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**Important dates:**
- December 31, 2010: Early Registration Fee Deadline
- February 03, 2011: Pre-conference Courses
- February 04 - 06, 2011: Scientific Sessions
- February 06, 2011: EuroCMR Exam 2011

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**U.S. CMR News**

**Temporary hold on Medicare physician fee cut:** On November 29, 2010, the U.S. House of Representatives followed the Senate's lead and approved legislation to temporarily put the planned 23 percent Medicare physician fee cut on hold. This cut was scheduled to take place December 1, 2010. This legislation only postpones the cut until December 31st, and further legislation is necessary to correct the cuts permanently. For more information on contacting your Senator or Representative please see the [announcement on the U.S. Chapter section](http://www.scmr.org).

**New CMS imaging lab accreditation rules:** The "Medicare Improvements for Patients and Providers Act of 2008" (MIPPA) requires that as of January 1, 2012, suppliers furnishing the technical component ("TC") of advanced imaging services must be accredited by a designated accreditation organization for purposes of reimbursement. The American College of Cardiology (ACC) and the American College of Radiology (ACR) are offering complimentary webinars explaining the new rules to members and non-members alike. For more information, please visit the relevant web-pages of [ACC](http://www.acc.org) and [ACR](http://www.acr.org).

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**** ASSOCIATE EDITOR NEEDED, Case-of-the-Week team****

Given the increasing popularity of this feature of the website, we are delighted to advertise for 2 additional posts in our team. Congenital heart disease expertise is required for one of the two positions. The ideal candidate should be an enthusiastic team player. SCMR level III accreditation and some IT knowledge are essential requirements. Shortlisted candidates will be interviewed in Nice. Please send your CV to the COTW Editor: Chiara Bucciarelli-Ducci <c.bucciarelli-ducci@rbht.nhs.uk>. Deadline for application is 31st Dec 2010.

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SCMR solicits your feedback: In the next couple of months, SCMR will think ahead and develop its strategies for the next years to come. This will be guided by a consulting firm and will also involve phone calls to some of our members / previous members. The Board of Trustees is always interested in feedback from the members of the Society, so please talk to Board Members during the Scientific Sessions or give feedback to <hq@scmr.org>.

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