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Editor's Note (Prof Dr Norlisah Mohd Ramli)

Assalamualaikum and a Good Day to my colleagues.

Our appreciation and thanks to the contributors of our past Issue - Dec 2023, Assoc Prof Dr Farhana Fadzli, Dr Zaharudin Haron, Dr Fathinul Fikri Ahmad Saad, Dr Shantini A. Arasaratnam, Dr Naveen Rajadurai and Dr Eric Chung.

Members are welcome to contribute articles suitable for the **CoR Newsletter**. Please submit to <u>secretariat@collegeofradiology.org</u>. For appropriateness, only articles vetted and approved by the editor will be published.

This is the issue for May 2024 of the CoR Newsletter. Our jumbo issue brings you writeups contributed by our SIG webinars organising chairpersons covering webinars held during the CoR-SIG Webinar Series 2023 from August to December 2023, MeDex 2023, RAPID Reporting 2024, the RCRT-RST 2024 in Thailand, AOCR 2024 in Taiwan, and the ASCI 2024 in Indonesian, as well as a special article shared by a member all the way from Hong Kong.

We are looking forward to another year of the CoR annual scientific meeting, the MCoR 2024, which will be held on 26-28 July at Dewan Tun Abdul Razak, Menara Kembar Bank Rakyat, Kuala Lumpur, with its theme "Beyond the Report: Interplay of Language and Radiology." Your support for MCoR 2024 and all our past and upcoming events is genuinely and sincerely appreciated.

I wish you the best in all your endeavours - Good Luck. Good Health.

Have a fantastic rest of 2024!

Enjoy the newsletter. Take care, Everyone!

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COR - SIG MUSCULOSKELETAL IMAGING WEBINAR held on 26 August 2023 on Zoom Platform

Article contributed by: Dr Khairulanuar bin Saad **Organizing Chairperson**

The SIG MSK team and the College of Radiology successfully conducted an annual event of a 4-hour webinar focused on Musculoskeletal Radiological Imaging on 26 Aug 2023.

MUSCULOSKELETAL IMAGING WEBINAR

The webinar gathered four Musculoskeletal Radiologists nationwide as the lineup speakers. It highlighted tips and tricks in handling several advanced musculoskeletal imaging pertaining to musculoskeletal injury and neoplasm and imaging in dealing with complications following joint reconstruction surgery.

It received some positive responses from 82 participants nationwide, primarily radiologists and radiology trainees.

We thank all participants for joining the webinar and look forward to seeing you again at our next Musculoskeletal Imaging webinar in 2024.



COR - SIG NEURORADIOLOGY (HEAD & NECK) WEBINAR held on 23 September 2023 on Zoom Platform

Article contributed by: Assoc Prof Datin Dr Shahizon Azura Mohamed Mukari Organizing Chairperson

We are delighted to share the highlights of our webinar, "Head and Neck Radiology: The Art of Seeing the Unseen," which was held on Saturday, September 23rd, 2023, with 102 participants.

NEURORADIOLOGY (HEAD & NECK) WEBINAR Hosted by esteemed experts in the field, the virtual event was a unique opportunity to delve into various critical topics in Head and Neck radiology. This knowledge is invaluable for the routine practice of a general radiologist.

Four important key topics were dissected, each providing practical insights.

The first speaker, Dr Hafizah Mahayidin, gave a comprehensive overview of congenital anomalies affecting the external and middle ear, equipping participants with valuable insights into the diagnostic challenges and management strategies associated with these conditions.

The next speaker was Dr Intan Zariza Hussain, who provided insights into the various infective processes, from acute infection to chronic inflammatory conditions. Participants learned about the imaging characteristics of different infections and the critical role of imaging modalities in guiding diagnosis and treatment decisions.

The third speaker, Dr. Kasturi Nair, discussed radiological features suggestive of different types of masses and elucidated the radiologic-pathologic correlation in practice. Participants gained invaluable knowledge of approaching masses in the head and neck, spanning a broad spectrum of aetiologies.

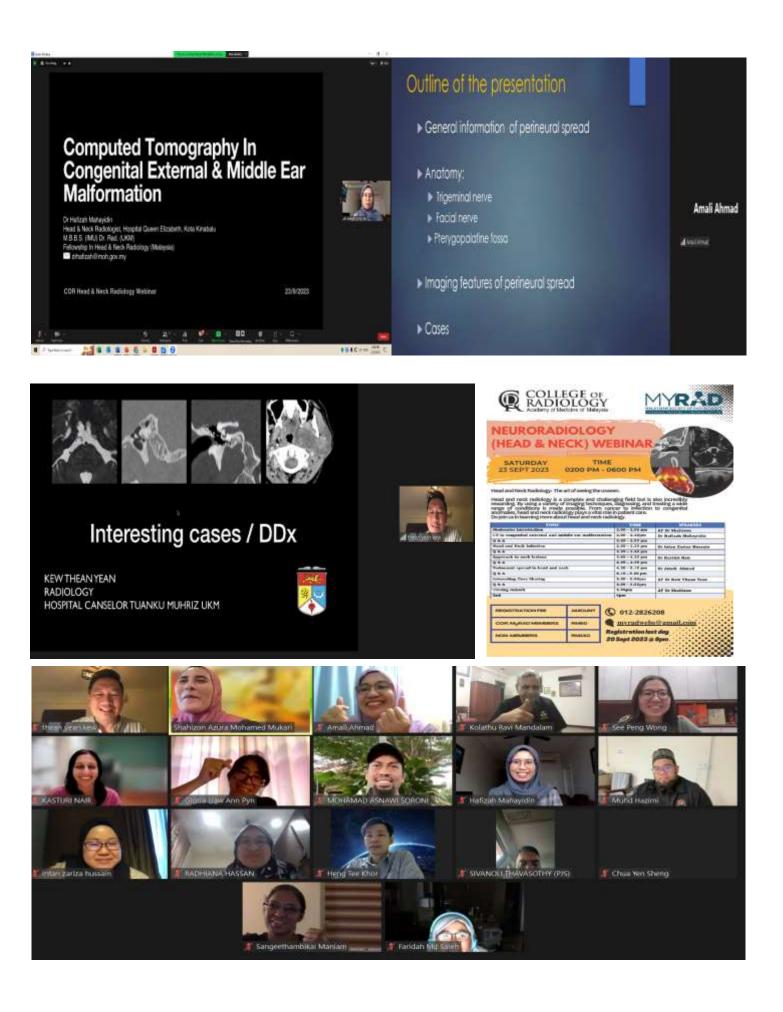
Perineural spread of head and neck malignancies represents a complex diagnostic challenge with significant prognostic implications. Dr Amali Ahmad dissected this topic with an in-depth exploration, highlighting imaging techniques and emphasising the importance of multidisciplinary management approaches.

Finally, the webinar ended with an exciting case sharing by Associate Professor Dr Kew Thean Yean. It was an invaluable opportunity to learn from various real-life cases, and the typical and atypical features were discussed.

The webinar concluded at approximately 6 pm. Thank you to the COR secretariat, Ms Lesley and Mr Melvin, for assisting with the webinar.

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to all speakers and participants for making this webinar successful. We eagerly look forward to our next meeting, where we can continue to explore the endless knowledge in Head and Neck radiology together.





COR - SIG CHEST IMAGING WEBINAR held on 7 October 2023 on Zoom Platform

Article contributed by: Datin Dr Zuhanis Abdul Hamid Organizing Chairperson

Datin Dr Zuhanis organised and moderated the SIG Chest Imaging webinar, which was held on 7 October 2023. A delightful 123 participants were in attendance.

Lung disease results from the interaction between pathological offending agents and the immunological and physiological lung response.

Lung imaging, on the other hand, is a state of the art where the radiologist plays a vital role in supporting gear management according to the lung behaviour.

CHEST IMAGING WEBINAR

Since there have been many recent advancements in imaging and managing the lung, this webinar is the closest effort of a thoracic radiologist to share how to translate and assimilate the pathological changes with what is read in the images.

The topics chosen are divided into two broad criteria, which include imaging criteria and lung typical patterns:

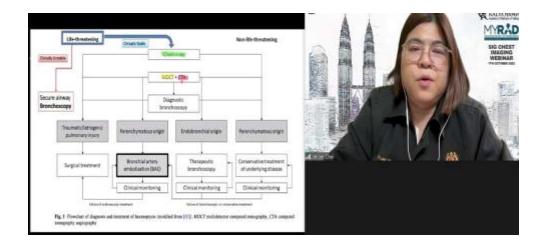
- 1) Pulmonary tuberculosis
- 2) Hemoptysis CT evaluation
- 3) Imaging in COPD
- 4) CT findings in connective tissue disease Progression of ILD on imaging.

Three patterns which were picked to discuss were:

- 1) mosaic attenuation
- 2) multiple micronodules and
- 3) consolidation.

The SIG Chest Imaging team hopes chest imaging will become easier as more topics are discussed in upcoming and future COR-SIG Chest Imaging webinars.







COR - SIG BREAST IMAGING (HYBRID) WEBINAR held on 21 October 2023 on Zoom Platform & at Centrio, Bangsar.

Article contributed by: Assoc Prof Dr Farhana Fadzli **Organizing Chairperson**

Since the era of COVID-19, webinars have been the go-to for all clinicians to obtain the latest clinical updates due to their easy accessibility. However, the College of Radiology opened its new office at Centrio Pantai Hillpark, Kuala Lumpur, in September 2023 and decided to host the annual CoR-SIG Breast Imaging Webinar as a Hybrid event. The event was cosponsored by Integrated Medical Systems and GE Healthcare.

With 30 invited physical participants and 123 virtual participants, the event marked the first inaugural event the COR office opened its doors to. The new office had state-of-the-art AV equipment and comfortable seating for 30 people. The hybrid event was entitled "Pink Empowerment: Navigating the Future of Breast Cancer Screening in Malaysia," a fitting title

The talks then continued with "Problematic Screening Cases and Recommendations" by Associate Prof Dr Radhiana Hassan, radiologist from International Islamic University Malaysia, "Overcoming Barriers to Breast Cancer Screening" by Datin Dr Premila

to honour Pink October, the month for breast cancer awareness. Dr Farhana Fadzli, a breast radiologist from the University Malava Medical Centre, moderated the session.

The session kicked off with talks entitled "Breast Screening in Malaysia: 3rd Edition of CPG recommendations" by Prof Dr Kartini Rahmat, breast radiologist from University Malaya Medical Centre, followed by "Overview of Worldwide Breast Screening Practices: What can Malaysia learn from them?" by Dr Zahurin Ismail, breast radiologist from National Cancer Institute; and "Breast Cancer Risk Assessment and Personalized Screening" by Dr Rofiah Ali, breast radiologist from Hospital Sungai Buloh. This was followed by a short break, where the face-to-face participants could mingle and enjoy some refreshments.

Last but not least was a riveting interesting case discussion, run Multi-Disciplinary Team style, with radiologists (Dr K.Vijayalakshmi (breast radiologist from Gleneagles Kuala Lumpur), Prof Dr Kartini and Dr Zahurin, Surgeon (Dr Teh Mei Sze (from Subang Jaya Medical Centre)) and Oncologist (Dr Nur Adila Mokhtar (from Universiti Malaya Medical Centre). Cases were presented by Dr Suhaila Borhan (Breast Imaging fellow) and brought forth intense dialogue and learning points for all present.

Kanagasabai, breast radiologist from Hospital Ampang and "Health Equity and Access to Breast Cancer Screening: Malaysian Perspectives" by Associate Prof Dr Marlina Tanty Ramli Hamid from Universiti Teknologi MARA. This was followed by an interactive question-andanswer question and a quiz entitled "Battle of the Barbies" for all the participants who were there physically and virtually. The quiz was won by Associate Prof Dr Nazimah Ab Mumin from Universiti Teknologi MARA, who went home with a Starbucks gift card.







BREAST IMAGING (HYBRID WEBINAR

After the moderator's closing remarks, the Breast Imaging Hybrid event concluded. Many thanks to the Speakers, Sponsors, Technical Manager, and CoR Secretariat, whose combined efforts allowed the event to run smoothly. The participants enjoyed the hybrid concept, and it is hoped that more hybrid events will be held in the future in the COR office.



COR - SIG BODY IMAGING WEBINAR held on 4 November 2023 on Zoom Platform

Article contributed by: Dr Soon Yuet Yu Organizing Chairperson

BODY IMAGING WEBINAR

The SIG Body Imaging Webinar, with the theme "Pelvic Imaging: The untouched topics," held on November 4, 2023, was a successful event.

The webinar elaborated on some common and uncommon imaging requests that are important for all to know as there is an increasing demand for imaging these parts.

As the organising chairperson, Dr. Soon delivered a short opening speech and moderated the webinar with more than 100 participants.

Our 7 expert speakers covered topics such as penile MRI, uterine anomalies imaging, pelvic floor MRI, cervix, and ovarian malignancy imaging. We also touched upon imaging in a post-surgical or oncologically treated pelvis to educate the audience on the expected normal findings so they can pick up on the abnormal findings to give a more accurate and precise diagnosis.

This eventful webinar ended with an interactive Q&A session.



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I want to thank the President of the College of Radiology, Prof. Norlisah Mohd Ramli, for allowing SIG Body to organise this webinar and trusting me to be the organising chairperson. Most importantly, my most profound appreciation goes to the talented speakers (Datin Dr Malinda Abd Majid, Dr Nyazirah Abdul Wahab, Dr Marhani Yati Marmono, Dr Yap Soo Shu, Dr Farah Naz Saleem, Dr Nadia Abdul Malik, and Dr Zaharudin Bin Haron). Your insights and expertise made a significant impact. Thank you again for sharing your knowledge and making our event a success.



COR - SIG MOLECULAR IMAGING WEBINAR held on 18 November 2023 on Zoom Platform

Article contributed by: Assoc Prof Dr Farhana Fadzli Organizing Chairperson

This year's Molecular Imaging Webinar, "Molecular Imaging Management of Metastatic Cancer," held on 18 November 2023, was performed in a Multidisciplinary Team meeting style to emulate how cases are often discussed in a clinical setting and thus make it more relevant for those listening.

MOLECULAR IMAGING WEBINAR

The webinar, co-sponsored by United Imaging and GE Healthcare, had 82 registered participants.



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The webinar was divided into two sections: the first focused on prostate carcinoma, and the second on thyroid carcinoma. The case(s) in question were presented in each section, followed by a discussion of the various specialities in attendance.

After a brief opening remark from Dr Farhana Fadzli, a radiologist from the University Malaya Medical Centre with an interest in Nuclear Medicine, the session started in earnest with a complex case of metastatic prostate carcinoma, which required surgical, oncology and nuclear medicine therapy

The invited speakers were Dr Ahmad Nazran Fadzli, a Urologist from the University Malaya Medical Centre; Dr Nur Adila Mokhtar, an Oncologist from the University Malaya Medical Centre; and Dr Andik Fadilah Abdul Aziz, a Nuclear Medicine Physician from the National Cancer Institute. A question-and-answer session with the virtual participants followed the case presentations.



The metastatic thyroid carcinoma case was presented by the team from Universiti Putra Malaysia, made up of Dr Azlan Iskandar Ishak (Ear, Nose and Throat Surgeon), who presented the case history and operative findings, Dr Fauzah Abd Ghani (Pathologist), who explained the findings leading to the diagnosis of metastatic thyroid cancer and Associate Professor Dr Subapriya Suppiah (Radiologist and Nuclear Medicine Physician) who presented the imaging findings and role of radioactive iodine ablation therapy. Questions and answer sessions followed the case presentations, allowing an interactive discussion with the online participants.

The representatives of the 2 sponsors also had the opportunity to share presentations on the latest products they had to offer to the market.

At the end of the session, a short quiz was held for all the virtual participants, and Dr Mohd Azlan won it.

After a short closing remark from the Moderator, the webinar concluded. Many thanks to all the speakers who participated, the sponsors, the technical manager, and the COR Secretariat for their combined efforts.



COR - SIG CARDIAC COMPUTED TOMOGRAPHY WEBINAR held on 2 December 2023 on Zoom Platform

Article contributed by: Assoc Prof Dr Noor Khairiah A. Karim Organizing Chairperson

The Cardiac Computed Tomography (CCT) webinar, "From basic anatomy to reporting—What we need to know?" held on 2nd December 2023, was successfully organised by the Cardiac Imaging Special Interest Group (SIG), College of Radiology, AMM (CoR).

CARDIAC IMAGING WEBINAR The webinar, which had 95 participants, was conducted via Zoom online platform and competently moderated by Associate Professor Dr. Noor Khairiah A. Karim. Associate Professor Dr. Noor Khairiah delivered her opening remark as the organising chairperson, followed by a welcome speech by the President

of CoR and Malaysian Society of Radiologists (MyRad), Prof. Dr. Norlisah Mohd. Ramli.

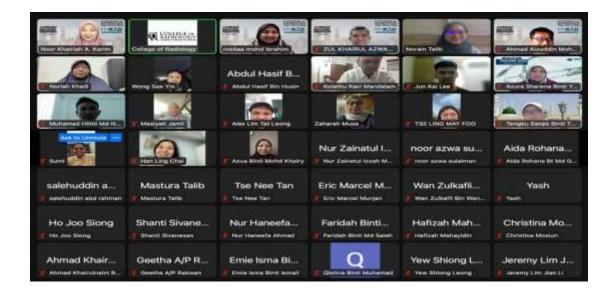
This webinar focuses on the usage of CT in imaging the heart and its implications for day-to-day practice, covering topics from the basics of CCT anatomy to reporting CCT using CAD-RADSTM 2.0. In addition, topics on performing CT pulmonary veins and atria for pre-intervention and reviewing cardiac CT for findings other than atherosclerotic disease were covered. 4 lecture topics were given during the webinar:

- 1. Cardiac CT Anatomy: Coronaries and Structures by Dr. Rositaa Mohd. Ibrahim (Hospital Pulau Pinang)
- 2. CAD-RADSTM 2.0: Implications of updates to practice by Dr Zul Khairul Azwadi Ismail (Hospital Universiti Sains Malaysia)
- 3. **CT of Pulmonary Veins and Atria** by Dr. Norain Talib (Hospital Queen Elizabeth II)
- CT Coronary Angiography: Findings other than Atherosclerotic Disease by Dr. Ahmad Aizuddin Mohamad Jamali (Hospital Universiti Sains Malaysia)

This webinar has achieved its objectives. The main focus of

the topic is imaging the heart through CT. The session went smoothly without any significant drawbacks and was a success. The Cardiac Imaging SIG members thank the CoR secretariat for their continuous support and assistance. They hope to organise more cardiac imaging courses and webinars to provide continuous medical education to fellow radiologists in Malaysia.





COR - SIG PAEDIATRIC IMAGING WEBINAR

held on 16 December 2023 on Zoom Platform

Article contributed by: Dr Hasyma Abu Hassan Organizing Chairperson

COR Webinar is an annual event following the pandemic, conducted by every particular interest group (SIG) under COR. The paediatric SIG approach focuses on a variety of topics under different themes. 2021 opened with the basics of paediatric imaging, which are plain radiography and ultrasonography, followed by paediatric masses in 2022. Paediatric CT was the focus of the 2023 Paediatric Imaging Webinar, with Siemens Healthineer as the sole sponsor.

PAEDIATRIC IMAGING WEBINAR





The 2023 Paediatric Imaging Webinar was held on 16 December 2023, lining up local speakers, a combination of senior & junior radiologists who were no strangers to the Radiology fraternity, and the regional Siemens Healthineers application specialist from Singapore.

We were genuinely humbled by the overwhelming support and active participation from the local and international Radiology fraternity, with 455 registrants. This high turnout was a testament to the relevance and interest in the focused topics on daily paediatric CT practice, and it spurred us to upgrade our online platform to accommodate everyone.

The webinar was divided into three sessions: the do's and don'ts of common CT practice, the not-so-common CT practice, and a wrap-up session with case sharing. Dr Nor Adibah Razali and AP Dr Hasyma Abu Hassan jointly moderated the sessions.

The first session kick-started with Safety considerations in Paediatric CT by AP Dr Hasyma Abu Hassan, followed by CT Brain & Cranium, CT Thorax and CT Abdomen. The CT Brain & Cranium talk was presented by AP Dr Faizah Mohd Zaki, covering the common indications and scanning protocols involved. Dr Chai Jia Ning from UKM covered CT Thorax in children, focusing on the indications for contrast application and the complexity of the scanning protocols. The session continued with Dr Rohazly Ismail concentrating on the tricks & tips in Paediatric CT Abdomen.

The second session commenced with a talk on Key Aspects of Paediatric CT by Mr Khaironiam Mohd Fadzin, the regional application specialist of Siemens Healthineer, discussing the protocols available in Paediatric CT. AP Dr Khairil Amir Sayuti took up the baton presenting on CT Cardiac in Congenital Heart Disease related to surgical planning & post-operative assessment. The session closed with Dr Adi Afiq Md Anour, who summarised Musculoskeletal & Spine CT.

The final session culminated in our collective learning journey, with Dr Nor Adibah Razali sharing insightful case studies and lessons from past experiences. This knowledge-sharing was a key highlight of the webinar, inspiring us all to strive for continuous improvement in our practice.

The resounding success of the COR Paediatric Imaging Webinar, particularly in 2023, was a testament to the strong partnership between COR and industry, notably Siemens Healthineer. It was also a result of the unwavering commitment from the COR Committee, secretariat, Paediatric SIG, COR/MyRad members, and the Radiology fraternity. We look forward to fostering this spirit of collaboration and commitment for COR's future growth and success, ensuring its continued relevance in Malaysia.



RADIOLOGY MEDEX and ENTRANCE EXAM PREPARATORY COURSE 2023 held on 30 September 2023 on Zoom Platform

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RADIOLOGY MEDEX and ENTRANCE EXAM PREPARATORY COURSE 2023 This course was organised by the College of Radiology (COR) and the Malaysian Society of Radiologists (MYRAD), with Assoc Prof Dr Thajunnisa Hassan Mohd as the Chairperson. It had 75 registered participants.

The following universities were involved: University Malaya, University Putra Malaysia, University Sains Malaysia, University Kebangsaan Malaysia and KPJ Healthcare University together with Kementerian Kesihatan Malaysia.

MEDEX for Radiology is an examination for medical graduates aspiring to enrol in the Master of Radiology programme (MRad Malaysia).

This course covered all the components of the examinations, with lectures on answering MCQs, OSCE, and Rapid Reporting, followed by an explanation of how the overall marking is done.

Hands-on practice sessions were held for the MCQ of Radiology MedEx and OSCE and Rapid Film Reporting components of the Radiology Entrance examination.

A Panel discussion with radiology experts at the end of the programme was held for Questions and Answers.

The course was conducted by highly reputed examiners who shared their knowledge regarding the various components of the examination. There were 8 presenters, with an additional 1 for the "Meet the Expert" session at the end for Questions and Answers.

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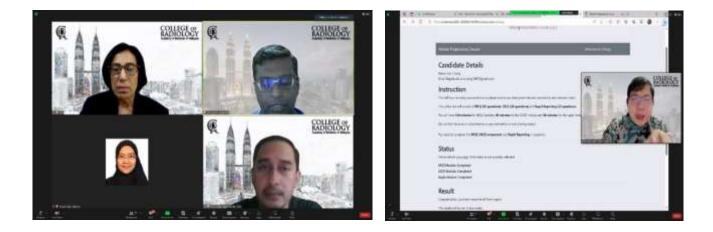


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It was a full-day intensive course with important sharing points. Positive feedback was received from participants, and it is highly recommended as an annual course.

RAPID REPORTING COURSE 2024 held on 16 March 2024 on Zoom Platform

Article contributed by: Dr Divann Esvaran - Final Year Student MradMalaysia and FRCR & Assoc Prof Dr Thajunnisa Hassan Mohd - Organizing Chairperson

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This course was organised by the College of Radiology (COR) and the Malaysian Society of Radiologists (MYRAD), with Assoc Prof Dr Thajunnisa Hassan Mohd as the Chairperson. It had 46 registered participants.

RAPID REPORTING COURSE 2024



The following universities were involved: University Malaya, University Putra Malaysia, University Sains Malaysia, University Technology Malaysia and KPJ Healthcare University together with Kementerian Kesihatan Malaysia.

Rapid Reporting is a component of Part 3 of the Master of Radiology (MRad Malaysia) and Part 2b Fellowship of Royal College of Radiology (FRCR) examinations.

This is a test of the candidate's ability to accurately assess plain radiographs, which is back to basics and the bread and butter of any radiology practice. Its importance makes it one of the final hurdles before a Radiology trainee becomes a Qualified Radiologist. The course was conducted by highly reputed examiners who shared their knowledge regarding this examination component. There were 8 presenters overall, with an additional 5 for the "Meet the Expert" session at the end for Questions and Answers.

It was a half-day intensive course, and trainees were shown a variety of radiographs selected to help them prepare for the examination.

Essential tips were highlighted, and one of the most crucial ones was the difference in approach for MRad and FRCR examinations, which most students found to be very beneficial for those attempting one or both.

In conclusion, it was a genuinely beneficial course, and it is recommended that subsequent trainees take it annually.





60TH RCRT-RST ANNUAL SCIENTIFIC MEETING, THAILAND held on 8-10 February 2024

Article contributed by: Prof Dr Norlisah Mohd Ramli President, College of Radiology, AMM & Malaysian Society of Radiologists

The 60th RCRT-RST Annual Scientific Meeting was held on 8 February 2024 at the Icon Siam, Bangkok.

This was a scientific meeting jointly held by the Royal College of Radiologists of Thailand, led by President Assoc: Prof. Dr. Chantima, and the Radiology Association of Thailand, led by President Asst. Prof. Dr. Jaturon Tantiwattana.

The scientific meetings were held in a mixture of English and Thai. Most presentation slides were in English, and the Thai speakers spoke in Thai. There were international participants and speakers from Taiwan, Kazakstan, Korea, the USA, and Malaysia. They were held adjacent to the calm atmosphere and charm of Chao Phraya, the river of life. The banks of the river are sprinkled with various temples amidst health centres, the biggest being the Ramathibodi Hospital, a 2000-bed hospital with 1 million patients per year.

The lectures were beneficial in day-to-day practices as they tackled communication in medical imaging through internationally accepted reporting. Added to that was practical training (Workshop) to practice and view technology from various technologies through different companies' exhibitions in hardware and software.

Malaysia was represented by Prof Dr Norlisah Mohd Ramli, who presented a lecture on Radiogenomics in Clinical Practice, while Prof Ng Kwan Hong presented DRL as a common language in patient dose reduction and optimisation.

Prof Dr Norlisah was also invited to other meetings to enhance COR - Radiology Association of Thailand collaboration as well as greater participation in the Asian Oceanian Society Quality, Safety and Standards, which Prof Dr Wiwatana Tanomkiat co-chaired.

During the International Radiological Society meetings, more than work was needed. Several social events, including dinners and tours, were organised, providing an excellent platform for networking, building work-related camaraderie, and forging friendships.

I strongly encourage all COR/Myrad members to attend RCRT-RST in the future. The registration fees are reasonable, and most programs are in English. It presents a unique opportunity to expand your network, experience Thai culture and cuisine, and explore the country. So, don't hesitate to take advantage of this fantastic opportunity!



22ND ASIAN OCEANIAN CONGRESS OF RADIOLOGY (AOCR 2024), TAIWAN held on 22-25 March 2024

Article contributed by: Prof Dr Norlisah Mohd Ramli President, College of Radiology, AMM & Malaysian Society of Radiologists & Assoc Prof Dr Farhana Fadzli Council Member, College of Radiology, AMM & Malaysian Society of Radiologists

The AOCR Taiwan was held from March 22 (Fri) to 25 (Mon), 2024, at the Taipei International Convention Center (TICC), Taiwan. This was a scientific meeting jointly held by the Chinese Taipei Society of Radiology (CTSR) and The Asian Oceanian Society of Radiology (AOSR), led by President Hong-Jen Chiou on behalf of CTSR and Noriyuki Tomiyama, President of the Asian Oceanian Society of Radiology (AOSR).

The theme for AOCR 2024 was "The Precision of Radiology"— 2250 participants from 45 countries attended. The largest contingent was from South Korea, with 96 participants. Malaysia contributed 29 participants. One hundred and four speakers were invited from 15 countries. There was a total of 545 accepted abstracts with 167 oral presentations. The country that submitted the most significant number of abstracts after the host country, Taipei, was India. The Malaysian contingent submitted 24 abstracts.

The Congress program covered many valuable topics, including the daily scientific program covering the subspecialties in Radiology, AI challenges, an AI workshop, a Thyroid RFA workshop, and an AOSR-AOCR Value-Based Radiology (VBR) workshop. Additionally, there were hands-on opportunities to experience various new technologies through many companies' exhibitions of their latest hardware and software.

Malaysian speakers had multiple roles during the conference; Prof Dr Norlisah, President of the College of Radiology, Academy of Medicine of Malaysia (COR, AMM), gave lectures on the first and second day in the majestic Plenary Hall, entitled "Glioma radio genomics: Use in clinical practice" and "Further imaging in epilepsy negative MRI". Prof Dr Kartini, Council Member of CoR, was invited to the engaging Image Interpretation Session to unravel a problematic breast imaging case.

Prof Dato' Dr Yang Faridah was one of the invited speakers to the AOSR-AOSOR Educational Symposium: Asian Forum on Implementation of the Asian-Oceanian Radiology Training Curriculum, with her talk entitled "Unified Radiology Training in Malaysia: Roadmap to a Shared Asian Oceanian curriculum" which drew a lot of discussion among the audience.

As part of AOCR tradition, the Asian Oceanian Radiology Forum (AORF) was held, inviting chairpersons from AOSR member countries to discuss Radiology loading and coverage hours in Asian Oceanian Countries. This forum goes beyond academic discussions to address practical issues and facilitate international exchange. Assoc Prof Dr Farhana, CoR Council Member, represented Malaysia in presenting the scenario of high workload and coverage hours in our country, with a need for more radiologists, especially in non-urban areas.

The AOSR Executive Council meeting was also held during the conference on 22 March, during which the Quality Safety & Standards Committee (QSS), co-chaired by Prof Dr Norlisah and Assoc. Prof. Dr Wiwatana Tanomkiat (from Thailand) presented the preliminary results of the Infectious Survey participated by 8 countries.

The AOSR Annual General Meeting was held on 23 March 2024, attended by Prof Dr Norlisah and Assoc Prof Dr Farhana. Among other discussions, the bidding for AOCR 2027 was conducted, and Uzbekistan won the bid to host during that year. From the presentation made by the bidding team, an exciting AOCR 2027 awaits, with beautiful Uzbekistan landscapes and rich cultural heritage.

AOCR 2024 also had numerous social activities, the most notable being the glamorous Gala Dinner. Malaysia's very own Dr Evelyn Ho (past president of CoR 2006-2010 and immediate past president of AOSR) was honoured with an AOSR Gold medal due to her numerous contributions to the AOSR society. During the dinner, the Malaysian contingent gave her a rapturous response as the President-Elect, Dr Chamaree Chuapetcharasopon, presented her with the award.

The many social engagements helped foster friendships and networking with the who's who in the Asian Oceanian Radiology fraternity. They started the night before the first day of the conference and continued until the very last night.

Despite AOCR 2024 being held during the holy month of Ramadan and the dietary restrictions and challenges, the participants still managed to experience the vibrant culinary scene in Taipei.

AOCR 2024 was indeed an exceptional event. It is hoped that more Malaysian radiologists will participate in future AOCRs, a congress packed with scientific discussions from the basics of radiology to the latest and greatest in our field.

We want to thank CoR for giving us this opportunity to represent Malaysia.

In addition, we hope that the relationships we have forged with the Asian Oceanian Radiological fraternity and industrial partners will flourish for the good of our society.



16TH CONGRESS OF ASIAN SOCIETY OF CARDIOVASCULAR IMAGING (ASCI), INDONESIA

held on 10-12 August 2024

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The 16th Congress of the Asian Society of Cardiovascular Imaging (ASCI) was successfully held from 10th August (Thu) to 12th August (Sat) 2023 in Bali Nusa Dua Convention Center, Bali, Indonesia. ASCI is a society dedicated to advancing cardiac imaging in our region and beyond. With the theme "Collaborative Approach in Optimizing Cardiovascular Imaging", ASCI 2023 creates a platform paramount in emphasising and enhancing the understanding of various cardiovascular imaging, including CT, CMR and echocardiography, in managing patients with cardiovascular disease.

The congress was well attended, with more than 80 local and international faculties joining in various sessions, sharing their experience and knowledge, including those from the United Kingdom, United States of America, Canada, Germany, Switzerland, Japan, South Korea, Taiwan, Hong Kong, India, Australia, China, Indonesia, Thailand, Vietnam and Singapore. The lectures were arranged and placed in 7 scientific sessions, including ASCI Joint Sessions with NASCI, ESCR, SCMR, SCCT and EACVI, satellite meetings, sponsored symposia from various companies and hands-on workshops on basic adult and paediatric echocardiography. The 3-day comprehensive scientific programme attracted 457 attendees from multiple countries/regions.

In the congress, updated lectures and special topics were given by renowned speakers, including on 4D flow CMR, the role of CT fractional flow reserve, the role of cardiovascular imaging in patients with coronary artery disease and chest pain, the role of CT in diagnosing and assessing the risks of soft plaque, and radiation exposure in nuclear imaging and CT. With the development of advanced technology and artificial intelligence (AI), focused sessions on transforming cardiac care via AI, deep learning, and 3D printing for cardiovascular imaging were also held.

As a newly appointed executive committee member of ASCI representing Malaysia for three years (2023-2026), Associate Professor Dr. Noor Khairiah A. Karim has managed to attend the ASCI Executive Committee Meeting and the General Assembly of ASCI 2023 on the 2nd and final day of congress respectively. The annual activities of ASCI, including the progress of the ASCI Journal (Cardiovascular Imaging Asia, CVIA) ASCI School - ASCI-Cube ([ASCI]³) and Speaker Bureau, were reported during the meetings. From the General Assembly of ASCI 2023, Dr. Stephen Cheung from Queen Mary Hospital, Hong Kong, took office as the president of ASCI for the next two years, with Professor Dr. Bin Lu stepping down as president. The 9th ASCI Gold Medal was awarded to Professor Dr Kakuya Kitagawa from Mie University Graduate School of Medicine, Japan, and the ASCI Outstanding Award was presented to Professor Dr Hajime Sakuma, also from Mie University Graduate School of Medicine, Japan, for his dedication to the ASCI—our sincere congratulations to both recipients and Dr Stephen Cheung for the appointment. The congress successfully ended with a special invitation to all participants to attend ASCI 2024, which will be held in Shanghai, China.



ASCI 2023 with the theme "Collaborative Approach in Optimizing Cardiovascular Imaging", held in Bali Nusa Dua Convention Center, Bali, Indonesia



ASCI 2023 Opening Ceremony with Traditional Balinese Dance performance to showcase the unique local culture to attendees from all over the world



ASCI 2023 Closing Ceremony with an invitation to attend ASCI 2024 in Shanghai, China



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MY MUSLIM RADIOLOGIST EXPERIENCE WORKING IN HONG KONG: A Journey of Faith and Profession

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My Muslim Radiologist Experience Working in Hong Kong: A Journey of Faith and Profession

Upon learning about the Hospital Authority's (HA) Hong Kong training program for musculoskeletal radiology fellowship, I was thrilled at the opportunity to gain valuable experience and build lasting memories. The application process was seamless, and after six months, I received the news that I had been accepted into the program.

At first, I was worried about the differences in culture and language and balancing my work and faith. However, I was surprised by how kind and welcoming the people of Hong Kong are and how much the hospital cares about its patients. Working at a great hospital has allowed me to work with a team of doctors and nurses. The hospital is a friendly place, making it easy to practice my faith while doing my job well. My colleagues supported and respected my prayer times and dietary needs.

As a Muslim doctor, I'm proud to care for patients while staying true to my faith. I've shared Ramadan traditions with my colleagues, who are curious about Islam. I explained our daily routine: waking up for suhur, fasting during the day, breaking fast, performing tarawih prayers at the mosque in the evening, and celebrating Aidilfitri after the completion of Ramadan. I live near Kowloon Mosque, so it's easy to pray. Hong Kong also has many halal food options, including Chinese Muslim, Indonesian, Indian, Korean, Nepalese, and Vegan choices. After celebrating Eid with my family, I brought back a selection of traditional Malaysian cookies, including semprit, bangkit, pineapple tart, and Sarawak layer cake, to share with my colleagues. They thoroughly enjoyed the treats.

As a native Malay speaker, you may face challenges communicating in Hong Kong due to the dominance of Cantonese. While English is widely used, it's not the primary language spoken daily. However, many locals, especially younger ones, speak English as a second language, making it easier to connect with them. Fortunately, my colleague's proficiency in English made it easier for me to communicate with them, which was a significant advantage.

I learned you can succeed in a new country with faith, effort, and commitment. My experience as a Muslim Radiologist in Hong Kong has been gratifying, and I'm grateful to have worked in such a lively and cultural city.



With my MSK colleagues, from left, Dr Pan, Dr Elva, me and Dr Charmaine

Hiking at Dragon's Back Hong Kong