and handed the other man a little pink ribbon.

The guy looked at it, slowly raised his head and asked, "Can you help me put it on?"

This is breast cancer awareness month. Play your part.



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Profile

Profile

Continued from the last issue as promised. This time, our targets are Dr Subramani Venogopal, Vice-President (Radiodiagnosis) for this term and Dr Gerald Lim Chin Chye, Vice-President (Radiotherapy)

Dr Subramani Venogopal, MBBS, M.Med.Radiology,BCK



A popular figure well known for his sense of humour, he graduated from the Kasturba Medical College, Manipal in 1979 and subsequently did his training in radiology at Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia and obtaining his M.Med.Radiology in 1989. Currently, he is the Head of Radiology at Hospital Seremban where I believe he is surrounded by 'angels' very much like Charlie (as in Charlie's Angels). Besides being the current Vice President (Radiodiagnosis) of the MRS, he is also an honorary lecturer at the International Medical University (IMU) and has been an active participant in many MRS events . He was also bestowed an award (BCK) by DYMM Sultan of Kedah.

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Dr Lim Chin Chye, MBBS, FRCR,AM



He graduated from the University of Malaya in 1984. Following a stint as a registrar in radiotherapy and oncology at HKL, he went to train at the Royal Marsden Hospital in UK obtaining the FRCR in radiotherapy in 1992. Rising in the ranks at the Institute of Radiotherapy and Oncology, HKL, he is currently the Head of Department there. Besides being the Vice President (Radiotherapy) of the MRS, he also has membership in the Malaysian Oncological Society, the National Cancer Society of Malaysia, the Malaysian Medical Association and the Academy of Medicine of Malaysia.

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More profile next issue...

Protection of Pregnant Patients

Ng Kwan Hoong

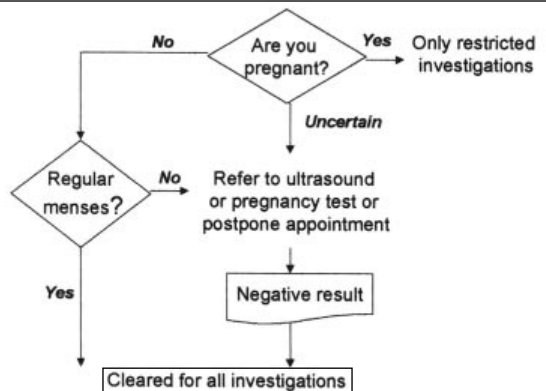
Majority of routine examinations, except those falling into the 'high dose to pelvis' category, the 28-Day rule should be applied. In essence the 28-Day rule advises that for examinations in which the uterus will be within or close to the irradiated area, radiographers and radiologists ask the patient if there is any chance that the patient may be pregnant. If the answer is anything other than a firm no, they then ask the date of the patient's last period. If it is overdue, consideration is given to postponing the examination.

For non-urgent examinations involving high doses to the uterus in patients who are at risk of pregnancy but not yet overdue, delay the examination until the first ten days of their next menstrual cycle. High dose examinations include computed tomography of the abdomen and pelvis and barium enema.

Radiation exposure to lower abdomen and pelvis for women of child-bearing age should be kept to a minimum. During pregnancy radiation to these regions should only be done if the examination cannot be postponed.

The risks of radiation damage to a fetus, even at the relatively high doses resulting from abdominal or pelvic computed tomography or barium enema, is small, and inadvertent exposure in early pregnancy will not of itself be an indication for termination or for the use of invasive diagnostic procedures such as amniocentesis.

Flowchart for female patient who may be pregnant. This is the so-called '28-day rule' identifying the first missed period.



The Faculty



Sazilah, Si Bux, G Kumar, Fatimah M, Adam Pany, BJJ, Richard Lo (Singapore), Josephine

The Social Activity



Sazilah : 'The mee-hoon tastes funny'



Noraini, AB Lim, Amir Fuad, Azian

The Hands-On Sessions



All attentive towards Richard Lo



G Kumar : 'I think you may have perforated the chicken'



Josephine : 'Go easy on the chicken'

MR Symposium



The MRS organised an MRI Symposium entitled "Advanced NeuroMR Symposium" kindly sponsored by Meditel Electronics Sdn Bhd at the Hyatt Regency Saujana, Subang on the 18th of March this year. The sponsors brought in the famed Dr Robert A. Zimmerman, Professor and Chief of Paediatric Neuroradiology, Department of Neurosurgery, University of Pennsylvania

School of Medicine, USA. Needless to say, with such a distinguished speaker in town, the symposium was packed with attendees. Among the topics covered were 'MR Fetus Imaging', 'MR Trauma Imaging', 'Advances in NeuroMR Spectroscopy' and 'Diffusion Weighted & Tensor Imaging'. A sumptuous buffet lunch followed.

New

Kids on the block 2001 - 2004

The following are new trainees for the Master programme for the year 2001.



From University of Malaya

back row L-R : *Dr Ho Keng Leng, Dr M.Suganthi,
Dr Ahmed Ali Bhugaloo,
Dr Dennis Tan Gan Pin
Dr Sarawana Chelwan*

front row L-R: *Dr Marlina Hj Adan , Dr A.Vanessa,
Dr Aliza Alias, Dr Joazlina Zaleha Yusof,
Dr Kartini Rahmat, Dr Izatol H. Ishak,
Dr Teng Hie Ching,*

not in pic : *Dr Nur Darlina Mohd*



From Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia

L-R : *Dr Chin Loi Chung, Dr Liong Wei Chuen,
Dr Choo Sad Leng,
Dr Jeanne Tang (partially hidden),
Dr Maizatul Jamny Mahmood, Dr Fauziah Ismail,
Dr Aini A.Aziz, Dr Shahizon Azura M.Mukari,
Dr Suraya Aziz, Dr Saravanan a/I Kannan,
Dr Rozman Zakaria,*

not in pic : *Dr Muadzam Mohamad*

From Universiti Sains Malaysia



Dr Zulkifli Zaki
Abdull Ghani



Dr Wan Zulkafli
Wan Ibrahim



Dr Wan Norhayati
Wan Yusoff



Dr Rozaiah Zabidi



Dr Nurul Akhmar
Omar



Dr Masnun
Mahmood



Dr Kama Azira
Awang @ Ramli



Dr Masoud Shariat

We are also proud to have two foreign trainees, Dr Ali Ahmed Bhugaloo from Mauritius (attached to UM) and Dr Masoud Shariat from Iran (attached to USM)

We would also like to wish the following who have completed their Master training the very best in their future endeavour as radiologists – the journey (of knowledge and learning) continues.

University	Name	Posting
From UM	Dr Sumithra a/p Renganathan	Hospital Kuala Lumpur
	Dr Anushya a/p Vijaya	Hospital Kuala Lumpur
	Dr Ouzreiah bt Nawawi	Hospital Kuala Lumpur
	Dr Faizal Sharif	University of Malaya Medical Centre
From UKM	Dr Azubah Awang Abd Rahman	Hospital Kuala Lumpur
	Dr Fajariah Beevi Abd Rahim	Hospital Kota Baru, Kelantan
	Dr Md Azaldin Nor	Hospital Seremban, Negeri Sembilan
	Dr Md Raslan Md Radzi	Hospital Melaka
	Dr Md Razif Ibrahim	Hospital Sultan Aminah, Johor
	Dr Zahurin Ismail	Hospital Kuantan, Pahang
From USM	Dr Ahmad Sobri Muda	Universiti Putra Malaysia

24th Malaysian Radiological Society Annual General and Scientific Meeting, Penang.

16-17 June 2001

Bayview Beach Resort, Batu Ferringhi

This was the last annual general meeting as the MRS. Despite the theme being 'Cardiovascular Imaging' which may not be the fancy of many, the AGM was a resounding success. They came by land, they came by air but I'm quite sure no one came by sea – I mean from our polluting neighbours - the attendees had a great time at the meeting . The location of Batu Ferringhi was an excellent choice and we must thank the Council for the wise decision. Besides the inviting beach and the bright sunny weather, the pasar malam outside the hotel was something not to pass up. And so was supper at Gurney Drive. The trade exhibition booths were well taken by the usual major vendors in the imaging industry.



Bird's eye-view of the hotel's swimming pool



View of the Malacca Straits from the hotel



Dr Sathya officially opening the AGM

Some of the speakers ...



Dr Roman Fischbach,
Dr BJ, Dr Jorg
Debatin



Dr Jorg Debatin in
full concentration



Dr Na Boon Seng
driving home a point

At the trade expo and tea breaks ...



Dato' Joginder
opening the
trade expo



Viji : 'Someone's
taking our picture'



CE Oh, G.Kumar,
KC Choy &
Kanagalingam



Smiles from Sunil, EL Chew, BK Ng, AK Chong

Free papers ...



Shanti : 'Can you see
my laser point?'



BJ



How about some lunch ? asks Subramani,
Datin Zanariah, Puspa, Viji and Mano



Pretty ladies having a cuppa



Fatimah Yakin : Mmm .. more
fancy images



Wilfred Peh
(Singapore)



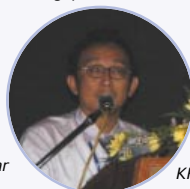
Sazilah



G.Kumar and Subramani
totalling the scores



Zulfiqar



KH Ng

And the best free paper goes to ... BJ's.
Dato' Joginder : 'How about a treat?'.
Dr Sathya : 'Don't forget me too'





OK, let's get the AGM on the road



*Who is that moaning and groaning ?**



We must have a word with the A-V (audio-visual) boys !



Dato' Joginder : Can I share a joke in the meanwhile?



Dato' Samad : 'Can we get back on track, fellas ?'



'I have something to say about radiation leave'



G Kumar : 'That's a privilege for us to remain in government service'



Rohana, Haniza & Hanun (in government service) in silent agreement



'Angels' of the Secretariat : Janet, Margaret & Jennifer

The AGM was pleasantly preceded by moans and groans from a female source in the PA system taking all present aback. Nevertheless, this unplanned introduction to the AGM was rightly halted in its tracks and it was then back to serious business. Details of the AGM shall be forwarded to all members separately due to space constraints. The AGM ended at about 5.30pm with the majority making their way home. A handful stayed back for the post-AGM workshop on CT and MRI which was held at the Loh Guan Lye Medical Centre the following

Monday and Tuesday. A thunderous round of applause is in order for the hardworking team in the Secretariat under the able leadership of Janet Low who together pulled off yet another job well done. The next AGM in 2002, the first as the College of Radiology under the umbrella of the Academy of Medicine, Malaysia is supposedly at Lumut and the theme is tentatively 'Genito-Urinary Imaging .'

Paediatric

Radiology Course

Theme : Imaging of the problem child

Date : 11 – 12 August 2001

The aim of this course was to attract as many medical officers and master students to participate. There were 150 participants comprising radiologists, paediatric radiologists, radiographers and medical officers. The course was held at the Nuclear Medicine Auditorium.

The course was officiated by the deputy director of HUSM, Dr. Zaidun Kamari. He stressed on the need to instill awareness in the importance of children in our lives. Dr. Noreen, the chairman of the course in her brief welcoming speech urged all health workers to gain as much knowledge as possible from this course. This would steer towards better child management.

The invited speakers were Prof. Dr. Zulfiqar Annuar (Radiology HUKM), Assoc. Prof. Dr. A.C. Lamont (Director of Paediatric Radiology, Mater Misericordiae Hospital, Brisbane) and Assoc. Prof. Dr. Hans Amin Rostenberg (Neonatologist HUSM). There were also speakers from the Department of Radiology HUSM.

Interesting topics discussed and highlighted at the course included : the child in respiratory distress, the limping child, the child with fits, the child with genital abnormalities, the child with abdominal pain, tumours in children, the child with endocrinopathies and vomiting in children. Assoc. Prof. A. C. Lamont interestingly highlighted his experiences in dealing with the legal aspects of child abuse.

Assoc. Prof. Dr. Wan Ahmad Kamil was successful in entertaining the topic regarding radiation dose in children. Dr. Zaleha (Paediatric Institute HKL) when asked about the course said, 'I'm really impressed with all the topics discussed'. The participants hoped a similar course will be conducted next year. Many expressed their great satisfaction with the topics discussed. The organisers would like to express their heartfelt thanks to the speakers and all involved directly or indirectly in the event.



The man on the street walks into a hospital. If he (a) complains of right hypochondrial pain, the surgeon tells him, he (or she) will perform an ultrasound examination to exclude gallstones. "You mean I don't need to go to the Radiology Department to have one?" asks the man. "No need," replied the surgeon, "I am well trained for this. Look I even have my own ultrasound machine." If he (b) complains of ureteric or renal colic, the urologist will tell him, he (usually) will perform the ultrasound to exclude calculi or obstructive uropathy. "You mean I don't have to go to the Radiology Department to have one?" asks the man. "No need," replied the urologist, "I am well trained for this." If he (c) has renal impairment, the nephrologist seeing him will do an ultrasound examination himself or herself, not just a simple real-time ultrasound but perhaps a duplex or power Doppler ultrasound even. If he (d) has a bruit in the neck and CNS symptoms, the neurologist will personally do a duplex ultrasound of the carotids as well as a transcranial ultrasound to look at the circle of Willis. "You mean I don't need to see a radiologist to get this done?" asks the man. "No need. I have the top-of-the-range model here and I spent five months of my sabbatical training for this."

Do the above scenarios appear familiar? Frightening, isn't it but real. Are we radiologists losing turf to colleagues from other disciplines? Here enclosed below is Part I of a series of Turf Wars in Radiology which I picked up from www.auntminnie.com. Enjoy. More in the next issues.

Turf Wars in Radiology, Part I: Rads, attendings duke it out in the ER

8/10/01

By: Dan Krotz

AuntMinnie.com is pleased to present Part I of our three-part series, Turf Wars in Radiology.

Elmhurst Hospital Center, a teaching hospital located in Queens, has the second busiest emergency department in New York City. Of the 121,000 exams the radiology department churns out each year, 45% are for emergency patients.

During the day, even when it's busy, the radiology department absorbs most of this hefty workload. But at 2 a.m. things get a little tougher.

For starters, the ultrasound technologists aren't there. They're unionized, and they require three-quarters of their normal wage per hour to be on-call at night. When they actually come in, they require time and a half for a minimum of four hours.

The high cost has led Elmhurst Hospital radiologists to work out another solution: During normal hours, emergency patients that can be imaged with ultrasound are imaged with ultrasound. After hours, when a board-certified radiologist staffs the emergency department, many patients are imaged with CT.

"We realize this is not a perfect solution," said Dr.

David Hayt, director of radiology at Elmhurst Hospital Center. "But we only have one radiologist present from 6 p.m. to 8 a.m., and he reads more than 100 plain-film exams and 25 CT exams a night. He can't do that and scan patients with ultrasound."

This means that inevitably, emergency physicians perform and interpret ultrasound exams during the wee hours, Hayt said. How many, he doesn't know. Ultrasound exams generated in the emergency department aren't entered into the PACS, and no reports are created. He guesses the number isn't too high, mostly because many emergency physicians know their limitations when it comes to ultrasound. But it's enough that he is quick to label ultrasound a vexing problem. He wishes his department could cover it 24 hours a day, but for now it's financially impossible.

Hayt's dilemma isn't uncommon, and it isn't limited to ultrasound. In the sometimes heated debate concerning who is best qualified to interpret emergency ultrasound and plain-film exams, the simple truth remains that radiologists have to be available if they're to provide any input at all.

A quick look at the battle lines

As with any ongoing struggle, it's difficult to determine who's winning. In radiologists' favor, the percentage of emergency chest x-rays interpreted by radiologists rose from 93% to 96.4% between 1993 and 1998, according to a [report](#) by AuntMinnie.com earlier this year.

And in a study that compared emergency physicians with radiologists when it comes to interpreting radiographs, Johns Hopkins University researchers determined that faculty-level radiologists were better than emergency physicians in interpreting emergency x-rays. The same holds true even for radiology residents, prompting the researchers to conclude that training level and specialty expertise is as important as image quality in assessing the value of a digital radiology system ([American Journal of Roentgenology](#), November 2000, Vol.175:5, pp. 1233-1238).

Ultrasound is another story, however. A study published in the *Annals of Emergency Medicine* found that emergency physicians with relatively limited training could perform accurate aortic ultrasound scans. In fact, of the 68 ultrasound scans performed for suspected abdominal aortic aneurysms, emergency physicians posted a 100% accuracy rate ([Annals of Emergency Medicine, September 2000, Vol. 36:3, pp. 219-223](#)).

But these results don't jibe with another study published last year in *AJR* that determined experience goes a long way in developing ultrasound proficiency. Specifically, the Duke University study concluded that first-year radiology residents who were involved in 200 ultrasound exams still performed poorly on competency tests. The study's relevance to the turf battle is obvious, given that the American College of Emergency Physicians requires just 45 hours of instruction and 150 supervised

exams for accreditation (American Journal of Roentgenology, May 2000, Vol. 174:5, pp. 1221-1227).

And even this training is more rigorous than many emergency medicine residents receive. Another study published in the Annals of Emergency Medicine determined that out of 119 emergency medicine residency programs surveyed in the U.S., only one program's average graduate met the Society for Academic Emergency Medicine's guidelines of 40 hours of instruction and 150 ultrasounds (Annals of Emergency Medicine, July 1999, Vol. 34:1, pp. 604-609).

The horror, the horror...losing it to cardiologists?

Further intensifying the turf war, the American Medical Association in 1999 refused to block the use of ultrasound by nonradiologists. And as for plain film, Medicare has for several years reimbursed the first person to read an exam, which in many cases is an emergency physician. Now, with multislice CT's ability to image acute chest pain, yet another modality is likely to attract a turf fray.

"Before the CT scanner, you didn't need a radiologist in the emergency room," said Dr. Salvatore J.A. Sclafani, who is professor of radiology, emergency medicine, and surgery at the State University of New York, as well as president of the American Society of Emergency Radiology (ASER). "Most people were comfortable reading chest x-rays, but it's the newer imaging that's making radiology so essential to patient care that 24-hour coverage will be an imperative," he said. "And if we're not there, we'll lose it to cardiologists."

Sclafani believes that radiologists should finesse their multislice CT scanners into offering on-demand cardiac care support. And on a broader note, he believes that with these newer scanning techniques, emergency radiology is fast becoming highly specialized and should morph into a subspecialty. Although there are only a few emergency radiology fellowships in the country, the ASER has developed an emergency imaging core curriculum that residency program directors can use to fashion emergency-specific education, Sclafani said.

The 'virtual' answer?

That's the future. But how is radiology doing so far? Dr. Anthony J. Wilson, director of radiology at Seattle's Harborview Medical Center and a longtime proponent that radiologists should interpret emergency exams, believes the battle is far from lost.

"Radiologists who want to remain in the business of emergency radiology have found ways of being available when needed," he said. "Although some have lost business because they haven't provided the necessary service, my impression is that most large practices that have seen the threat coming have responded."

The key, Wilson believes, is to be where the action is, either virtually or in person. Emergency departments that only receive three or four calls per night can probably get by with a teleradiology service, he said. Busy departments, however, need a radiologist present 24

hours a day.

At Harborview -- the only level I trauma center for Alaska, Washington, Montana, and Idaho -- the choice is simple: round-the-clock staffing. They're lucky. As a large teaching hospital, a steady pool of residents and fellows ensures that day or night, radiologists are always the first to read exams. Other hospitals have to be more creative.

Since 1994, as the first hint of a turf war loomed on the horizon, radiologists at Ohio State University Medical Center have worked night shifts to cover the emergency department. They've experimented with different methods. Residents often work two-week shifts of night duty, which requires a sleep adjustment that the chairman of the radiology department, Dr. Dimitrios Spigos, likens to flying to China. Attending physicians, on the other hand, work a floating night shift, in which they take the day off, work one night, take the next day off, and resume a normal work schedule the next day -- which Spigos describes as a night of insomnia.

About six months ago, Spigos instituted a third method. Because Ohio State's department is filmless, radiologists can read diagnostic-quality images at home via a secure server. They still subscribe to 24-hour staffing, but on especially slow nights the attending radiologist sometimes heads home, knowing troublesome scans are just a click away. But even with this flexibility, Spigos is reluctant to distance radiologists from the emergency department.

"I still prefer to be in the hospital when it's busy, because personal contact has advantages," Spigos said. He's not alone.

Dr. Stephen R. Baker, professor and chairman of radiology at New Jersey Medical School in Newark and editor in chief of the journal Emergency Radiology, thinks so too.

"Radiologists shouldn't believe teleradiology is such a crutch that they don't have to be there -- they'll become disembodied functionaries instead of colleagues," Baker said. "You lose the consultation, which makes you more dispensable."

As Wilson puts it, even though studies have shown that radiologists outshine nonradiologists in reading scans, the point is moot unless radiologists read scans when the patient's in the emergency department, not the next morning.

"Whether they have adequate training or not, it's better to have a physician who knows something about imaging present when the decision has to be made than having no opinion at all," Baker said.

By **Dan Krotz**
AuntMinnie.com contributing writer
August 10, 2001

Next installment: What does an interventional pulmonologist do that an interventional radiologist can't?



UMMC Ultrasound Training Centre Programme for 2002

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Venue

All Courses will be conducted in the Department of Radiology, University of Malaya Medical Centre, Kuala Lumpur.

Courses

The courses will range from 1 to 2 days duration and will consist of lectures, demonstrations and hands-on sessions. The course will be limited to 20 participants to enable maximum participation during the hands-on session.

Course Fees

Vascular Ultrasound	RM300.00
Basic Abdominal Ultrasound	RM300.00
Basic Musculoskeletal Ultrasound	RM250.00
Basic Obstetrics Ultrasound	RM300.00
Ultrasound of Superficial Structures	RM250.00

Dates at a glance

Dates	Course	Closing date
19-20 th Jan 02	Vascular Ultrasound	31/12/01
2-3 rd Mar 02	Basic Abdominal Ultrasound	11/2/02
15 June 02	Basic Musculoskeletal Ultrasound	27/5/02
20-21 st July 02	Basic Course in Obstetrics Ultrasound	1/7/02
19 th Oct. 02	Ultrasound of Superficial Structures	30/9/02
To be announced	Endo-vaginal ultrasound workshop	
To be announced	3-D ultrasound symposium/workshop	

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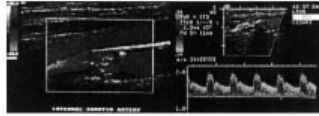
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VASCULAR ULTRASOUND

19th – 20th January 2002

Course Coordinator
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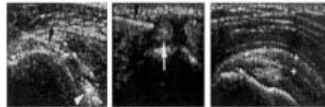
Course Content
Basics of Doppler ultrasound
Optimisation of colour
Interpretation of colour
Ultrasound of the neck arteries
Ultrasound of the peripheral arteries
Ultrasound of the veins
Ultrasound of the renal arteries
Ultrasound of the portal vein
Ultrasound of the abdominal aorta & mesenteric vessels

Educational Objectives
This intensive 2 day course is designed for those who are practising vascular ultrasound (radiologists and vascular technologists). The course will assume that participants have an understanding of anatomy of the vascular system and principles of Doppler ultrasound.
Emphasis will be on hands on sessions.

BASIC COURSE IN MUSCULOSKELETAL ULTRASOUND

15th June 2002

Course Coordinator
Dr. John George
MBBS(AdeJ),DMRD(Aberdeen),FRCR(UK)
Associate Professor
Department of Radiology
University of Malaya Medical Centre
Kuala Lumpur



Course Content
Musculoskeletal ultrasound instrumentation and techniques.
Ultrasound anatomy and pathology of the shoulder
Ultrasound anatomy and pathology of the knee
Ultrasound anatomy and pathology of the ankle

Educational Objectives
This intensive 1 day course is designed for radiologists and skilled sonographers on how to apply the technique of musculoskeletal ultrasound to the shoulder, knee and ankle in their daily practice. It aims to prepare the participants with enough confidence to perform ultrasound of these regions, appreciate sonographic representations of these areas and identify the common pathologies.

BASIC ABDOMINAL ULTRASOUND

2nd – 3rd March 2002

Course Coordinator
Dr. Sazilah Ahmad Sarji
MBBS(Mal),FRCR(UK)
Associate Professor
Department of Radiology
University of Malaya Medical Centre
Kuala Lumpur



Course Content
Ultrasound anatomy and evaluation of -
Liver
Biliary System
Kidneys
Pancreas
Spleen

Educational Objectives
The 2 day course is a Level 1 course designed for physicians and general practitioners who have limited or no formal training in diagnostic ultrasound and wish to learn the basic concept of ultrasound applications to perform a routine upper abdominal ultrasound.

BASIC COURSE IN OBSTETRICS

ULTRASOUND

20th – 21st July 2002

Course Coordinator
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Associate Professor
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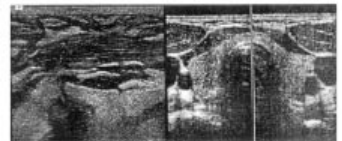
Course Content
Principle and safety of ultrasound
The ultrasound scanner
Ultrasound in the 1st trimester
Applications of vaginal techniques in obstetrics
Fetal measurements
Routine anomaly scan
Ultrasound of the fetal heart
Fetal central nervous system anomalies
Anomalies of the gastrointestinal urogenital systems.

Educational Objectives
The programme is designed for the medical professional who has limited or no formal training in diagnostic ultrasound and wishes to learn the basic concept of ultrasound applications in obstetrics.

ULTRASOUND OF SUPERFICIAL STRUCTURES

19th October 2002

Course Coordinator
Dr Gnana Kumar
MBBS(Mysore), MMed(Radiology)(UKM),FRCR(UK)
Associate Professor
Department of Radiology
University of Malaya Medical Centre
Kuala Lumpur



Course Content
Ultrasound evaluation of - thyroid gland, scrotum and its contents, breast and prostate gland

Educational Objectives
The course is designed for radiologists and skilled sonographers. Participants should be able to recognise normal acoustic representation and anatomy of the various parts and identify pathologies and abnormalities and their potential for malignancy. There will be ample opportunity for "hands on" for every participant with small group teaching.

The University of Malaya Ultrasound Training Centre will have its official opening ceremony on the 25th of October, 2001 at 2.30 pm. In conjunction with this event, Professor Barry N. Goldberg, the Director of JUREI (Thomas Jefferson University in Philadelphia, USA) to which the UMMC is affiliated will grace the occasion. Full details of this occasion in the next issue.



THE 6TH CONGRESS OF THE ASIAN FEDERATION OF SOCIETIES FOR ULTRASOUND IN MEDICINE AND BIOLOGY

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The 6th Congress of the Asian Federation of Societies for Ultrasound in Medicine and Biology

Final Announcement

October 23rd - 26th, 2001 Hotel Istana, Kuala Lumpur



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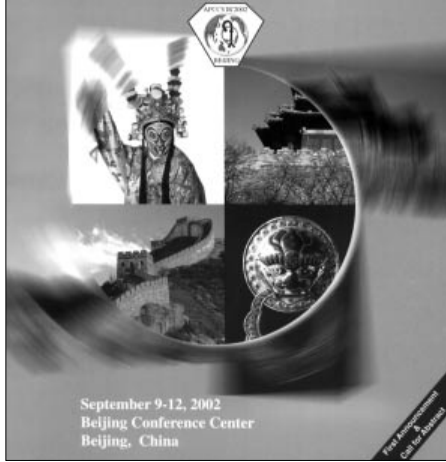
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PROGRAMME AT A GLANCE

Date/Time	Tuesday, 23 Oct 2001	Wed, 24 Oct 2001	Thurs, 25 Oct 2001	Fri, 26 Oct 2001									
0800-0900	REGISTRATION Commences at 0730	PLENARY SESSION		PLENARY SESSION									
0900-1030	Advances in Ultrasound	Physic & Instr- mentation	Neuro/ spine	Uro Nephrol ogy	Gynae	Small Parts	Paed	Hepato- Biliary/ Gastro- Intest- inal	Free Paper	Obst	Cardiac	Musculo- skeletal	Free Paper
1030-1100	PRE-CONGRESS BREAKFAST ULTRASOUND SEMINAR (0900-1700 hours)	COFFEE BREAK											
1100-1230	Practical Ultrasound	Physic & Instr- mentation	Neuro/ spine	Uro Nephrol ogy	Gynae	Small Parts	Paed	Hepato- Biliary/ Gastro- Intest- inal	Free Paper	Obst	Cardiac	Musculo- skeletal	Free Paper
1230-1400		LUNCH BREAK											
1400-1530	OPENING CEREMONY OFFICIAL OPENING OF TRADE EXHIBITION	3-D ULTRASOUND SYMPOSIUM		FREE AFTERNOON						Obst	Cardiac	Musculo- skeletal	Free Paper
1530-1600		TEA BREAK								CLOSING CEREMONY			
1600-1700	WELCOME RECEPTION	Free Paper Sessions		OFFICIAL BANQUET (2000 hours)						TEA BREAK			
1900-2200	(1800-2000 hours)												

The 4th Asian-Pacific Congress of Cardiovascular & Interventional Radiology

APCCVIR' 2002



September 9-12, 2002
 Beijing Conference Center
 Beijing, China

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The dead line for advance registration is June 30, 2002.

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 July 01, 2002

10th CONGRESS OF ASIAN ASSOCIATION OF RADIOLOGY

in conjunction with
9th National Seminar of Indonesian Radiology Society

September 4 - 7, 2002
 Radisson Hotel
 Senaru - Bali, Indonesia

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Dear Colleagues,

The 11th ASEAN Association of Radiology Congress and 9th National Seminar of Indonesian Radiological Society will be held in Bali, Indonesia, from 4 - 7 September 2002.

On behalf of the Society and the Organising Committee it is our great pleasure to invite you, your friends and associates to the Congress.

Our Scientific Committee has prepared an exciting program covering the Congress courses, guest lectures, seminars, free communication, which will add to your interest and enhance your individual experiences.

Bali is one of the famous places for tourism in the world with its beautiful culture. We hope you will also enjoy the Congress and social programs, which we know will make your stay in Bali a memorable one.

See you in Bali!

Yours sincerely,

Daniel Palani, MD
 President AAR 2002

Topics

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- Urological Radiology
- Emergency Radiology
- IVR
- Oncology Imaging
- Pediatric Radiology
- Nuclear Medicine
- Radiation
- Organ Superficial
- Cardiovascular & Interventional
- Musculoskeletal
- Radiation Oncology
- Neuroradiology
- Chest Radiology
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- Symposia
- Proffered Paper
- Discussion
- Exhibition

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Local

October 23 – 26

The 6th AFSUMB Congress , Istana Hotel , Kuala Lumpur
(for details, please see advertisement in this issue)

Overseas

November 8 – 10

3rd Advanced Neuroradiology Course

Venue : Tan Tock Seng Hospital , Singapore

Organiser : National Neuroscience Institute (NNI)

Guest faculty : Prof Scott Atlas (Stanford University USA) and Prof Jacques E Dion
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Cost : S\$120 (before 1 Oct 2001) and
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November 25-30

87th Meeting of the Radiological Society of North America (RSNA)

Venue : McCormick Place , Chicago II, USA

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September 4-7

11th Congress of Asean Association of Radiology
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September 9-12

The 4th Asian-Pacific Congress of Cardiovascular & Interventional Radiology
(APCCVIR) 2002 (see advertisement enclosed)

Hole

In The Fence

There was once a little boy with a bad temper. His father gave him a bag of nails and told him that for each time he lost his temper, he must hammer a nail into the back of the fence. The first day the boy drove 37 nails into the fence. Over the next few weeks however, as he learned to control his anger, the number of nails hammered daily gradually dwindled. He discovered that it was easier for him to hold his temper than to drive those nails into the fence. Finally, the day came when the boy didn't lose his temper at all.

Seeing this, his father then told the boy that for each day he was able to hold his temper, he can pull out one nail from the fence. Days passed and soon all the nails in the fence were gone.

The father took his son by the hand and led him to the fence. He said, "You have done well, my son, but look at the holes in the fence. The fence will never be the same even after the nails are all pulled out. Each time you say things in anger they leave scars just like the ones left in the fence. No matter how many times you say you're sorry, the wound will still be there. It is better to pause for a moment and control that anger than to regret it later."

Received during National Friendship Week 2000.

Sign Bloopers Around The World

From a hotel lobby in Bucharest, Romania :

THE LIFT IS BEING FIXED FOR THE NEXT DAY.
DURING THAT TIME WE REGRET THAT YOU WILL
BE UNBEARABLE.

Inside a hotel elevator in Paris :

PLEASE LEAVE YOUR VALUES AT THE FRONT DESK.

A supermarket in Hong Kong :

FOR YOUR CONVENIENCE, WE RECOMMEND
COURTEOUS, EFFICIENT SELF-SERVICE.

In a hotel lobby in Moscow nearby a Russian
Orthodox monastery :

YOU ARE WELCOME TO VISIT THE CEMETERY
WHERE FAMOUS RUSSIAN AND SOVIET
COMPOSERS, ARTISTS AND WRITERS ARE BURIED
DAILY EXCEPT THURSDAY.

A sign in Germany's Black Forest :

IT IS STRICTLY FORBIDDEN ON OUR BLACK FOREST
CAMPING SITE THAT PEOPLE OF DIFFERENT SEX,
FOR INSTANCE, MEN AND WOMEN, LIVE
TOGETHER IN ONE TENT UNLESS THEY ARE
MARRIED WITH EACH OTHER FOR THIS PURPOSE.

From The Soviet Weekly :

THERE WILL BE A MOSCOW EXHIBITION OF ARTS
BY 15,000 SOVIET REPUBLIC PAINTERS AND
SCULPTORS. THESE WERE EXECUTED OVER THE
PAST TWO YEARS.

From a hotel room in Vienna, Austria :

IN CASE OF FIRE, DO YOUR UTMOST TO ALARM
THE HOTEL PORTER.

An advertisement by a Hong Kong dentist :

TEETH EXTRACTED BY THE LATEST METHODISTS.

A tourist agency in Czechoslovakia (before they
broke up into Czech Republic and Slovakia) :

TAKE ONE OF OUR HORSE-DRIVEN CITY TOURS.
WE GUARANTEE NO MISCARRIAGES!

An advertisement headline for donkey rides in
Thailand :

WOULD YOU LIKE TO RIDE ON YOUR OWN ASS ?

An airline ticket office in Copenhagen, Denmark :

WE TAKE YOUR BAGS AND SEND THEM IN ALL
DIRECTIONS.

Conjoint Master of Radiology Examinations May 2001



Prof Judith Adams (third from right) and Dr Ian Donald McLean (fourth from left) with the internal examiners at UM

This was held at the Department of Radiology, University of Malaya for UM and UKM. (USM held separate but concurrent exams at Kubang Kerian. All three universities use the same theory and MCQ papers as well as film viewing and film reporting sets.)

For Part One, there were 12 candidates from UM and 4 candidates from UKM. All of UKM and nine of the 12 UM candidates passed.

For Part Two, there were 7 candidates from UM and 6 candidates from UKM. All of UM and 3 of the 6 UKM candidates passed.

The external examiner for physics was Dr Ian Donald McLean, School of Medical Radiation Sciences, University of Sydney from Australia and the external examiner for radiology was Professor Judith E. Adams from the Department of Clinical Radiology, University of Manchester, UK. Professor Adams also gave a lecture entitled "Imaging of Metabolic Bone Diseases" during her tenure.

Master of Medical Physics (UM) Final Examinations April 2001

A post-exam tea gathering :

Prof. Fullerton (white beard).
Prof Mohd Amin, Dean of the Medical Faculty of UM (second from right).
Assoc. Prof BJJ Abdullah, Head of Radiology UM (extreme right).
Assoc. Prof KH Ng (5th from left).

The above examination was held at the Department of Radiology, University of Malaya. The invited examiner was Professor Gary Fullerton, Director of the Radiological Sciences, University of Texas HSCSA, San Antonio, TX. There were three candidates – two of whom passed the exams outright while one candidate was awarded a conditional pass with improvements to be made to his dissertation within one month. That was duly carried out and all three were deemed to have passed eventually.

The candidates (L-R) :

Monaliya Kostor, Bazli Sapin and Mohd Azhar Musa with Cik Khatijah lecturer at the School of Radiography of the Medical Faculty of UM





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