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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

WHAT'S NEW WITH THE ISSRT??

The ISSRT Board of Trustees has listened to you and we are making some big changes!

ISSRT Website

The ISSRT is undergoing a complete overhaul of our website. The new website will be professional, more user friendly, and up to date with information that you need to know. Our committee is working hard to develop a new website that will meet the needs of our membership in a new and exciting way! The new website will be unveiled by the beginning of November. Watch for an email announcement.

ISSRT Annual Conference

*Attendance at the ISSRT annual conference has been growing every year and we have outgrown the wonderful accommodations at Stoney Creek Hotel & Conference Center in East Peoria. The 85th ISSRT Annual Conference will be held at College of DuPage in Glen Ellyn, Illinois April 15th-17th, 2020. This new venue offers the space we need as well as the flexibility to offer lectures for everyone in attendance. The theme will be *Radiology: Adapting to our Ever Changing World*. There will be up to 3 tracks of lectures occurring throughout the conference: one for students, one for educators, and one for technologist. Speakers from years past will be returning again next year including Bill Callaway with his *Bizarre Side of Radiology*, *Pass it the First Time*, and *And you Thought Physics had to be Boring*. We are excited to announce our key note speaker will be Dr. Stewart Bushong!*

In addition to great speakers, there will be a student mixer event on Wednesday evening and an educator meet and greet on Thursday evening. Other student activities will include the Radiography Scholar Bowl competition, Scientific Research paper presentations, Scientific ePoster competition, and the Student Challenge.

We will be using the DoubleTree by Hilton in Lisle/Naperville. Room rates for double occupancy is \$95/night and \$99/night for triple/quadruple occupancy. Breakfast and shuttle service is included.

Please refer to the ISSRT website for the tentative schedule of events.

The ISSRT, an affiliate of the American Society of Radiologic Technologists (ASRT), is the organization dedicated to the Radiologic Science professional, reflecting the concerns and spirit of thousands of Illinois technologists and students.

Our Purpose

The Illinois State Society of Radiologic Technologists is the professional Organization that represents the radiologic sciences in the state of Illinois. The Society's purpose is to ensure that Illinois citizens receive

quality patient care provided by competent Radiologic Science Professionals.

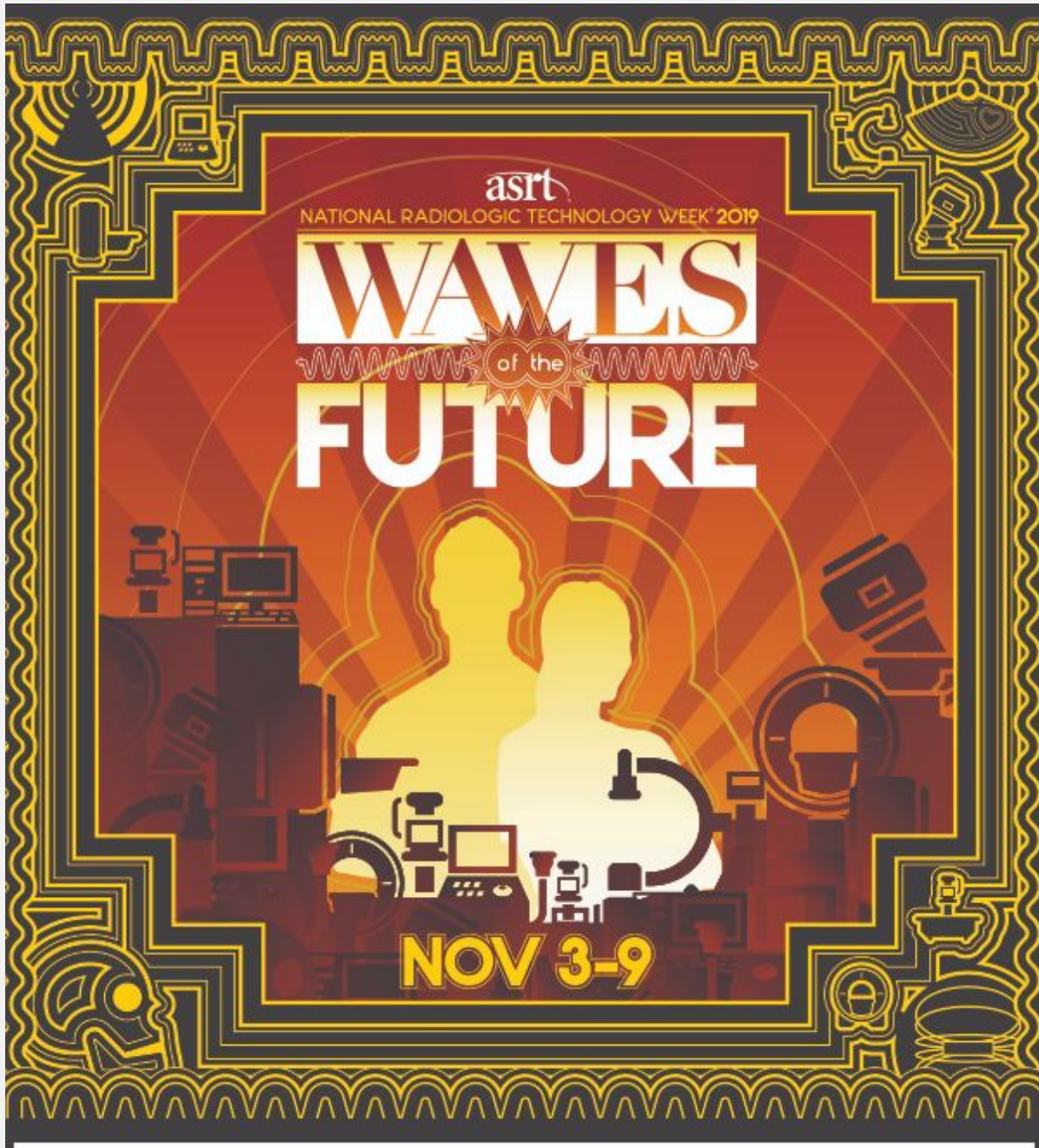
Newsletter

The newsletter has undergone a slight makeover, with intentions of a quarterly schedule. Submissions are welcome and can be submitted to the newsletter committee for review at ISSRT.MEDIA@gmail.com. Please note not all submissions may be used. Deadlines are listed in the publication schedule.


NEWSLETTER PUBLICATION DATES

SEASON	SUBMISSION DUE BY	RELEASE DATE
FALL 19	OCTOBER 15, 2019	NOVEMBER 1, 2019
WINTER 20	JANUARY 15, 2020	FEBRUARY 1, 2020
SPRING 20	APRIL 15, 2020	MAY 1, 2020
SUMMER 20	JULY 15, 2020	AUGUST 1, 2020

Happy Technologist Week!



Save the Date - 85th Annual Conference



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Excellence
in Medical Imaging

RADIOLOGY:
ADAPTING TO OUR
EVER CHANGING WORLD

COLLEGE OF DUPAGE
Glen Ellyn, IL
April 15-17, 2020

WHAT DO WE HAVE TO OFFER AT THE ISSRT ANNUAL CONFERENCE?

FOR STUDENTS:	FOR EDUCATORS:
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Networking with other Radiology student throughout the state including a mixer on Wednesday night.• Great student related lectures:<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Pass it the First Time○ And You Thought X-ray Physics Had to be Boring○ Bizarre Side of Radiology○ Dangers of Social Media○ Professional Portfolio Development• Various student competitions:<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Radiography Scholar Bowl Competition (team registration required)○ Student Challenge (open to ALL students)○ Scientific Research Paper Presentation○ ePoster Competition	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Networking with other Illinois educators – great chance to discuss current issues in education.• Specific educator lectures related to working with Radiology students:<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Inter-professional Education○ Engaging Students at the Clinical Education Site○ Clinical Simulation to Increase Student Empathy & Emotional Intelligence○ Writing Effective Test Questions○ Developing Critical Thinking Skills in Clinical

WHAT ELSE DO WE HAVE TO OFFER?

- Other great speakers including our key note speaker...Dr. Steward Bushong!
- Larger venue with plenty of seating & space
- Silent Auction, Vendors, & Door Prizes...OH MY!

Board Member Input

You may or may not recognize the new faces on the ISSRT Board, but we have chosen to highlight a few.

As Treasurer, *Dianna Brevitt MAT, RT (R)(CT)*, has 30 years of experience in the field of Radiography. Currently serving at Sauk Valley Community College, Dianna has been as a Program Director for 8 years. She is not really new to the ISSRT, as Dianna served as the Communications Coordinator for the ISSRT 2004 to 2006. A fun fact about Dianna is that she completed the RAGBRAI three times. For those of you who are not familiar with RAGBRAI, it is an annual seven-day bicycle ride across the state of Iowa. RAGBRAI is the oldest, largest, and longest recreational bicycle-touring event in the world. In her spare time, Dianna loves spending time with her amazing daughters and adorable grandkids.

Holding the Northern Region Advisor position, the ISSRT Board welcomes Liz Gresey. Since earning her first credential in 2016, Liz has worked as a full-time X-Ray Technologist at Rush University Medical Center on the west side of Chicago. Earlier this year, she earned her Bachelor in Science in Imaging Sciences degree from Rush University, with a focus in Computed

Tomography. Jumping right into her position with the ISSRT, Liz recently planned and hosted a continuing education seminar at the College of DuPage. Over 50 people attended and the event was a big success! In her free time, Liz enjoys working in her yard, motorcycle rides and hanging out with her four cats- Spotty, Zuzu, Peanut and Branson.

Serving as the Central Region's Advisor for the ISSRT, Reid Nussbaum currently works as a Nuclear Medicine Technologist with Advocate Bromenn Medical Center. Along with his Nuclear Medicine background, Reid has 6 years of field experience as a Computed Tomography and X-ray Technologist. If you are in the ISSRT's Central Region, you may encounter Reid as he promotes the upcoming conference or organizes a Continuing Education event. Reid's biggest current hobby is Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu. He has really enjoyed learning this martial art for both physical fitness and self-defense. Although Reid finds this martial art incredibly difficult, he also finds it extremely rewarding!

Stay tuned for more Board Member highlights in the next newsletter.

Student Section



**We asked on our ISSRT Facebook page what current students felt about this question:
“What is the best positioning trick you have learned to help you with your clinical
experience?”**

Here is what they said:

“The best trick I have been taught is to use your right and left markers as a guide when placed appropriately. For instance, if you place your left marker on the right leg of the patient, on the anterior portion of your light field (anterior to the vertebral bodies) and at the very bottom of the light field when you are performing a lateral L-spine, then the marker will assist you in positioning for your L5-S1 view. If placed correctly your left marker should be right near that joint so that when you angle for your “spot” you can aim your cross hair more accurately in relation to your marker! After learning this trick I very rarely miss my positioning and always feel more confident in collimating to the fullest, which helps in keeping patient dose to a minimum. This trick is credited to the awesome techs at the Marion, IL. VA” **-Justin Holderfield Rend Lake College**

“I would say that the best advice on positioning I have received so far was for a Scap-Y view. I had a lot of difficulty my first round of clinicals but an amazing tech showed me how to line up the medial border of the scapula to the center of the IR and then center your crosshairs about mid-humerus. I became pretty good at them and they’re now one of my favorite views to do!” **-Lorrin Scoville Rend Lake College**

Stay tuned to Facebook for our next question!



September CE

“Reaching Out,” a continuing education seminar, was held on September 28, 2019 at the College of DuPage in Glen Ellyn, Illinois. The event was planned and curated by northern regional advisor, Liz Gresey. Over 50 technologists, educators and students were in attendance. Five different speakers presented a variety of topics, with titles including- “Generation X,Y,Z M-O-U-S-E,” “Horner’s Syndrome and Related Disorders,” “Patient Satisfaction vs Patient Experience: What’s the Difference?” “Down Among the Dead: Postmortem Imaging is Very Much Alive in 2019,” and “Mummies Unwrapped.” Attendees earned six CE credits.

One attendee responded after the event, “I love the variety of the topics presented and the passion of each of the speakers!”

Liz comments on her motivation to put-on the event, “I wanted to *reach out* to members and potential members to let them know what the ISSRT can do for them.” Liz hopes to plan another CE event in 2020 and is accepting submissions from speakers. If anyone is interested in speaking or getting involved in the next seminar, please contact her at lizgresey@yahoo.com.



Social Media

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