

RADIOACTIVE NEWS

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COLLEGE OF RADIOLOGY

Refresher course (product of the Education Committee)

This annual event took place on 2 August 2008 in Cape Town. It involves 2 tracks running simultaneously and is intended to service candidates hoping to sit for the College exams. The Part I track involves a physics refresher summary as well as a mock exam entitled Anatomy Spot Test.

The Part II section involves at least four examiners posing mock questions and model answers, representing all sections of the Part II exam. These include questions for written and long case reporting and two types of oral questions (discussion cases and 'Aunt Minnie' films). By using actual examiners from the College pool, delegates can discover 'what examiners really want' and often gain insight into the personalities of certain examiners. For examiners, this is an excellent venue to discover that not all other

examiners think like oneself; which promotes balanced leniency towards candidates.

This event has been a great success in the past. For further information on attending or sponsoring, please contact Annalie Rich, tel. 021 938 9320 or email aj@sun.ac.za.

Gold medal awards

Dr S Theron and Dr S Przybojewski (University of Stellenbosch) were awarded Gold Medals for their performances in the College of Radiology examination.

Reciprocity

Two universities applied for reciprocity with the College for Part I examinations; this was granted for the University of Stellenbosch. The University of Pretoria is making minor modifications to their curriculum to guarantee acceptance of their Part I exams.

RSSA



PISSA



Paediatric imaging workshop

Product of PISSA (Paediatric Imaging Society of South Africa), RSSA and the Education Committee of the College of Radiology

Three leading paediatric radiologists from outside South Africa (Dr Kieran McHugh, Great Ormond Street, London; Dr Alan Daneman, Sick Kids Hospital, Toronto; Dr Hans Blickman, The Netherlands) as well as local paediatric radiologists are bringing this workshop to our doorstep. It will be held in two centres (Johannesburg, 13 - 14 September) and (Cape Town, 20 - 21 September) to afford more opportunity to

attend. Please visit the website and register as soon as possible (early registration discounts available). Website: <http://www.paediatric2008.co.za/>. The local contact is Lindi Pretorius, Paediatric Radiology Workshop, Unistel Consultus (Pty) Ltd, PO Box 19063, Tygerberg 7505, South Africa, telephone +27 (0)21 938 9082, fax: +27 (0)21 933 2649, email consult@sun.ac.za.

RSSA Congress

The Radiology tract of the RSSA congress in Durban, from 25 - 27 April 2008, included 4 international speakers and 16 local speakers (4 academic and 12 private practitioners). Topics fell under two main areas: MSK and chest imaging. Talks were relevant and the quality excellent, and attendance was very good.

Forthcoming congresses/workshops

Paediatric imaging workshop: 13 - 14 September 2008 in Johannesburg, and 20 - 21 September 2008 in Cape Town. Website: www.paediatric2008.co.za

Head and neck imaging course: 25 - 26 October 2008 in Cape Town. Website: www.unistel.co.za/headneck

Radiological Society of North America (RSNA)

RSNA Committee on International Relations and Education (CIRE)

The RSSA was successful in its application to the RSNA for the International Visiting Professor Program. Three of our universities were selected for educational visits by international lecturers. The venues are the University of Stellenbosch (Tygerberg Hospital), Grey's Hospital in Pietermaritzburg, and the University of the Free State, Bloemfontein. The events will take place in the second half of 2009. Professor Andronikou is the contact person.

RSSA Travel Award

This award was shared by Dr Salomine Theron and Dr Murray Hayes (University of Stellenbosch). They were each awarded R10 000 for congress use for their presentations at the 2008 RSSA meeting. Dr Hayes presented a paper entitled Postinfective physal bars - MRI features and choice of management; Dr Theron presented a paper entitled Pulmonary Kaposi's sarcoma in 7 children. The travel award is for use to attend a congress abroad.

Examination report (12 - 14 May 2008)

Part I Physics	Part I Anatomy	Part II
22 candidates	25 candidates	16 candidates
16 (73%) qualified for orals	15 (60%) qualified for orals	11 (69%) qualified for orals
16 (100%) passed	15 (100%) passed	8 (73%) passed
6/22 (27%) overall fail rate	10/25 (40%) overall fail rate	50% overall fail rate

University News



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PMZ



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WITS



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University think tank

South African National Academic Radiology Think Tank (SANART)

The second Universities Academic Think Tank takes place in Cape Town on 2nd August 2008. At the previous Think Tank, all university radiology training leaders attended, and the event was endorsed by the College of Radiologists and also featured representation by the College and RSSA.

Teaching in radiology was reviewed, the video-lecture programme was re-evaluated, and a national curriculum was discussed. Even though participation was excellent,

with progressive ideas and general enthusiasm, no concrete results (other than the short pilot video-lecture programme) have materialised. We hope to solidify the Think Tank and come up with solutions to our problems that can be implemented.

CUBIC (Cross Universities Brain Imaging Centre (3T MRI facility))

Number of projects performed since 19 April 2007: 18

Funding of these:

- 4 by the NIH (National Institute of Health)
 - 7 by the NRF (National Research Foundation)
 - 2 by the MRC (Medical Research Council)
 - 2 by pharmaceutical trials
 - 1 by Stellenbosch University
 - 1 by the Netherlands Research Innovation Grant
 - 1 by a private grant
- Graduate student participation:
- Biomedical engineering: 5 masters, 2 PhDs
 - Computer sciences: 2 masters
 - Radiology: 1 masters, 2 PhDs
 - Psychology: 3 masters, 5 PhDs
 - Psychiatry: 2 masters, 4 PhDs
 - TOTAL: 13 masters, 13 PhDs

University publication report 2007 and 2008 to date

	Local	International	Total
2007			
UCT	5	13	18
PMZ	2	1	3
UOVS	1	0	1
US	20	17	37
WITS	9	4	13
UP	0	0	0
UKZN	N/A	N/A	N/A
TOTAL	37	35	72
2008 till June			
UCT	0	2	2
PMZ	0	0	0
UOVS	0	0	0
US	0	10	10
WITS	0	2	2
UP	2	0	2
UKZN	N/A	N/A	N/A
TOTAL	2	14	16