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Mexico welcomes SCMR-LAC

This month will take place the third SCMR-LAC Annual Meeting in Puebla, Mexico. As happened in Sao Paulo and Buenos Aires in the previous years the meeting's main objectives are to foster CMR in the country where it is hosted. Mexico has a tradition in cardiology and many contributions in the field of imaging, CMR included. We hope that this year's meeting further

advances the use of this modality in the country and once more spreads the reach of SCMR in LatAm.

And just ahead of us is 2010 SCMR Annual Scientific Sessions with a special regional scholarship directed only to LatAm SCMR members. Read more on the next page and be sure to participate and meet us in Phoenix next year.

Scientific papers/Artículos Científicos

Typical MDE pattern found in 2/3 of patients with PAH and RV failure

Pulmonary arterial hypertension (PAH) and right ventricular function evaluation are both common tasks on a clinical CMR lab. However, the presence of delayed enhancement in patients with both conditions has not been studied in depth. Brazilian authors lead by Dr. Junqueira analyzed 20 patients with either idiopathic or secondary to chronic pulmonary embolism PAH. In this cross sectional study the authors found that two thirds of the patients showed delayed enhancement on a PSIR sequence, with all changes seen on the insertion points of the RV in the interventricular septum. Interestingly, DE findings did not correlate

to any other variable measured regarding both the RV and LV function and volumes, suggesting that DE may serve as an independent marker of the disease. The only positive but weak association occurred with the duration of PAH. The authors conclude that this finding might show that DE can be an independent marker of prognosis in PAH (as has been seen in most other cardiomyopathies) but this assertion needs long term follow-up of similar cohorts.

Junqueira FP, Macedo R, Coutinho AC et al. BR J Radiol 2009;82:821-6.

SCMR-LAC Meetings/Encuentros

SCMR-LAC meeting visits historical Puebla, Mexico

The third Meeting of the SCMR-LAC will take place in Puebla, Mexico during the XXVI Congreso Nacional de Cardiología de la Sociedad Mexicana de Cardiología. For the first time the meeting will occur in North America with Mexico being hosted by Dr. Erick Alexanderson Rosas and Dr. Erasmo de la Peña Almaguer. Along with the meeting, the Sociedad Mexicana de Cardiología has also set up a magnificent program with special sessions in cardiovascular imaging including:

- Curso Precongreso: Imagen Cardiovascular y Ecocardiografía - Jueves, 29/10
- Nuevas Técnicas em Imagen Cardiovascular I - Viernes, 30/10
- Imagen Cardiovascular en la Insuficiencia Cardíaca - Viernes, 30/10
- Nuevas Técnicas em Imagen Cardiovascular II - Sábado, 31/10
- El rol actual de la imagen cardiovascular

em la cardiopatía isquémica, Sábado, 31/10
- Reunión grupo de trabajo de imagen cardiovascular - Domingo, 01/11





SCMR News/Noticias de SCMR

SCMR Regional Scholarship for Latin America

As occurred in 2008, this year SCMR is once again promoting the SCMR Regional Scholarship Program. It includes a USD1.500,00 award plus free registration to the 2010 SCMR Annual Scientific Sessions. To be eligible you must fulfill four conditions:

- be from a Latin American institution
- be a SCMR member (you can become a member up to the application deadline)
- have an accepted abstract for SCMR 2010
- must be in training or < 10 years after MD or < 5 years after PhD

Don't let this chance pass by!



DEADLINE FOR THE REGIONAL SCHOLARSHIP -
Friday, Nov 13, 2009 - Access it at www.scmr.org

SCMR-LAC Blog

SCMR-LAC homepage shows large number of visits and new features

With over 2400 visits in only 7 months after it's startup the site provides unique features for CMR education and updates.

The SCMR-LAC homepage (www.scmrlac.blogspot.com) was inaugurated in March 03, 2009 after the group's meeting in January in Orlando. Since then it has been visited more than 2400 times with a mean of 11.4 visits/day. In approximately the same period, the SCMR main site has had around 30.000 visits so the Latin American site has been having a good number of accesses. More than that, if we count only the LatAm visits in the SCMR site the total figure of 1247 visits is half of what we see in the LAC group which suggests that the regional site might be providing other attractive features to it's main public. Despite that, more than 30% of the site's known geographical accesses come from the

USA showing that at least part of its features are also appreciated by other CMR specialists outside of LatAm. Because of that, the site will continue to provide part of its content in English and Spanish in order to cope with the necessities of most of its readers. In the following lines we list the main features found on the site today:

- Most important scientific paper's abstracts are updated every couple of day on the site
- A new poll provides visitors a chance to vote on controversial topics every 2-3 weeks
- A direct link to all new PubMed articles on CMR is provided every week

so you will keep up with the latest research papers published

- RSS feeds from JCMR, JACC Imaging and Circ Imaging are provided online with the latest 5 manuscripts published with direct link to them
- Users can always comment on the posts and even discuss difficult cases by sending them to one of the administrators.

We hope that the site is acting as a unique space for the enhancement of CMR on LatAm serving a complementary role to the SCMR main site. New features will be provided frequently and we welcome all feedback from visitors.

Check it at:

WWW.SCMRLAC.BLOGSPOT.COM