ASSOCIATION OF PROGRAM COORDINATORS IN RADIOLOGY



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Hope you are all well and I know you are glad the hectic interview season is behind you! Only two months until we'll all be together at our annual meeting!

• See you at the APCR Annual Meeting!

I look forward to seeing you at our annual meeting which will take place in conjunction with the Association of University Radiologists meeting in Austin, Texas, April 5-8, 2006.

• Sign up now!

The advance registration deadline for the annual meeting is Monday, March 13, 2006 (advance housing deadline is Friday, March 3, 2006). Click on www.aur.org to download the program brochure and registration forms.

• Apply For Our Scholarship!

The APCR Scholarship Committee is accepting applications for our scholarship which offers financial assistance to one coordinator per year to attend the meeting. Click here for information and an application. Please contact Margaret Romero at mromero@salud.unm.edu or 1-800-316-4852, code 7800, with any questions.

• APCR Program in Austin!

The Program Committee has lined up an interesting array of topics and speakers for the APCR Sessions at the annual meeting http://www.apdr.org/apcr/pdf/APCR2006Sessions.pdf

• Give Us Your Suggestions!

The Program Committee requests your suggestions for topics to be discussed at our Problem-Solving "Round Tables" in Austin. Please email your ideas to Lois Shuman at Ishuman@iupui.edu

• ACR to Sponsor APCR Welcome Reception!

The ACR has very generously offered to sponsor our Welcome Reception on Wednesday evening at the annual meeting!

• Silent Auction with a Kitchen Theme!

The Scholarship Committee will again present a "Silent Auction" during our Welcome Reception. This year the theme is "Kitchen Items." Please be sure to bring a new kitchen item to be auctioned off for our Scholarship Fund! Please contact Margaret Romero at mromero@salud.unm.edu or 1-800-316-4852, code 7800, with any questions.

• Call for Nominations!

The APCR Nominating Committee invites you to submit nominations (another member or yourself) for the APCR Board of Directors! Please click here for complete information and the nomination form. Please contact Julia Burks at jclark@nmff.org with any questions.

• On-Line Surveys!

Thanks to the many who responded to the on-line "Classification and Compensation Survey" that was conducted by our Professional Development Committee in the fall. A second survey on "Job Task Analysis" was sent to you this week - your participation is vital and very much appreciated! For further information, please contact Amy Richgels at ak.richgels2@hosp.wisc.edu

• Poster Accepted for Presentation at AUR!

Many thanks and congratulations to Amy Richgels and the Professional Development Committee whose abstract entitled, "The Professional Residency Program Coordinator in Radiology," has been accepted for presentation as an **Educational Poster** at the AUR! Read more under "Breaking News" on our website at www.apdr.org

• APCR Attends Physics Forum!

The APCR was honored to be invited (all expenses paid) to participate in a "Forum on Physics Education" sponsored by the American Association of Physicists in Medicine in January. Lois Shuman and Amy Richgels attended the Forum as our representatives and provided the report posted under "Breaking News" on our website at www.apdr.org

• Residency Review Committee/Site Visit Survey

Dianna Otterstad, our representative on the APDR "RRC" Committee reports that a survey to collect information and ideas about the site visit process is planned for this spring.

• APCR Logo!

A new feature on our website reveals the history and meaning of the APCR Logo. Go to http://www.apdr.org/apcr/acpr.htm and click on "About Our Logo."

• APDR and SCARD Support the APCR!

At the APDR board meeting at the RSNA, Drs. Coralie Shaw and Vijay Rao of the APDR and the Society of Chairmen of Academic Radiology Departments (SCARD) announced that they are committed to encouraging Program Directors and Chairmen to financially support their coordinators' membership in the APCR and attendance at the meetings!

• Academic Radiology Article Posted on Website!

Visit our website to view Collins J: Importance of the Radiology Program Coordinator. *Acad Radiol* 12:1033-1038, 2005.

• Proceedings Published in Academic Radiology!

The Proceedings of our 2005 Annual Meeting were published in *Academic Radiology* 12:1597-1598, December 2005. They may also be viewed online by clicking on http://www.apdr.org/apcr/acpr.htm and logging into the Membership Directory.

Again, I am really looking forward to seeing you at the meeting. If you are not coming to the meeting and you are willing to share the reason with me, please do so at birkmanj@einstein.edu! Thank you!

Goodbye for now,

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