

The Society for Computer Applications in Radiology

AS NOTED IN previous communications, the Society for Computer Applications in Radiology (SCAR) provides a unique and potentially powerful forum for the development and exchange of computer applications in radiology. It is one of the few places in which industry and academia come together as equals on turf supported by both. The candid exchanges that occur will ultimately help the development and application of these new and tremendously exciting technologies.

The mainstay of the Society has been the *Journal of Digital Imaging* and the annual meetings of the society (under the alternate auspices of Computer-Assisted Radiology and SCAR). The upcoming SCAR meeting will be held in Baltimore, MD June 14-17, 1992 and advanced planning focusing on site selection is beginning for the 1994 SCAR meeting. Members are urged to make plans to attend the June meeting while those interested in hosting the 1994 meeting should correspond with the SCAR executive committee.

To further strengthen the society, its journal and its meetings, a decision was reached in the last year to offer the opportunity for sponsorships of the Society by both corporate and university groups. It was agreed that for a donation of \$1,250 appropriate recognition will be provided in the journal and, in addition, the sponsor will receive 10 copies of the journal per issue. It is hoped that these journals will be used by the industrial and/or university sponsors to further the understanding of computer applications in radiology amongst their constituents. Additionally, corporate sponsors will be offered the opportunity for small group meetings with

the Executive Committee of the Society to solicit opinions and/or advise regarding various computer applications.

It is clear that our efforts must continue to focus on strengthening the Society and bringing to it those individuals with an interest or expertise in the areas addressed by the Society. Investigators are strongly urged to submit their relevant manuscripts to the *Journal of Digital Imaging* for peer review and hopefully publication. All members are urged to strongly encourage individuals with appropriate interests and/or expertise to join the Society. For membership information write to SCAR, PO Box 8800, Harrisburg, PA 17105-8800 or call 717-561-5266. Membership is \$125.00 for the United States and Canada, \$50.00 for students and residents, and \$155.00 for all other countries. Membership includes a subscription to the *Journal of Digital Imaging*. The additional cost for members outside of the country relates entirely to handling and mailing costs for the journal.

The benefits available through Society membership, the *Journal of Digital Imaging*, and attendance at the meetings far exceeds the small costs of membership. This is a particularly exciting time in the history of the Society; the opportunities to make a significant contribution during the coming years are great and all interested individuals are urged to join SCAR.

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