Brief President’s Message

A number of very positive steps have been taken by the SCMR in the last few months including:
1. Updating and revamping the SCMR website - thanks to James Moon
2. Advances in the potential reimbursement of flow codes in the U.S. - thanks to the U.S. Chapter and Korris Group
3. Moving towards a grant application to the NHLBI for a multi-center international study entitled SCMR-AMI (Superior Classification by Magnetic Resonance of Acute Myocardial Infarction). The executive committee includes Drs. Christopher Kramer, Jeanette Schulz-Menger, Elke Nagel, and Matthias Friedrich. The grant is planned to be submitted for the 10/5/09 deadline. More details to follow.

Please look for a more extensive President’s Page in the JCMR this summer.

Christopher M. Kramer, President SCMR

Win a Prize by Submitting a Case-of-the-Week

Dear SCMR Member,

Would you like to be the recipient of the “SCMR Best Case-of-the-Week 2009” award? Then submit your case here.

The best case will be chosen among those published this year on the SCMR website.

The winner will be announced at awards ceremony during the SCMR 13th Annual Scientific Sessions in Phoenix (January 21-24, 2010) and will receive free registration to the annual meeting and a commemorative plaque.

For any inquiries, cmercases@yahoo.com

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Euro CMR Updates

The annual meeting took place in Athens in May. There were more than 240 attendees; most of them were new in the field. The meeting included a preconference workshop focusing on CMR on Thalassaemia. The best abstract award went to Royal Brompton Hospital, London, also discussing that emerging field. The results of the German Pilot Trial, a CMR-registry including nearly 11,000 CMRs were presented. The platform for EuroCMR registry was opened beginning 2009.

JCMR – Increased Impact Factor

Prof. Dudley Pennell is delighted to announce that the Journal of Cardiovascular Magnetic Resonance has significantly increased its impact factor to 2.2 in the latest figures just announced. Prof. Pennell says that he anticipates a further increase again in the impact factor of JCMR in the figures to be announced in June 2010 and encourages all CMR active researchers to send their articles to him for review as the only dedicated journal in the field, and the only CMR journal which is Open Access giving wide access to researchers worldwide.

Upcoming Meetings:

September 17-18, 2009 International Course: Cardiovascular Imaging 2009, National Heart Institute, Mexico City
October 1, 2009 9th Cardiovascular MRI Workshop, Athens, Greece
October 25 - 27, 2009 6th International Meeting on Intensive Cardiac Care, Tel Aviv, Israel
January 21-24, 2010 SCMR Thirteen Annual Scientific Sessions in Phoenix, Arizona, USA

Please don’t hesitate to inform us about meetings you consider relevant to this Newsletter

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