

# ASSOCIATION OF PROGRAM COORDINATORS IN RADIOLOGY



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Fellow APCR Members,

Hello and welcome to all of you, as your new President. At this time of year, we help our seniors graduate and move to the next step in their careers, welcome the new residents just beginning their radiology training, and try to ensure we don't overlook our current residents. So, let's take a moment to reflect on our role in the program.

As I begin my new position of President of this energetic organization, I ask myself what are my goals for the year? What are my objectives? We are immersed in goals and objectives in our residency programs, but what do we set for ourselves, or for our organization? I have a few simple goals that I hope I can achieve.

- I would like to be the voice of the members
- I would like to feel like I have made a difference
- I would like to lead our organization in an orderly manner

When I think about these goals on my Wish List, I realize they are the same ones I carry with me to my office every day. I would like to achieve the same, in and for our residency program. These goals would be difficult, if not impossible, to carry out if there were only one person in the APCR, and they would be just as difficult to carry out if there were only one person in a residency program. It requires teamwork in either instance. Therefore another goal of mine, whether at the residency program or in the APCR, is to be able to listen to and work with others.

## Annual Meeting Highlights:

At the recent annual meeting, there were 78 registered attendees, representing about 50% of the total APCR membership. This year a scientific poster submitted by the APCR Professional Development Committee was accepted, titled "The Professional Residency Program Coordinator in Radiology". In addition to the sessions jointly sponsored with APDR, SNM, and A3CR2, the APCR presented two sessions.

The first was Thursday afternoon, moderated by Jerri Crooks from the University of Missouri. The program began with a presentation about "The Radiology Library and Changing Media: Where the Future is Taking Us", given by Kirsten Fredericks, followed

by a panel discussion of small programs vs. large programs addressing similar problems with three program directors (Drs. Deborah Reede, Judith Amorosa, Kenneth Ford) and two program coordinators (Jennifer Apfel and Mary Ellen Hobler), representing several sizes of programs. Finally, Linda Thorsen, ACGME Associate Executive Director for Diagnostic Radiology, was able to hold a short question and answer session ranging over accreditation, the Program Information Forms, and new rulings regarding case logs for radiology residents.

Lois Shuman moderated the second program Friday afternoon. Lois Shuman and Amy Richgels delivered a brief report of the January 21st forum on teaching physics to radiology residents; Ralene Coble gave 'What the Coordinator Expects from the Program Director' (as counterpart to Dr. Collins' talk last year of what the program director expects from the coordinator), Dr. Lawrence Davis gave a presentation about the ACR In Training Examination and new educational developments on the ACR web site for residents, and finally a problem-solving round table session with predetermined topics completed the afternoon session.

The American College of Radiology offered to sponsor our Welcome Reception, and also gave away door prizes that night. Every coordinator who stopped at their booth was given a USB vault and a chance to enter a drawing for an iPod. Sandy Balon was the lucky winner of the drawing.

A new Survey Committee was established to help conduct surveys and keep the results in an organized fashion. Jen Apfel is the chair of this committee. If a member of APCR has a topic on which they would like to survey the rest of the members, they should send it to Jen Apfel for processing, at [JLApfel@beaumont hospitals.com](mailto:JLApfel@beaumont hospitals.com).

There is also a new Committee to create an electronic newsletter, with more information about the association and individual members. Tammy Skinner has agreed to tackle this exciting task. Tammy's e-mail address is [TammySk@BaylorHealth.edu](mailto:TammySk@BaylorHealth.edu).

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