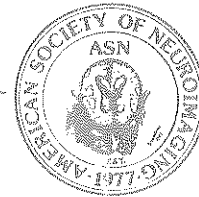


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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

John C. Mazziotta, M.D., Ph.D.



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In an effort to broaden communication among our membership, I am pleased to have you receive the new ASN Newsletter. Since our last meeting in California, the members and leadership of the American Society for Neuroimaging have been very busy and successful.

First comes the news that the ASN has been granted the highly significant and difficult to achieve distinction of AMA delegate status. This hard fought battle was led by a contingent of ASN members including the past president, Joseph Masdeu, M.D., William McKinney, M.D., Jack Greenberg, M.D., Francis Kittridge, M.D. and Linda Wilkerson. Many of you were instrumental in calling your state delegates to encourage them to recognize the status of the ASN, not only as an important imaging society but, more particularly, as a model group of clinicians who use imaging technologies to enhance their direct care of patients. I believe this important point was a critical factor in our achieving success. You should note that most organizations require two or three tries to attain delegate status and most are never successful.

Second, the ASN committee structure has been significantly reorganized, streamlined and reflects new leadership and perspectives with regard to many of our most important activities. Among the new committee Chairs and members I would like to point out:

Membership Committee

Lawrence R. Wechsler, Chair

MRI Examination Committee

Ruben I. Kuzniecky, Chair

Neurosonology Examination Committee

Charles H. Tegeler, Chair

Program Committee

Ilydio Polachini, Jr., Chair

Certification Committee

Joseph C. Masdeu, Chair

Plans are well underway for our 20th anniversary meeting next March in San Juan, Puerto Rico. It is quite an accomplishment to reach the 20 year mark for any organization, and I am hopeful that you can all attend to celebrate this important milestone. Dr. Polachini and his program committee have developed an exciting agenda for the meeting and the setting, as you know, is always pleasant and exciting.

In closing, there are many things to celebrate in this the 20th year of the ASN. I look forward to your continued support and participation in an organization that reflects not only our own society interests, but also serves as a model for clinicians using technology to enhance patient care and reduce its costs. See you in San Juan next winter.

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President
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CALL FOR PAPERS

Abstract forms will be sent to all members of the ASN and the American Academy of Neurology. Contact the Administrative Office for additional copies. The deadline for receipt of the abstracts is November 1, 1996.

EXAMINATION RESULTS

MRI Examination

The MRI/CT Examination was given on March 23, 1996. Those passing the examination include:

Richard C. Hinton
John B. Talbott
George A. Curry, II
Steven S. Rosenfeld
Marc D. Malkoff
Charles S. Coleman
F. Desmond Hussey

Neurosonology Examination

The Neurosonology Examination was given on March 23, 1996. The following individuals passed the examination:

Wilma Agnello-Dimitrijevic
Malcolm P. Berger
Christina Burch
Ufuk Can
Octavio de Marchena
Virgil DiBiase
Andre Durocher
Pierre B. Fayad
Tim Hagen
Dara Jamieson
Philip Kistler
Marian LaMonte
Alan Little
Aurora Pajeau
Disya Ratanakorn
James C. Robinson
Guy Rordorf
Andrew Saw
Steve Shymansky
John Stamoulis
J. Griffith Steel
Nijasri Suwanwela
Richard M. Zweifler



Credentialing in Neuroimaging

For fifteen years, the American Society of Neuroimaging has been offering certification examinations on CT/MRI and neurosonology to physicians with training in these modalities. Following the guidelines of the AMA, these examinations are open to all qualified physicians regardless of their original specialty training which can be

Neuroimaging Fellowships and Tutorials Available

The following programs have indicated that they have active fellowship/tutorial programs available. Please write or call the contact person listed for each site regarding the program specifics, application procedures, salary offered (fellowships) and fees (tutorials). If you are aware of other fellowships/tutorials that are not listed here, please contact the ASN administrative office.

Bowman Gray, Winston-Salem, NC

Fellowship as arranged (Neurosonology)
Contact: William McKinney, MD
Bowman Gray School of
Medicine
300 South Hawthorne Rd
Winston-Salem, NC 27103
(910) 716-4494

Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania

Flexible tutorials (SPECT/PET)
Contact: Abass Alavi, MD
Department of Radiology
Hospital of the University of PA
3400 Spruce Street
Philadelphia, PA 19104
(215) 662-3069

Lebanon Magnetic Imaging, Lebanon, PA

3 one-month tutorial positions per year (MRI)
Contact: Carl Ellenberger, Jr., MD
Lebanon Magnetic Imaging
855 Tuck Street
Lebanon, PA 17042
(717) 270-1804

MRI Learning Center, Burlingame, CA

One-year fellowships (MRI)
Multiple one-month and six-week tutorials
Contact: Murray Soloman, MD
MRI Learning Center
1633 Bayshore Drive
Suite 320
Burlingame, CA 94010
(408) 925-8328

Northeastern Magnetic Imaging, Philadelphia, PA

4-6 one-month tutorial positions per year
(MRI/CT)
Academic affiliation with Medical College of PA
CME credit available
Contact: Jack Greenberg, MD
Northeastern Magnetic Imaging
5090 Summerdale Avenue
Philadelphia, PA 19124
(215) 288-8100

State University of New York at Buffalo

3 fellowship positions per year
(MRI/CT/Neurosonology)
Contact: William Kinkel, MD
Dent Neurological Institute
3 Gates Circle
Buffalo, NY 14209
(716) 887-4075

Note: 96/97 positions filled

University of California, Los Angeles, CA

1 fellowship position per year (Neuroimaging)
Contact: John C. Mazziotta, MD, PhD
Attn: Ericka Ballou
Department of Neurology
Reed Neurologic Institute
UCLA
Los Angeles, CA 90024
(310) 794-6387

University of South Florida College of Medicine, Tampa, FL

2 Neuroradiology fellowships per year
(Must have radiology training)
Contact: Rhonda Tuttle
University of South Florida
College of Medicine
12901 B. Downs Blvd
Tampa, FL 33612-4799
(813) 974-2538

Stanford University School of Medicine, Stanford, CA

Fellowships - set up on an individual basis
Contact: Barton Lane, MD
Section Chief of Neuroradiology
Stanford Univ. School of Medicine
Department of Radiology
Lucas MRS Building
1201 Welch Road P-260
Stanford, CA 94305-5488
(415) 723-6767

Radiology, Nuclear Medicine, Neurology, or Neurosurgery. A set of credentialing guidelines, drafted by a task force chaired by Dr. Camilo Gomez, was approved by the Board of the AAN in July of 1995. It includes the ASN examinations as one of the possible pathways to demonstrate competency in a specific area of

neuroimaging. Both exams are standardized by the Angoff Procedure.

The Neurosonology Examination is a 3-hour written examination; the MRI/CT Examination is a 5-hour written exam. For more information, contact Linda Wilkerson of the ASN at (612) 545-6291.

Neuroimaging on the Net

With the support of the AAN, Dr. Keith Johnson has set up a superb and extensive neuroimaging teaching file on the World Wide Web called the Whole Brain Atlas. If you do not have WebCrawler or Yahoo and are not afraid of URLs, the address of the file is <http://www.med.harvard.edu/AALIB/home.html>. The first phase of this project has been completed and the second and final phase is now under way. Currently, the Whole Brain Atlas contains a complete set of brain anatomy and 23 clinical cases, comprising about 5,000 images. This page was visited 35,871 times for the period of January 20, 1996 to March 16, 1996 making it a very widely-used resource. It is reputed to be one of the most well-organized and useful educational Web pages. "The Whole Brain Atlas is superb! It is one of my favorite Web pages, and it is the first one I quite when asked about an innovative and well-conceived Web site. The clickable sagittal image is a great idea. It is worth it to endure the low speed of Brazilian communications lines and wait for the fantastic images to load," comments one recent user. Congratulations to the entire team who designed and implemented these pages!



Neuroimaging Training Guidelines Approved

Two years ago, a group of residency training program directors interested in neuroimaging met under the leadership of Dr. Joseph Masdeu and drafted a set of neuroimaging training guidelines for neurology residency training programs. Subsequently, these guidelines were circulated to all the training program directors and revised, taking into account their suggestions. Finally, these guidelines were approved by the Association of University Professors of Neurology at their May 7, 1995 meeting. They codify much that is already happening in terms of neuroimaging training for neurology residents but provide a good instrument to gauge the experience of graduates of neurology residency training programs. The group also drafted a set of neuroimaging fellowship training guidelines. These

20th Annual Meeting to be held March 5-8, 1997 at the Condado Plaza Hotel and Casino San Juan, Puerto Rico

The 20th Annual Meeting of the ASN will be held at the Condado Plaza Hotel & Casino March 6-8, 1997. The Condado Plaza is 15 minutes from the airport, and 10 minutes from both Old San Juan and the Business District. The hotel has 3 pools - one is complete with a Spanish castle and water slide, while another is saltwater and overlooks the ocean. The Condado Plaza boasts seven restaurants and the largest casino in the Caribbean. Sports lovers can enjoy sailing, wind surfing and kayaking. The hotel's staff can arrange golf and deep-sea fishing. A world-class fitness center provides the ultimate exercise equipment, saunas, whirlpools and massages. Camp Taino, for kids, provides fun and supervised activities. Baby-sitting services are also available, so bring your entire family for a great Caribbean experience!

Meeting Schedule



Wednesday, March 5, 1997

All Day
5:00 pm - 7:00 pm
7:00 pm

Committee Meetings
Registration
Welcome Reception

Thursday, March 6, 1997

8:00 am - 5:30 pm
6:45 am - 8:15 am
8:30 am - 5:30 pm
1:30 pm - 5:30 pm
6:30 pm

Registration
Acute Stroke Breakfast Seminar - Louis Caplan, MD, Director
Basic Neurosonology Course - Edward Feldmann, MD, Director
MRI Course - John Chawluk, MD, Director
Advanced Neurosonology Course - Charles Tegeler, MD, Director
Wine and Cheese Reception

Friday, March 7, 1997

8:00 am - 5:30 pm
6:45 am - 8:15 am
8:30 am - 12:30 pm
12:30 pm - 1:30 pm
1:30 pm - 5:30 pm
7:00 pm

Registration
Pediatric Neurosonology Seminar - Asma Fisher, MD, Director
Functional Imaging Seminar - John Mazziotta, MD, PhD, Director
Neurosonology Workshop - Camilo Gomez, MD, Director
MRI Course (continued)
ASN Business Meeting Luncheon
Integrated Clinical Neuroimaging Symposium
Charles Tegeler, MD and Ilydio Polachini, MD, Co-Directors
Reception

Saturday, March 8, 1997

7:00 am - 12:00 pm
7:00 am - 10:00 am
8:00 am - 1:00 pm
10:00 am - 12:00 pm

Registration
Interventional Neuroimaging Seminar, SH Kori, MD, Director
Scientific Symposium and Summary in Spanish
Joseph Masdeu, MD, Director
Accreditation of Vascular Labs - Phillip Bendick, MD, Director

guidelines greatly strengthen the credentialing process in neuroimaging for neurology trainees because they standardize and facilitate the documentation of neuroimaging training during residency or fellowship. These guidelines are available to

all neurology residency training program directors and are distributed through the Association of University Professors of Neurology.

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ASN Survey

Thank you all for responding to our recent survey to determine how many of our members are performing neuroimaging services for reimbursement. The results of the survey are as follows:

Numbers of ASN members performing services for reimbursement in a hospital setting:

MRI	60
Neurosonology	141
CT	48
PET	3
SPECT	5
Interventional	10

Numbers of ASN members performing services for reimbursement on an outpatient basis:

MRI	130
Neurosonology	152
CT	88
PET	1
SPECT	5
Interventional	8