The Society for Computer Applications in Radiology

THE RSNA MEETING to merge the Society for Computer Applications in Radiology (SCAR) and the Society of Digital Imaging, Management, and Communications (SDIMC) was most successful. The newly formed organization will be known as the Society for Computer Applications in Radiology and its official journal will be the *Journal of Digital Imaging*. We feel that this new society, through its journal and through the sponsoring of scientific meetings and other endeavors, will be a significant force in the forefront of radiology.

The executive committee of SCAR is officially known as the Governance Committee and is composed of SCAR's five officers, the immediate past chairman of the Radiology Information System Consortium (RISC) board, and the editor in chief of the *Journal of Digital Imaging*. The first meeting of the Governance Committee took place on January 30, 1989 at Newport Beach, CA, in conjunction with the SPIE Medical Imaging III meeting. The entire Governance Committee was in attendance, as well as distinguished guests who were instrumental in the establishment of SCAR.

Several important points came out in the meeting. First and foremost is the executives' goal for SCAR to be a very successful society, fully meeting its members' needs. In this respect we want to hear from you. What should SCAR be doing for you? Write and let us know.

The *Journal of Digital Imaging* is off to a splendid start, but it requires continuing input from its readers. It is designed to be a forum for the presentation of solid, refereed scientific papers devoted to computers in radiology. I know there are many radiology computer projects and research efforts out there just perfect for sharing with others. Let the editor see your work. The *Journal of Digital Imaging* is the place for them.

The next meeting of the Governance Committee will be in conjunction with the June 4 to 8, 1989 IMAC International Conference on Image Management and Communication in Patient Care. SCAR is proud to be one of the sponsoring organizations for this meeting, and I urge all

SCAR members to attend. SCAR plans to have an international focus and desires members from all continents. It is also proud to be a sponsoring organization for CAR '89, Computer Assisted Radiology, Third International Symposium and Exhibition to be held in Berlin June 24 to 28, 1989. This has always been a popular, well-attended meeting, and it is highly recommended.

SCAR will work closely with those coordinating the Tenth Biannual Computers in Radiology meeting to be held in Irvine, CA, in June 1990. These biannual conferences are very stimulating and have a long history of significant contributions to radiology. The ninth conference, sponsored by the American College of Radiology and RISC in June 1988 at Hilton Head, SC, was a fabulous success, and the tenth conference already promises to be comparable.

A general SCAR membership meeting will be scheduled during the Radiological Society of North America (RSNA) meeting in Chicago in late November 1989. The time and place will be announced in a future column. We also plan to begin a newsletter to all SCAR members to update you periodically on SCAR activities. The newsletter should allow more space than this column for detailed descriptions of SCAR undertakings. The first issue of the newsletter will contain a current list of our members. If you don't see your colleagues' and friends' names on it, get them to join. Only by becoming a large, active society can we have the personnel and resources to accomplish our goals. The newsletter will also contain a copy of SCAR's current bylaws. These need some polishing and SCAR's executives are most interested in your suggestions for structuring SCAR. We also plan to mail a questionnaire to all SCAR members inquiring about your needs and wishes and to assess the expertise and computer resources available to SCAR and its members. What should we be asking? Let us know.

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