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**A³CR² MISSION**

The American Alliance of Academic Chief Residents in Radiology is a robust community whose mission is to develop leadership skills in chief residents, to foster the collaboration of chief residents with one another and with the leaders of academic radiology, and to advance the interests of radiology residents in the affairs of organized medicine.
Welcome to AUR 2015! I am currently one of the chief residents at Ochsner Clinic Foundation here in the city, and I am very excited to share this wonderful place with you that I have been lucky enough to call home my entire life. From brass bands to jazz legends, po-boys to oysters Rockefeller, New Orleans has no shortage of a culture rich in music, food, and history. I truly hope that you get to explore some of the endless possibilities that the city has to offer. A couple of tidbits about the city and people of New Orleans that may seem strange but is a way of life here (I thought Scott Gold from the online travel guide Thrillist hit it dead on the nail, with a few personal touches for lagniappe):

- It’s pronounced “New OAR-linz”
  Not “New Or-LEENZ” and certainly not “N’awlins.” No one says that. Ever. We don’t know where that came from, but it’s silly, and if you try it, people will laugh at you and/or look at you funny.

- We do not use cardinal directions
  Directions are thus: Uptown, Downtown, River, Lake. If you ask us if your hotel is “North of here,” we’ll have no idea what you’re talking about.

- That grassy terrain between the two lanes of a boulevard is called the “neutral ground.”
  Neutral ground describes the old term used when Midwestern settlers came to New Orleans. These folks lived on the opposite side of Canal Street from the French Quarter natives (French and Spanish). The dividing area of the street was referred to as the “neutral ground.”

- That shiny thing on neutral ground tracks making “wooka” sounds? It’s a “streetcar.”
  Not a “tram,” not a “trolley,” not a “metro,” and certainly not a “subway.”

- Not everyone speaks French
  New Orleans has a rich French heritage (also Spanish, Italian, Irish, Jewish...), but this isn’t Montreal.
Evening Festivities

Monday Night
For those that arrive Monday night, join us at Pat O'Brien's to kick off AUR 2015!

Tuesday Night
Following the Beer and Pretzels Reception, head over to Fulton Alley for fun, drinks, and maybe even some bowling!

Wednesday Night
Head to Carousel Bar at the Monte-leone Hotel after the Welcome Reception to continue to get to know each other in a unique atmosphere.
The 63rd annual meeting of the AUR will be held in New Orleans this year, and we hope you will join us. The A^3CR^2 portion of the meeting affords residents a great opportunity to develop leadership skills, discuss and analyze important issues facing radiology, and network and socialize with radiologists from across the country.

The theme for the annual meeting is “Imaging and Teamwork: Leading the Way” and features many renowned speakers addressing this subject. The topic for this year’s Brogdon Panel is Diversity in the Radiology Workplace, and attendees will hear from Dr. Gautham Reddy and Marc Nivet, the Chief Diversity Officer for the AAMC. Both the ABR and ACR will host sessions specifically for residents to discuss critical topics currently facing the specialty. There will also of course be numerous education and research sessions presented throughout the week.

The idea and problem solving forums allow residents the opportunity to identify challenges encountered in training and then discuss potential solutions. Through didactics and small group sessions, various workshops will introduce the fundamentals of the skills necessary to navigate the leadership and administrative responsibilities of a chief resident.

Expert subspecialists will also lead case review presentations throughout the week, to help residents refine their diagnostic skills. During the business meeting, members will be introduced to the A^3CR^2 and its objectives and will be offered the opportunity to participate in the leadership committee.

In addition to the many wonderful forums and speakers, the annual meeting also offers excellent chances to meet and network with peers and leaders in radiology. Events include the Beer and Pretzels Reception, A^3CR^2-sponsored Networking Lunch, and the AUR welcome reception. Finally, be sure to stick around for the banquet and awards ceremony on the final evening of the meeting!

The winner of the 5th annual A^3CR^2 Outstanding Teacher Award is Dr. Judy Amorosa of Rutgers-Robert Wood Johnson Medical School.

Dr. Amorosa was chosen for her dedication to the program and efforts for cutting edge educational methods including “Flip Classroom”, audience response, Q-Stream, and hybrid classrooms. She started the residency program at Rutgers-RWJMS in the 1980s and also created the Medical Student Clerkship. She has taught, mentored and inspired countless students and residents in the field of radiology.

Please join us in congratulating Dr. Judy Amorosa on receiving the 5th annual A^3CR^2 Outstanding Teacher Award!
Dr. Marc Nivet has served as the Chief Diversity Officer at the American Association of Medical Colleges since 2010 where he oversees diversity and inclusion activities and leads the association’s Diversity Policy and Programs department, which focuses on programs designed to increase diversity in medical education and advance health care equality. Before working with the AAMC, Dr. Nivet was the chief operating officer of the Josiah Macy, Jr. Foundation, which supports programs designed to improve the education of health professionals in the interest of public health. Dr. Nivet obtained his Doctorate of Education from the University of Pennsylvania and also holds an MBA as well as a Masters in Higher Education. He has published numerous articles on diversity in medicine including the highly regarded “Diversity 3.0: A Necessary Systems Upgrade.”

Dr. Gautham Reddy is Director of Thoracic Imaging at the University of Washington and is a Professor of Radiology, Vice Chair for Education and Director of Medical Student Education at the University of Washington School of Medicine. While previously serving as faculty at the University of California, San Francisco he was Chief of Cardiac and Pulmonary Imaging and Director of the Diagnostic Radiology Residency Program. He has published over 100 scientific articles, reviews, and book chapters and has written 3 textbooks. In addition, Dr. Reddy serves as Deputy Editor of the Journal of Thoracic Imaging and the Journal of Magnetic Resonance Imaging. Among his many other leadership positions, Dr. Reddy serves on the board of the Association of University Radiologists and is the Senior Faculty Advisor for the American Alliance of Academic Chief Residents in Radiology.

Being a member of A³CR² is an exciting and rewarding experience. All current and former radiology chief residents are strongly encouraged to participate. To join A³CR², fill out the application posted on the AUR website at: www.aur.org/Secondary.aspx?id=88

We encourage everyone to pay their dues before attending the A³CR² program at AUR 2015.

For over 40 years, chief residents at the Mallinckrodt Institute of Radiology have conducted a survey of radiology chief residents across the country on behalf of A³CR² to obtain data regarding program demographics, resident and chief resident benefits, call structures, and other items pertaining to radiology resident training. Recently, the survey has been examining evolving topics such as preparation for the ABR Core Exam, 4th year selectives, and the new Direct IR Pathway. Results will be presented on Tuesday, April 14th, 2015 at the AUR Meeting. Please reply to the survey and let your program’s voice be heard!
LEADERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

The Elections Committee is pleased to announce open elections for the 2015-2016 A³CR² Executive and Steering Committee, to be held at the 2015 AUR meeting in New Orleans.

Elections Process
Those A³CR² members who are interested in taking on extra responsibility are encouraged to run for positions within the Executive and Steering Committees. Executive Committee positions will be chosen first, consisting of a President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer. The Steering Committee Chair and Membership positions will then be filled, with the roles and responsibilities as listed below. The winners of the election process for both the Executive and Steering Committees will be decided through a card draw. Full details will be announced during the A³CR² Business and Elections Meeting on Wednesday, April 15th.

OFFICES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

**President**  
Responsible for coordinating efforts of the executive and steering committee with the goal of advancing the Alliance

**Vice President**  
Assists President with planning annual AUR meeting and leads education and outreach efforts

**Secretary**  
Keeps a record of the meeting proceedings and conference calls  
Serves as Chair of Publications Committee, responsible for creating the biannual newsletter

**Treasurer**  
Acts as principal accounting and financial officer of A³CR² and supervises the fiscal affairs of A³CR²

**Past President**

STEERING COMMITTEE CHAIRS

**Program Committee Chair**  
Organizes the annual A³CR² program in coordination with the executive committee and senior faculty advisor

**Membership Committee Chair**  
Oversees chief resident membership, meeting attendance, and dues collection  
Maintains a current address list of the members of A³CR²

**Publications Committee Chair**  
Assembles and publishes the biannual A³CR² newsletter

**Electronic Communications Committee Chair**  
Maintains the A³CR² website and considers ways to improve traffic to the website by improving content  
Manages social media resources to promote A³CR² networking opportunities

**Rules Committee Chair**  
Maintains and updates the A³CR² bylaws

**Awards Committee Chair**  
Responsible for soliciting nominations and selecting (in association with the executive committee) A³CR² award winners

**Elections Committee Chair**  
Informs potential candidates of the available offices and responsibilities prior to AUR meeting  
Organizes elections of A³CR² executive committee and steering committee chairs

**Survey Committee Chair**  
Creates and distributes annual chief resident survey; analyzes and presents the results at the AUR meeting  
Currently exclusively maintained by Chief Residents of Washington University, St. Louis

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2015 A³CR² Preliminary Meeting Schedule
63rd Annual Meeting, April 14-17, 2015
New Orleans Marriott, New Orleans, Louisiana
“Imaging and Teamwork: Leading the Way”

Tuesday, April 14
8:00 am – 8:30 am Chief Resident Welcome and Orientation
10:30 am – 11:00 pm Resident Case Review: Cardiac Radiology (Session 108)
11:00 am – 12:00 pm A³CR² Update for Residents (Session 112)
12:00 pm – 1:15 pm A³CR² Networking Lunch (A³CR² members only)
2:00 pm – 2:30 pm Resident Case Review: Thoracic Radiology (Session 116)
2:30 pm – 3:30 pm ABR Update for Residents (Session 117)
4:00 pm – 4:30 pm Resident Case Review: Pediatric Radiology (Session 121)
4:30 pm – 5:30 pm Idea Forum (A³CR² members only) (Session 125)
5:30 pm – 6:30 pm A³CR²/APDR/SCARD/APCR Beer and Pretzels Reception

Wednesday, April 15
7:00 am – 8:15 am Problem Solving for Chief Residents (A³CR² members only) (Session 202)
8:30 am – 9:00 am Resident Case Review: Gastrointestinal Radiology (Session 207)
9:00 am – 10:00 am Career Panel for Residents (Session 210)
10:30 am – 11:00 am Resident Case Review: Genitourinary Radiology (Session 211)
11:00 am – 12:00 pm Idea Forum (A³CR² members only) (Session 218)
2:00 pm – 3:00 pm Resident Case Review: US and Interventional Radiology (Session 221)
3:00 pm – 3:30 pm A³CR² Business Meeting and Elections
4:00 pm – 8:30 pm Brogdon Panel: Diversity in the Radiology Workplace (Session 226)

Thursday, April 16
7:00 am – 8:15 am Job Negotiation Primer for Residents (Session 302)
8:30 am – 10:00 am Problem Solving for Residents, Program Directors, Program Coordinators, and Chairs (Session 307)
4:00 pm – 5:30 pm Survey Research for Residents: A Primer (Session 314)

Friday, April 17
9:00 am – 10:00 am Resident Case Review: Nuclear Medicine and Musculoskeletal Radiology (Session 408)
10:30 am – 11:30 am Resident Case Review: Neuroradiology and Breast Imaging (Session 409)