



Alberta Association of Radiology Managers

AARM Spring Newsletter

The Alberta Association of Radiology Managers continues to evolve, just as Diagnostic Imaging is evolving in our province. In our changing environment, the AARM promotes consistent collaboration for all Diagnostic Imaging stakeholders in Alberta.

We are committed to providing educational and networking opportunities for our Diagnostic Imaging decision-makers; including vendor representatives, DI leaders in Alberta Health Services and the Private Radiology sector.

In response to the membership, the Executive has planned a two day conference located in a central location within Alberta. Please mark your calendars for September 16 and 17, 2010 and take a trip to the Badlands in Drumheller Alberta! Famous worldwide for its dinosaur and fossil specimens, Drumheller offers spectacular scenery and recreational opportunities, including the Royal Tyrrell Museum and Dinosaur Trail Golf and Country Club. Our Education Committee has secured the entire Jurassic Inn Hotel, for the AARM attendees. We have also scheduled some time at the Tyrrell Museum to gain knowledge on Paleontology imaging.

Once again, the Executive has a stellar speaker line up for the 2010 fall conference. We are pleased to announce:

Mauro Chies-AHS Vice President-Diagnostic Imaging
Dr. Margaret O'Keefe
Dr. Rick Walker- MSK official radiologist of the Paralympics
Andrew Will - AHS Senior Vice President, Clinical Support Services

We will also be re-introducing a presentation format for Vendor Representatives. Some of the AARM founding members have approached the executive to revive this educational opportunity. This fall, we will have representatives from GE, Philips and Covidien speak to the membership in a non-marketing platform.

Plan to come early in the evening on Wednesday, September 15 for the Jurassic Island Social! Thursday, September 16, we will be bussing to the nearby town of Rosebud for their renowned Dinner Theatre Performance. Please dress casually for the entire conference. Jeans are appropriate!

The Annual General Meeting is scheduled for 12:45 on Thursday, September 16. Please submit agenda items to Mark MacMillan or myself. We look forward to your input, to ensure the Alberta Association of Radiology Managers remains pertinent and sustainable.

Kind Regards,

Kate Luchenski
President, AARM 2010

AARM EDUCATION COMMITTEE REPORT 2010

“ALL IN THE FAMILY”

The 2009 AARM Conference was held at the Jasper Park Lodge, just outside of Jasper. The cabins and quaint mountain setting was perfect for our Conference theme – which was titled “All in the Family”!

Wednesday afternoon, we welcomed everyone at registration, and very appropriately had Mr. Mauro Chies – the Vice President of Diagnostic Imaging Services for Alberta Health Services as our opening speaker. He spoke on “Hang Gliding on the Winds of Change”. We then enjoyed some refreshments and snacks as well as some warm fall mountain air before returning to the Conference room to hear some of our own AARM members speak to us with regard to what was happening in each of their sectors of Diagnostic Imaging. First Don S. Hilaire – the Director of Cancer Imaging Services for Alberta Health Services spoke. Next, Peter Froese – the Executive Director for Suburban/Rural for Alberta Health Services gave us an update, and finally, Joe Hamelin – the Corporate Director of Edmonton Covenant Health spoke. Members then had some time to check-in before meeting at the Hospitality Cabin where we enjoyed a true traditional family reunion. The beautiful warm September weather allowed us to have a casual barbeque with lots of visiting.

Thursday morning began with breakfast and then a very informative and yet witty presentation by another AARM member – Larry Filipow on “Towards Provincial Diagnostic Reference Levels in Alberta, or: Size DOES Matter – My dose is smaller than Your dose”. Dr. Evan Lundall followed with a presentation on “Primary Care Networks: The Collaboration Care Given a New Expression” After a coffee break Stevie Colvin spoke to us about “Change, Change, and More Change!” How appropriate was this topic considering what we have all been facing! We then tried something new – and help our Annual General Meeting over Lunch, followed by Management Workshops. The Hospitality Cabin was opened up late in the afternoon with a semi-formal Banquet served in the Spike Dining Room. The Lifetime Membership Award was presented to Ellen Smith by Denise McIvor, and the Past President’s Award was presented to Ellen Sitler by Jack Berry. We then enjoyed an evening of music and dancing with music provided by Flextime Trio.

Friday morning started with a hot breakfast and then Dr. Naeem Merchant presented a very informative talk on the “New Advances in Cardiac Imaging”. After a short coffee break Dr. Stephanie Wilson spoke on “What Do I Add to Ultrasound in the AHS?” All members were then treated to a delicious lunch. This was the end of another informative and successful Conference.

The Executive and Education Committee would like to thank all members who attended as well as all Commercial representatives who so generously supported this year’s Conference!