IPR 2016: Pediatric Imaging Across the Globe
Sunday, 5/15 – Friday, 5/20, 2016   Fairmont Hotel   ·   Chicago, Illinois, USA
Registration for the IPR Meeting is open! Early-bird registration ends 3/31/2016.

Hotel & Travel Information
Hotel reservations are now being accepted at the Fairmont. The deadline to receive the group room rate is 4/15/2016. NOTE!!!: It is always possible rooms will sell out prior to the cutoff, so it is strongly recommended that you reserve your room as early as possible. For ground transportation options and helpful information for international travel click here.

Why YOU Should Attend: In addition to a great educational experience, catching up with old and new friends from around the world, we invite you to view the video to see what Chicago has to offer in the spring. (We know you know Chicago in November!)

NEW – Radiographer Program
For the first time, the IPR Meeting will include a program track dedicated to radiographers. This new program track will run Tuesday through Thursday with new horizon sessions, scientific sessions and a hands–on ultrasound session**. Presentations will be delivered by radiographers and radiologists from around the world. (**limited space; advanced registration required)

RSNA 15 Wrap–Up – SPR Board meeting highlights

• Membership/Bylaws: In an effort to make membership categories more transparent, inclusive, and equitable, the Board has approved amendments to the bylaws subject to membership approval that, in effect would
  o Reduce the number of membership categories but broaden access, limiting redundancy
  o Recognize equal rights and access across membership categories
- Distinguish among remaining categories primarily on ability to pay

The full text of the amendments is available at this link. A ballot will be distributed prior to the IPR meeting.

- **Upcoming meetings – Mark your calendars**
  - AAP-SPR Imaging of Child Abuse: Exam Room, Reading Room and Court Room – 2/26-28, Orlando
  - IPR – 5/15-20/2016, Chicago
  - Ultrasound weekend, fall 2016 More details to come
  - Cardiac course in October, Houston
  - Fetal and Neonatal imaging, January 2017. More details to come.

- The **Education Committee** proposed incorporating a greater number of interactive sessions in the annual meetings over the next several years, including with the use of reversed classrooms, more "Meet the Professor" more "How I do It" sessions, and new "Point/Counterpoint debates." The SPR understands how critical member education is to its mission, and is upping its game.

- Great news from SPR committees:
  - Dr. Beth Kline-Fath has led the Fetal Committee effort to establish new MRI fetal imaging reimbursement codes for use beginning January 2016, increasing the RVU assignments to these codes significantly from “pelvic MRI”, now on a value par with complex cardiac exams.
    - 74712 Magnetic resonance (eg, proton) imaging, fetal, including placental and maternal pelvic imaging when performed; single or first gestation NEW RVU: 3.0
    - 74713 Magnetic resonance (eg, proton) imaging, fetal, including placental and maternal pelvic imaging when performed; each additional gestation NEW RVU: 1.78
    - Also, check out the revised [Fetal Imaging](#) webpage that includes new 3T protocols for Siemens, GE and Philips platforms.
  - The Child Abuse Committee under Dr. Sabah Servaes has produced "The etiology and significance of fractures in infants and young children: a critical expert multidisciplinary review". Look for it in an upcoming issue of *Pediatric Radiology*. They are working on a PowerPoint for member-only access on their webpage designed to aid members in preparing and giving legal testimony.
  - The newly-formed Post-mortem Imaging Committee chaired by Dr. Mary Harty, will introduce content to SPR meetings starting with this year’s IPR.
  - Dr. Taylor Chung and the MR committee are to produce a mini–symposium for *Pediatric Radiology* on MR techniques in pediatric practice.
  - Drs. Monica Epelman, Andrew Phelps and the Ultrasound Committee will be
introducing a proposed recommended ultrasound training curriculum for fellows, input to be solicited from the general membership this spring.

- There is continual updating of the SPR website with a goal of creating a Pediatric Imaging Practice Resources Database. The idea is to have a repository for various protocols/institutional solutions to common problems encountered in pediatric radiology. We encourage you to visit the website as a first resource in investigating solutions to your own departmental challenges. Examples will include: policies around POCUS; neuro, fetal, MSK and body MR protocols; web links for peds neuro tools; sonography standards and a plain film radiology lecture series for newborn imaging. If you have important resources to share, contact the appropriate Clinical Committee Chair to coordinate. Committee chairs listed here. Your practice and institution will be acknowledged as the owner/author of the content.

- The 2nd SPR Member Forum convened Monday, December 1. Approximately 40 members attended and engaged in a lively exchange of ideas.

- SPR President, Dr. Jim Donaldson announced the Awards and Honors for the coming year at the RSNA Monday Member Reception.
  - 2016 honorees:
    - Gold Medal: Jennifer K. Boylan, MA, SPR Executive Director
    - Honorary Member: Bernard Laya, DO, Institute of Radiology, St. Luke’s Medical Center – Quezon City and Global City, Philippines
    - Pioneer Award: Mary Board Wyers, MD, Lurie Children’s Hospital, Chicago, Illinois
    - Singleton/Taybi Award for Contributions in Education: Michael DiPietro, MD, University of Michigan –Ann Arbor
    - Presidential Recognition Award: Vicente Gilsanz, MD, PhD, Children’s Hospital Los Angeles

- The 2015–16 Nominating Committee, chaired by Dr. Brian Coley, thanks the SPR members for the many submissions of candidates for the committee’s consideration. The slate submitted to the Board for approval and now submitted to the Members for election in the spring is:
  - For Second–Vice President: Christopher I. Cassady, MD, Texas Children’s Hospital
  - Members of the Board of Directors:
    - Laura Fenton, MD, Children’s Hospital of Colorado
    - Susan Palasis, MD, Children’s Healthcare of Atlanta

- Member of the Research and Education Foundation Board: R. Paul Guillerman, MD

SPR Research and Education Foundation Board Actions

The SPR Research and Education Foundation announced the winners of the Haller and Patriquin Awards for 2015–16:
• **Jack Haller Award** for Excellence in Pediatric Radiology Education: *Melvin O Senac, Jr, MD*, Rady Children's Hospital, San Diego, CA

• **Heidi Patriquin Award** for International Pediatric Radiology Education:
  - *Daniel Zewdneh Solomon, MD* Addis Ababa University, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia
  - *Vikas Yadav, MD*, Christian Medical College, Vellore, Tamilnadu, India,

The SPR REF also announced the launch of its new Campaign – the 2nd Campaign for Children – with the immediate goal of establishing annual funding for Educational Projects. The details of the new Education Project grant program are now posted on the SPR Website on the [Foundation's page](#).

Donations to our Foundation are cheerfully accepted on the Website. [More information here.](#)

**Nominations for Nominating Committee Members due 3/28/2016**

This is your chance to influence the future of the Society by helping pick the people who pick the people. The Members of the SPR Nominating Committee are both nominated and voted on by the Society’s Active Members. Each year, the responsibility of the Committee is to develop the slate of officers to be voted on by the Members. To nominate an SPR member to serve on the Nominating Committee (the committee that identifies the next leaders of the Society), Active members are asked to submit this [online Nomination form](#) and arrange for a second Active Member to submit a letter/email of support sent to jboylan@acr.org.

Self-nomination for committee service is permitted, but members of the Nominating Committee will not be eligible to be considered for positions on the slate.

**ACR – SPR MRI & CT of Pediatric and Adult Congenital Disorders Course**
3/18–20/2016 – ACR Education Center, Reston, Virginia

Special Discount Extended Especially for SPR Members*  Use discount code **SPR750** at registration.

[Register](#) before Jan. 30 and receive $750 off the ACR–SPR Pediatric MR course at the ACR Education Center. Review over 100 congenital and pediatric cardiovascular CT/MR cases under the guidance of expert faculty in radiology’s most powerful practice simulator.

*Note: Discount code Savings are not valid on MIT rate, on already purchased courses, or in combination with other discounts.

**ESPR Membership**

If you are ESPR member, you will receive a dues invoice directly from the ESPR. If you are not an ESPR member and would like to join:
• Click on the following link: https://esociety.netkey.at/espr/membership/foreign/spr/
• Click on the button "Start new application" – no data from previous years available – complete your personal data
• Finalize your membership with the payment
• Your ESPR membership will be active immediately