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RSSA congress sponsorship

The Medical Imaging Society of South Africa (MISA) and member companies Siemens Healthcare, GE Healthcare, Philips Medical Systems and AEC Amersham have announced a generous sponsorship of R20 000, to be applied in the form of a refund of R1 000 to each of up to 20 registrars who incur long-distance travel and accommodation expenses in attending RSSA congresses and workshops.

The terms of the sponsorship are that the first 20 registrars who register and pay their registration fees by the 'early bird' deadline will receive a refund of R1 000 after the course ends. Awarding the sponsorships depends on the course location and where the participants come from; for the congress in Sandton (see below), for example, Gauteng registrars will be excluded from sponsorship. This is to ensure that recipients are those who have to pay for airfare and accommodation.

First RSSA/ICIS cancer imaging course

An historic 'first': a joint satellite cancer imaging course, presented by the Radiological Society of South Africa (RSSA) and the International Cancer Imaging Society (ICIS), will take place at the Spier Estate, near Stellenbosch, from 6 - 8 February 2009.

After more than 2 years of careful review and planning by members of both societies, the 2009 Cancer Imaging Course has been created to meet the challenges of advancing imaging in the multidisciplinary management of cancer. The course offers an extremely well-balanced and full programme, presented by an international faculty consisting of 12

highly distinguished Fellows of the ICIS, a Canadian neuroradiologist, and a leading South African endoscopic skull base surgeon. They will address a wide variety of topics important to daily practice as well as the basics of cancer imaging.

A course of this nature is essential and long overdue for all South African and indeed African radiologists. Clinical oncologists, radiotherapists, oncology surgical specialists, and diagnostic radiographers will gain enormously from the course. It will also be of benefit to the wider oncology fraternity, with special emphasis on cost-effective MDCT/MR imaging protocols and the application of advanced modalities such as PET-CT. It is designed for everyone with a special interest in oncology.

The social programme at the historic Spier Estate will also allow ample time to meet colleagues and initiate new friendships.

We gratefully acknowledge the support from all our sponsors. Without them, events like these cannot be hosted; their commitment to radiology, training and teaching is appreciated and indispensable. Thank you!

I extend a special word of gratitude to the Fellows of the ICIS, who have made their lectures and images available on CD to all participants; this is unique in the history of the ICIS and demonstrates the enormous commitment of the satellite committee to teaching and in particular to South Africa.

On behalf of the RSSA, the ICIS Satellite Committee, the ICIS President, Professor Jay P Heiken, the President elect, Professor Wolfgang Schima, and Professor Rodney Reznek, I invite you to join this very unique meeting. For further details and registration, please go to www.spiercancercourse2009.co.za.

Professor Leon Janse van Rensburg

RSSA Congress Chairman

RSSA head and neck imaging workshop

A most successful 2-day workshop, attended by 160 delegates, was conducted by 4 internationally renowned European radiologists on 25 - 26 October at the Investec Auditorium in Cape Town. The faculty consisted of Dr Jan Casselman and Dr Bert de Foer (Belgium), Dr Alexandra Borges (Portugal) and Dr Bert-Jan de Bondt (The Netherlands). It was a very intensive course with a full syllabus. The basic as well as advanced principles of MDCT and MRI in head and neck imaging were clearly and concisely explained.

RSSA Neuroradiology and MRI Advances Congress

The RSSA Neuroradiology and MRI Advances Congress will be held at the Sandton Convention Centre, Johannesburg, on 28 - 30 August 2009. It's a joint venture between the RSSA, the Radiological Society of North America's (RSNA) Visiting International Professors Programme, and The International Society of Magnetic Resonance in Medicine's (ISMRM) Global Outreach Programme. Both the RSNA and ISMRM are sponsoring the participation of 3 international experts.

The congress's scientific committee consists of Professors Leon Janse van Rensburg, Zarina Lockhat, Mala Modi, Coert De Vries, Jan Lotz and Richard Hewlett, and Doctors Tracy Kilborn, Sally Candy and Bruce Spottiswoode.

Free papers and poster presentations are invited. Further information will be on the RSSA website early in 2009.

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