

Summary of activities held by the Board of Directors and CIR President during the RSNA and Chicago Assembly from Saturday, November 2009 to Wednesday, December 2, 2009

A permanent goal of the Board of Directors and the CIR Presidency has been to issue a regular report of activities, accomplishments and College Projects. This summary of some of the actions, decisions and more important tasks tries to share with our societies and radiologists the actions of our association as well as encourage active participation such as we have had so far.

1. ISR Meeting: Board of Directors

Saturday, November 28th. 7:30 a.m to 4:30 p.m.

-The RSNA and Colombian Association of Radiology (Asociación Colombiana de Radiología) become members of the ISR.

-The venue for the 2001 Conference is to be changed. Dubai had been chosen as the initial seat. New options will be discussed.

-Sao Paulo, Brazil is proposed for 2014.

-The GoRad program is presented, communicating through the ISR web page the most relevant papers and journals on Radiology. www.isradiology.org/gorad/welcome.php

2. Meeting. Virtual Radiology with doctor Jorge Picorel and Mariano Werner from Tercer Término and the CIR Board of Directors.

Sunday, November 29th. 7:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.

-The financial terms of the CIR web pages were estimated for 2010; www.radiologiavirtual.org, www.cir-radiología.org, and Noticir.

-joint work the new coordinators of virtual radiology

-Two activities are planned for 2010 including the Residents' Encounter and a Seminar with a topic to be determined.

-Permanent Education Programs are planned for residents and pre-graduates to reinforce activities.

-Additional strategies for activities on behalf of the Radiology journals are defined. They will be announced as soon as they are ready.

3. ACR (American College of Radiology) Board of Directors Meeting and the CIR

Sunday, November 29th. 9:30 a.m. to 11 a.m.

-CIR and ACR activities were mutually presented.

-Specific tasks were defined such as:

1) Give information about the ACR radioprotection program of activities, and specifically of *Image gently* that has been led by the ACR.

2) Pilot programs for the Radiology Certification and Accreditation Services will be established and informed in the different countries. The first project will be for mammography.

3) The ACR offers its expertise and support for the CIR Accreditation and Certification in SIRCAI.

4) A work team will be organized to study the way to have uniform residency programs in the CIR member countries.

5) The possibility of implementing a program of educational tests for different residency levels will be looked into. This experience has been quite favorable in the ACR.

6) Experience and ACR guides will be shared.

4. SIRCAI Meeting. With representatives from the initial SIRCAI group (Argentina, Brazil, Mexico, Spain, Colombia and Costa Rica) and from the CIR Meeting. Monday, November 30th. 7:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.

-Work done during the previous virtual meetings was reviewed up to the present time and the Certification programs for the countries were presented.

-The proposal and document for implementation of SIRCAI in the countries were presented. After a long and productive discussion a consensus is reached:

Approve the uniform implementation of Accreditation with a general document that includes the essential points, standardizing individual processes with equivalence tables. A face to face meeting was agreed upon for that purpose during two work days in Sao Paolo, Brazil on March 12 and 13. The countries will provide for the tickets and CIR will provide logistics and lodging.

6. Plan of Action Meeting of Radiology Journals: RSNA. Radiology and Radiographics. Dr Kressel, Dr Olmsted, Ms Roberta Arnold. Journals from Spain, Brazil, Colombia, Argentina and Chile.

Monday, November 30th. 10 a.m. to 11 a.m.

Presented to CIR and the College Journals Program as a non precedent integrated plan. Action plans and activities were presented up to the present time. The RSNA and its representatives offered full help and promotion of plans and the following actions were defined:

-Direct communication between the Journals Plan of Action and the CIR through Ms Roberta Arnold.

-Information was given to facilitate the indexation of journals and also for courses and training of editors.

-A proposal was made for a virtual publication of the CIR journals and the _ RSNA offered supported through Dr. Eric Stern's experience.

-Joint work and meetings will be welcome for the future.

7. Meeting with the Portuguese Society of Radiology (Sociedade Portuguesa de Radiologia) and Nuclear Medicine, represented by Dr. Felipe Caseiro and the CIR Board of Directors.

Monday, November 30th. 12 m. to 1 p.m.

-The intentions and commitments for admission of Portugal to the CIR were defined, with subsequent confirmation of admission at the Assembly.

8. Meeting with the Radiology subspecialties acting in America and the Spanish Peninsula. SILAM, SIDI, SLARP, ARTLA, SIBIM and the CIR Board of Directors.

Monday, November 30th., 2 p.m. to 4. p.m.

Each of the Associations was presented and their activities were described. The CIR stated its purpose to work jointly based on multiple common factors, similar problems and potentialities.

The following was decided unanimously:

- To work jointly with the CIR, under its objectives but with respect for the identity and independence of the subspecialty Associations.
- To promote the conformation of chapters in each of the countries of each subspecialty under the guidance of the official Radiology Society of each country.
- Appoint a work group that should meet periodically to coordinate actions.
- To integrate academic activities as much as possible.

Finally, the following crucial decision for the future growth of Radiology in our countries was taken: As of such date, every NEW member radiologist of one of the subspecialties must be a formal member acknowledged by the official Society or Association member of CIR. In order to make this decision formal, a copy will be sent to the National Societies that in the future shall endorse the application of admission of every new radiologist to the Subspecialty Society.

9. Meeting of the CIR Teleradiology Program. Board of Directors and Committee headed by doctors Luis Donoso and Miguel Stoopen.
Monday, November 30th. from 4.30. p.m. to 6.00 p.m.

The country representatives discussed the conditions of the teleradiology practice in every region, Europe included.

A time-table for creating guides and standards or minimal requirements recommended by the CIR was established. In December, the initial document will be drafted by Dr. Donoso and subsequently, the rest of the group members will adapt the document following the legal requirements of the countries. Once the final document is finished, the CIR will spread the news and it will be reported in an article in the journals, including Radiología de España (Radiology in Spain.).

10: Meeting to approach the CSR (Caribbean Society of Radiology) and the CIR.

Dr: Keenan Karrol president of CSR and CIR.

Tuesday, December 1st, 2009. 2 p.m. to 3 p.m.

Actions to strengthen education and Certification activities. The CIR will initially communicate the information about the CSR activities and vice versa. During the 2010 Conference in the Dominican Republic joint tasks will be undertaken. The CIR will facilitate the creation of the CSR web page.

The intention of future integration was established and confirmed, as has been sought for many years.

10. CIR General Ordinary Assembly and Extraordinary Assembly.

Tuesday, December 1st, 2009. 9 a.m. to 12:30 pm.

The minutes of the assembly will be sent at a later date. The outstanding points were:

- Attendance, participation and approval of all action plans.
- Admission of PORTUGAL in the CIR

-Submission of the rules for the ENDORSERS and the QUALITY STAMP for CIR academic events within the policies of SIRCAI. Likewise the USE of the CIR LOGO, only for special occasions authorized by the Board. The ENDORSEMENT will involve a donation of US 100 for each event.

The outstanding point at the EXTRAORDINARY ASSEMBLY is that the REFORMED BYLAWS presented by the Board had majority approval, changing the structure and appointment of the Board of Directors. The Reform will be updated according to the CIR bylaws and shall be followed during the election of the 2010 Board.