President’s Address
B. Todd Troost, MD

We had a wonderful time this year at the ASN Annual Meeting in Phoenix. Thank you to all who attended and supported the Society. The program was top-notch and of great value to the attendees. Many thanks to all involved in presenting such an excellent meeting!

Dr. Rohit Bakshi, the President-Elect and Program Chair, is once again busy working on creating a fantastic program for our next Annual Meeting in Orlando on March 3-6, 2005. I encourage all members to take part in planning this meeting by submitting abstracts. Look for the Call for Abstracts near the end of May 2004. The abstracts will be due on September 13, 2004.

Remember to visit our website for up-to-date information about the Society and to take advantage of the membership database. We welcome your input on additions to the website. Please send any suggestions you may have to the ASN Executive Office at asn@llmsi.com for review and potential inclusion.

The ASN is currently working on providing members with online access to the Journal of Neuroimaging. Watch your mail and email for developments and further information. Please remember to keep us updated on your contact information by sending any changes to the Executive Office at asn@llmsi.com.

The ASN application has been submitted to the United Council of Neurologic Subspecialties (UCNS). As a reminder, this is the organization by which certificates are proposed as an alternative to the ABPN-ABMS route. The application was reviewed at their recent Board meeting and we are awaiting a reply at this point. I will keep the membership informed of any new developments.

Thank you for being a member of the American Society of Neuroimaging! As we look forward to exciting new activities, it is more important than ever to have membership involvement. Contact the Executive Office if you have any questions or suggestions.

I look forward to seeing everyone in Orlando! ♦
27th Annual Meeting Highlights

January 28 - 31, 2004
Pointe Hilton Tapatio Resort-Phoenix, AZ

Our Program Committee put together an excellent and well-received program this year with attendance by over 175 imaging professionals.


We also received generous meeting sponsorship from Biogen, Inc., Teva Neuroscience, Medical Resources, and Boston Scientific.

Our Neurosonology Hands-On Workshop was made possible through the generous support of the equipment companies who provided machines and staff. Many thanks to our 2004 supporters: DWL Systems, Nicolet Vascular, Spencer Technologies, and Rimed, Ltd.

Comments from meeting attendees were very positive overall. Some examples include:

• This meeting will have great impact on my practice and I found it very useful and up-to-date.
• This meeting is excellent!
• Crisp, lucid, logical, well managed and well presented. [Basic Neurosonology Course]
• Best talk of the day. Good pace, excellent slides, well-crafted presentation. [Stroke Symposium]
• Excellent symposium with variety of viewpoints. All speakers excellent. [Integrated Neuroimaging Symposium]

Our faculty was also highly praised in the evaluations. Many of the attendees used such words as superb, stellar, and outstanding. A sample of other comments includes:

• Certainly one of the best speakers on these topics.
• How can he keep it up? Bravo!
• I can't get enough of [his] teaching.
• All speakers are excellent! They are all worth coming to Arizona. ◆

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Congratulations to 2004 Award Recipients!

William M. McKinney Award
Maher Saqqur, MD, FRCPC
University of Alberta
Edmonton, Alberta, Canada
“Derivation of Power M-Mode Transcranial Doppler Criteria for Angiographic Proven MCA Occlusion”

Zeenat Qureshi Award
Jawad Kirmani, MD
Cerebrovascular Program
The University of Medicine & Dentistry New Jersey (UMDNJ)
Newark, NJ
“A Comparative Prospective Evaluation of Steno-occlusive Disease in Patients with Ischemic Stroke using Magnetic Resonance Angiography and Digital Subtraction Angiography”

Resident Travel Awards
Hyunmi Kim, MD
Medical College of Georgia
Augusta, GA
Poster #38 “Pathophysiology of Clusters of Complex Partial Seizures: Subtraction Ictal SPECT Coregistered to MRI (SISCOM) Study”
Alan Diamond, DO
Department of Neurology
St. Louis University
St. Louis, MO
Poster #13 “Cervical Myelopathy as Initial Manifestation of ‘Whippets’-induced B12 Deficiency”

John and Sophia Prockop Memorial Lectureship
Lucas Restrepo, MD
Johns Hopkins Hospital
Baltimore, MD
“Transcranial Doppler Markers of Diffusion-Perfusion Mismatch”
Many thanks to Alexander Razumovsky, PhD, who graciously presented the Memorial Lectureship at the Business Meeting. Dr. Razumovsky is a co-author of the paper.

Egas Moniz Interventional Neurology Fellowship Award
Andrew R. Xavier, MD
Department of Neurology & Neurosciences
The University of Medicine & Dentistry New Jersey (UMDNJ)
Newark, NJ
Board Service Recognition

We extend sincere thanks to the following Board members who have completed their terms:
- Michael J. Kushner, MD
- Richard B. Kasdan, MD
- Dara G. Jamieson, MD

And a warm welcome to the following new members of the ASN Board:
- Geoffrey Hartwig, MD
- Mircea Morariu, MD
- Dara Jamieson, MD, has accepted the nomination to serve as Treasurer.
- Alexander Razumovsky, MD, has accepted a second term as Board Member.

As we continue to promote the highest standards of neuroimaging in clinical practice, we are grateful for the high level of involvement and quality of service from our Board and Committee members.

Mark your calendars!

Upcoming Neuroimaging Seminars

June 18 - 20, 2004
Boston Marriott Newton
Newton, MA
Sponsored by the MRI Centers of New England

August 21 - 22, 2004
Location TBD
Orlando, FL
Sponsored by Medical Resources

Attention Members - Your Input is Requested!
A member of the ASN has requested that we query the membership regarding the formation of a chapter in pediatric neuroimaging. We need to know whether there is interest in forming a separate section. If you would be interested in the formation of a pediatric chapter, please send an email to asn@llmsi.com, indicating your name and contact information. Thank you for your input!