

# AMERICAN SOCIETY OF NEUROIMAGING NEWSLETTER

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## 24th Annual Meeting

John B. Chawluk, MD, Program Chair



**January 24-27, 2001**

Hyatt Regency Lake Las Vegas Resort

Register now and make your travel plans for what promises to be a superior educational event.

### Wednesday, January 24

12:00 – 4:00	Committee Meetings
4:00 – 6:30	Board Meeting
7:00 – 8:00	Welcome Reception

### Thursday, January 25

6:30 – 8:30 am	Breakfast Seminar: Interventional Neurology/Live Video Demonstration
8:45 am – 6:15 pm	MRI Course Part I
8:45 am – 12:15pm	Basic Neurosonology Course
12:15 – 1:30 pm	Exhibits & Poster Luncheon
12:15 – 4:00 pm	Exhibits Open
1:30 – 5:30 pm	International Cerebral Hemodynamics Symposium
7:00 – 10:00 pm	Hands-On Workshops: Neurosonology and MRI

### Friday, January 26

10:00 am – 4:00 pm	Exhibits Open
6:30 – 8:30 am	Breakfast Seminar: TCD in Pediatric Sickle Cell Anemia and Other Applications
6:30 – 8:30 am	Breakfast Seminar: Functional Neuroimaging
8:45 – 11:50 am	MRI Course Part II
8:45 – 11:45 am	Neurosonology Case Interpretation
12:00 – 2:00 pm	Business Meeting/Awards Luncheon
2:15 – 5:15 pm	Neuroimaging for the New Millennium
6:30 pm	All-Attendee Show: Legends

### Saturday, January 27

6:30 – 8:00 am	Breakfast Seminar: Practice Issues in MR/CT
6:30 – 8:00 am	Breakfast Seminar: Practice Issues in Neurosonology
7:00 – 10:30 am	Neurosonology Exam Session I
8:15 – 11:45 am	Integrated Neuroimaging Symposium
10:45 am – 12:00 pm	Pediatric Neurosonology Exam
12:30 – 4:00 pm	Neurosonology Exam Session II
1:30 – 4:30 pm	Endovascular Therapy for Cerebrovascular Disease
4:30 – 9:00 pm	MRI Exam

## Membership Expansion

The ASN is expanding its membership to include multiple medical specialists, technicians, students, and others interested in the neuroimaging field that would benefit from our services. Please contact the Executive Office with the names of your colleagues who may wish to join ASN or for membership brochures. Brochures for both individual and corporate membership can also be found on the ASN website.

# Presidential Address

*Charles H. Tegeler, MD*

**I**t is hard for me to believe, but my two years serving as President of the ASN will end in January, 2001. It seems like just yesterday that I was thanking you for the opportunity to accept the position as President, and discussing the strengths and challenges we faced, as a specialty society. I am happy to report that a lot has been accomplished, but much is yet to be done. As before, active participation by the members is the key to the long-term success of the ASN. I know that the new President, John B. Chawluk, MD, and all the ASN officers and staff welcome, and request, your input and ideas on how to make the ASN grow, improve, and provide greater value for its members.

**S**everal developments are worthy of mention. First, we are very pleased to announce the ASN's new partnership with Sage Science Press. Effective January 1, 2001, Sage will publish *Journal of Neuroimaging*. We are very fortunate to have formed this alliance and provide the value to our members that it makes possible. Exciting changes beginning in January include an alerting service that will provide a preview of the table of contents to subscribers, a new website ([www.sagesciencepress.com](http://www.sagesciencepress.com)) for the journal and a new cover design. According to Susan Hanscom, Vice President and Publisher, Sage Periodicals Press, "We were thrilled when we were notified that Sage was selected as the American Society of Neuroimaging's future publishing partner. The *Journal of Neuroimaging* has an excellent reputation among the scientific community and we are pleased to add it to the list of high quality journals we publish. It is our goal to increase the Journal's global

readership as well as the ASN's global reach. We continue to be impressed with the dedication and expertise within the ASN organization and we look forward to working with Dr. Larry Wechsler and the staff in bringing the journal to even higher levels. We are proud to call the *Journal of Neuroimaging* a flagship journal for Sage." This promises to be a marvelous opportunity and benefit for the ASN.

**A**s an indirect result of the relationship with Sage, the ASN has moved ahead with creation of a first rate web site. Dr. Todd Troost is helping with this, and this should prove to be a tremendous addition and asset to the ASN.

**T**he efforts to establish an alternative, intersocietal mechanism for accreditation of MRI facilities is off and running. The ICAMRL will soon be fully functional and offering an alternative to the American College of Radiology accreditation program. As it was for the vascular ultrasound, I expect that this will be a real success, and provide our members a mechanism to show the special expertise and quality of testing they have achieved in MRI. For ultrasound, this has been critical to efforts to secure reimbursement from Medicare, managed care groups, or other third party payors.

**T**he certification examinations continue to maintain a very high standard, and offer an opportunity for physicians to demonstrate their additional training and expertise in either neurosonology or MRI/CT. Now computerized, it will soon be possible to offer the examinations more than once yearly.

**I**n order to provide a vehicle for philanthropic support, the ASN is creating a Foundation, which will allow fully tax-deductible donations, and sponsorship of special lectureships and other activities. The initial gift for a lectureship has come from Dr. Leon Prockop in honor of his parents, John and Sophie Prockop, and will be conferred on the author of the best paper published in the *Journal of Neuroimaging* the previous year. The ASN owes a heartfelt thank you to Dr. Prockop for his years of generous service to the ASN, as well as for this groundbreaking gift.

**L**egislative affairs is another area of activity that has been largely behind the scenes, but is important to the ASN. Dr. Frank Fleming has been representing the ASN at the AMA House of Delegates, and Dr. Michael Sloan now is chairman of the Legislative Affairs committee of the ASN. There have been numerous lobbying efforts in Washington, on behalf of the ASN.

**F**inally, I would like to personally thank each of you for your support and assistance during my time as President. It has been a privilege and an honor to serve in this capacity. The ASN is left in good hands with an outstanding management staff as well as a fantastic slate of incoming officers. I look forward to seeing you in Las Vegas and at ASN functions for many years to come.

## Call for Suggestions

We welcome member input for the new website. Please forward any suggestions to Theresa Gutoski by calling (952) 545-6291 or emailing [theresalgutoski@msn.com](mailto:theresalgutoski@msn.com).

# Corporate Relations Report

*Thaddeus Jozefowicz, MD*

We are pleased to welcome Medical Resources to our Corporate Membership program.

Medical Resources, Inc. owns and operates nearly one hundred MRI and diagnostic imaging facilities throughout the country. Our neuroimaging program is designed to provide the neuroimaging community with some of the highest quality diagnostic imaging services. Under the guidance of Jack O. Greenberg, MD, Neuroimaging Medical Director, Medical Resources provides access to ASN-sponsored fellowships, a 200-hour CME neuroimaging videotape library, monthly neuroimaging case studies, an independent educational interpretation panel, and ongoing quality assurance peer-review meetings.

The Society has found that our relationships with vendors have proven to be partnerships valuable to both parties. Please take a moment to contact Theresa Gutoski in the ASN Office if you know of vendors that might have an interest in partnering with the ASN.

## ASN launches website

*B. Todd Troost, MD, Webmaster*

The Society's website, [www.asnweb.org](http://www.asnweb.org), needs input from our membership. Please visit today and send interesting neuroimaging cases, discussions of issues and your ideas and comments. What can make our website better and of more use to the membership, neurology and the public?

# Examination News

Andrei V. Alexandrov, MD and Marc D. Malkoff, MD, Chairs

Thanks to all who submitted exam questions this fall.

We are pleased to announce that both the Neurosonology and MRI/CT examinations will have a large enough number of questions to support two full exams within the next year. This will provide exam candidates who are not able to take

the exam at the Annual Meeting with another option.

The committees are reviewing new questions for both examinations in order to prepare for the January 27 exams. For applications or more information, contact Theresa Gutoski in the ASN office at (952) 545-6291, email [theresagutoski@msn.com](mailto:theresagutoski@msn.com) or visit the ASN website, [www.asnweb.org](http://www.asnweb.org).

# Legislative Activities Update

*Michael A. Sloan, MD*

*Chair, Legislative Affairs Committee*

The ASN continues to work with the coalition of vascular societies and Arent Fox in Washington, DC on a number of governmental issues of direct consequence to our membership. Current projects include an extensive review and discussion with the Lewin Group regarding HCFA's Zero Work Pool for technical component services. We also await Pennsylvania

Carrier Medical Directors ruling on physician qualification for interpretation of and level of supervision for of non-invasive vascular testing. Any members with an interest in participating in the committee are encouraged to contact Theresa Gutoski in the ASN Office at (952) 545-6291 or email [theresagutoski@msn.com](mailto:theresagutoski@msn.com).

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