SCVIR 20th Annual Meeting Historical Exhibit

Through these panels you may share in the formation of a truly unique specialty organization, the growth of a rapidly evolving field of medicine, and the promise of our enduring future as a mature, responsible Society and specialty. We hope you enjoy walking down our memory lane as much as we enjoyed researching and creating these panels.

This exhibit is part of an ongoing documentation of the SCVIR’s history that will continue after this meeting and will include an oral history collection. All material included in these panels is as historically accurate as records submitted by members as was possible. Recollections and materials that do not appear in these panels will be used in the ongoing historical project. We welcome and value any additional facts, comments, recollections, and materials.

20th Annual Meeting Historical Committee

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SCVIR 20th Annual Meeting Historical Committee

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hen we celebrate the Centennial Jubilee of Radiology in 2015, we will speak of the '90s as the Golden Era of Interventional Radiology...The promise for the future of Interventional Radiology is exciting.
The First Annual Course on Diagnostic and Therapeutic Angiography was presented to our membership on February 17-20, 1976, at the El Conquistador Hotel and Club in Puerto Rico. Although most of this course was devoted to angiography for diagnosis and assessment of patients for various therapeutic approaches, there was a 2 1/2 hour session on Wednesday afternoon that dealt with treatment of gastrointestinal bleeding. Manuel Viamonte spoke on the treatment of variceal bleeders, a topic which was to be debated pro and con for several years thereafter. Other presentations covered arterial bleeding—infusion therapy (Stanley Baum) and embolization (Stewart Reuter).

Tom Meaney gave a detailed seminar on how to play craps followed by a hands-on demonstration in the hotel casino. ... the infamous meeting in the El Conquistador, Puerto Rico. My wife and I were met at the airport in San Juan and directed to the dirtiest, most squalid hotel we ever stayed in. Because of a mix-up in bookings by the hotel management no rooms were available. Fellows slept in gyms, hallways, etc. When Mel Judkins was informed there was no room available for one night, he turned and flew back to America. Herb Abrams put in an even better performance, as predicted by Marilyn, his wife. He identified himself as a professor from Harvard and insisted they accommodate him in the owner’s suite. The hotel was owned by Lou Puro, the owner of Purolater, and he had a penthouse suite containing his collection of paintings. This was made available to Herb who graciously hosted a reception for the fellowship in his penthouse suite.

Excerpt of letter, John Doppman—August 31, 1994

YEAR IN REVIEW

1976

Best Picture: “One Flew Over the Cuckoo’s Nest”
Sports: Cincinnati wins the World Series over the Yankees in 4
Steelers beat the Cowboys in the Super Bowl 21-7

Events of Note:
- The United States celebrates its Bicentennial
- The Air Force Academy admits 155 women to the freshman class, becoming the first military academy to break the all male rule
- Howard Hughes dies
- 29 people attending American Legion convention in Philadelphia die from Legionnaires' disease
- The Concorde begins international flight service
- Mao Tse Tung dies ending his reign of terror
- Jimmy Carter elected president
Although the opening session dealt with imaging modalities other than angiography, e.g., computerized tomography, ultrasound and nuclear medicine, several interventional procedures not listed in the previous year's program made their appearance this year. They included angioplasty (Charles Dotter), non-surgical splenectomy (Mark Wholey) and adrenalectomy (Harvey Eisenberg), extravascular techniques for drainage (Stan Cope) and removal of common duct stones (Bill Casarella) and intravascular foreign bodies (Klaus Bron).

Because of the Health Care Reform and a surplus of physicians, Interventional Radiology will face more and more competition. At the same time, it will become more specialized, and as a result, more removed from Radiology. I can see a new multidisciplinary form somewhat like Nuclear Medicine where the fellows in training may come from different residency backgrounds, such as Radiology, Cardiology, and Surgery.

Excerpt of notes from Ruben Koehler—February 10, 1976

1976
Best Picture: "Annie Hall"
Sports: Yankees over the Dodgers 4 to 2 in the Series
Raiders over the Vikings 32-14 in the Super Bowl

Events of Note:
- The space shuttle Enterprise makes its first manned flight
- Egyptian President Anwar Sadat arrives in Israel for the first visit by an Arab head of state since the founding of Israel in 1948
- Elvis the King overdoses and goes to Graceland forever
- A massive blackout in New York City leaves 9 million residents without electricity for 25 hours
- Charlie Chaplin, Maria Callas, Bing Crosby, and Leopold Stokowski all pass away
- President Carter pardons most Vietnam era draft dodgers
- Birthrate in New York City doubles
The program addressed the “bread & butter” of Cardiovascular and Interventional Radiology. A whole day was spent examining the “newer” modalities and their relationship to traditional diagnosis.

At the time, membership was small, approximately 50 members, and the first several meetings served as symposia for the exchange of research ideas. The times were easy, the opportunities for investigation endless, and the main goals of the organization were the exchange of scientific information and the establishment of quality fellowship training programs.

In 1978, Andreas Grüntzig was a guest speaker at SCVR, and he presented materials on what was new and hot with coronary [angioplasty]. Having him as a speaker was quite a catch.

Communication from Renate Soulen—December 1994

Excerpt of letter, Stewart Reuter—February, 1995

1978

At the time, membership was small, approximately 50 members, and the first several meetings served as symposia for the exchange of research ideas. The times were easy, the opportunities for investigation endless, and the main goals of the organization were the exchange of scientific information and the establishment of quality fellowship training programs.
A motion was made to change the name of the Society to the “Society of Cardiovascular and Interventional Radiology.” The motion was defeated. The sentiment seemed to be that the basis of the Society was angiography and that other aspects of interventional radiology such as a biliary tree or urinary tract were peripheral to our major thrust. It was felt at that time that there was no utility in the use of the word “interventionalist” and that we accrued no advantage in claiming “turf.”

Excerpted from “History of the Society of Cardiovascular Radiology 1973-1988” by Andrew Crummy

YEAR IN REVIEW

1979

Best Picture: “Kramer vs. Kramer”
Sports: Pirates over the Orioles 4 games to 3 in World Series
Steelers beat the Cowboys 35-31 in the Super Bowl

Events of Note:
- Nobel Prize to Godfrey Hounsfield and Allan McCormack for technology of CT Scanning
- Margaret Thatcher becomes Prime Minister of England
- Nuclear meltdown is barely avoided at 3 Mile Island
- Werner Forssmann, who performed the first cardiac catheterization on himself, dies
- Barbara Hutton, Woolworth heiress and original “Poor Little Rich Girl” dies
- Mother Teresa awarded the Nobel Peace Prize
- The Shah of Iran is forced into exile, and the Ayatollah Khomeini takes over. 100 US embassy staff and some Marines are held hostage

Increasing interest in therapeutic embolization was reflected in a Friday morning symposium moderated by John Doppman and five workshop sessions. The increasing regulatory control of the FDA, following the 1976 Medical Devices Amendment, was apparent in Doppman’s symposium, which dealt with “availables” (clot, Gelfoam, Ivalon, coils, and contrast media) and “unavailables,” i.e., not approved by the FDA (cyanoacrylate, silicone and foam rubber, and detachable balloons).
When I was president, the entire Society fit in the bottom drawer of my desk.

Recollection by William Casarella

YEAR IN REVIEW

1980

Best Picture: “Ordinary People”

Sports: The Phillies beat Kansas City Royals 4 games to 2. The Steelers over the Rams 31-19 in the Super Bowl

Events of Note:

- Nobel Prize to Baruj Benacerraf, George Snell, Jean Dausset for basic discoveries in transplant immunology
- President Carter withdraws diplomatic recognition of Iran because of the continuing hostage crisis. An attempted commando raid to free hostages fails disastrously due to helicopter breakdowns and general bumbling
- Jimmy Durante, Alfred Hitchcock, Steve McQueen, Peter Sellers, Mae West, & (Tonto) Jay Silverheels die
- Colonel Sanders dies leaving behind his chicken empire and the secret recipe
- Ronald Reagan is elected President
- Mt. St. Helens erupts killing 36 people and causing climatic changes
- The US and 50 other countries boycott the 22nd Olympic games held in Moscow. The USSR wins 88 Gold Medals that year
- Lech Walesa leads a strike at the Lenin Ship Yards in Gdansk. This spreads to involve 500,000 workers and results in major “democratic” reforms in Poland

Crossed-limb loop catheter developed for drainage

STATISTICS

MEMBERS

321

ATTENDANCE

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Interventional Radiology – Review of an Emerging Field

President T. Dotter

In 1981, interventional radiology was in its infancy. The field, however, was rapidly growing, with new techniques and procedures being developed and applied in various specialties. One of the primary areas of growth was in vascular interventions, such as the placement of IVC filters and internal ureteral stents. These procedures were being performed with increasing frequency, especially in the treatment of complications related to abdominal aortic aneurysms and acute renal colic.

On Wednesday afternoon, there was a workshop featuring speakers from the European Society of Cardiovascular Radiology. The workshop was focused on the latest developments in interventional radiology, with presentations on topics such as percutaneous coronary interventions and the use of stents.

The workshop was well attended, with a large number of radiologists and interventionalists in attendance. The presentations were highly informative, and many of the participants were able to gain valuable insights into the latest advances in the field.

Overall, the workshop was a great success, and it was clear that interventional radiology was continuing to grow and evolve. As the field continues to expand, it will be interesting to see what new techniques and procedures will emerge in the future.

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This year's program included some interventional procedures for the first time, e.g., IVC filter placement (Chris Athanasoulis) and internal ureteral stenting (Harry Baltaxe). On Wednesday afternoon, there was a workshop featuring speakers from the European Society of Cardiovascular Radiology.

YEAR IN REVIEW

1981

Best Picture: "Chariots of Fire"

Sports: Dodgers beat Yankees 4 games to 2 after a 2 month players' strike in the Series
      Raiders beat Eagles 27-10 in the Super Bowl

Events of Note:
   - Nobel Prize to Roger Sperry and David Hubel for studies vital to understanding the organization and functioning of the brain
   - John Hinckley, Jr., attempts assassination of President Reagan, James Brady, his press secretary, and two others, outside the Washington Hilton. The Pope also survives an assassination attempt
   - IBM launches its personal computer, legitimizing a market created by the Apple II and VisiCalc
   - Sandra Day O'Connor becomes the first woman appointed to the Supreme Court
   - AIDS is recognized as a single syndrome
   - Prince Charles and Lady Diana are married

Excerpts—5th Annual Charles T. Dotter, M.D., Memorial Lecture “The Decline of Diagnostic Radiology” given by Thomas Meaney, M.D., March 1989

STATISTICS

MEMBERS
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ATTENDANCE
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President Andrew B. Crummy, M.D.

he change in the size of the Society, the number of people desiring to become members and Fellows, the size of the budget, the hiring of full time staff, and the success of the course all attest to the success of the Society. Not all agree with the changes, but few would fail to acknowledge that it is a robust Society with the opportunity to be both scientifically and politically influential in the arena of Cardiovascular and Interventional Radiology. While the original objectives of the Society have been fulfilled, additional ones have been added. Prospects for the future are excellent.

Excerpts—“History of the Society of Cardiovascular Radiology 1973-1988” by Andrew Crummy

A t this time, the Society was moving towards hiring a professional meeting manager, and we negotiated a contract with a young lady who managed programs for some Boston courses. She had very expensive tastes, reserving luxurious pool-side suites for all the officers of the meeting... I also remember that, in her effort to please the attendees, she posted a sign stating that she could make arrangements for any radiologist who was lonely and wanted company during the meeting. The sign went up during one of our morning sessions and was first seen by several wives of the membership. There was an immediate and forceful reaction, the sign came down within minutes and our new manager was out!

Excerpt of letter, John Coppman—August 31, 1994

YEAR IN REVIEW

1981

Best Picture: “Gandhi”

Sports: Cardinals defeat the Brewers 4 games to 3 in the World Series
49ers take the Bengals 26-21 in the Super Bowl

Events of Note:
- Nobel Prize to Sune Bergstrom, Bengt Samuelsson, John Vane for research in prostaglandins
- The Vietnam Veteran’s War Memorial is dedicated in Washington, D.C., with the names of 58000 Americans killed in action during the war
- Argentina and Great Britain invade the Falkland Islands. Argentina surrenders after 3 weeks
- Sophia Loren goes to prison for one month for tax evasion. Luana Helmsley misses the news that day
- First commercial marketing of a genetically engineered product - human insulin
- The reverend Sun Myung Moon of the Unification Church holds a mass wedding for 2075 “Moonie” couples in Madison Square Garden

Digital subtraction angiography (DSA) was in the spotlight with the opening half day session, moderated by Mark Wholey, devoted to it. Other subjects of major interest this year were angioplasty, thrombolysis (aka fibrinolysis in 1982), interface of CT and angiography, biopsy (the Chiba needle and its variants merited a lot of attention) and drainage procedures.

Excerpts—“History of the Society of Cardiovascular Radiology 1973-1988” by Andrew Crummy

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Development and placement of nitinol (thermal memory) stent into canine aorta; stent functioned as a template for formation of neointima.
The program this year reflected increasing interest among Society members in issues related to the practice of Interventional Radiology with Barry Katzen discussing “Introducing Interventional Radiology in Community Practice: Politics and Practicalities.” Cesare Gianturco described his new bird’s nest filter for the IVC, the first such device specifically designed for percutaneous introduction.

In the future, I predict that more computer controlled interventions will take place, leading to a reduction of the manual skills currently used.

Notes—John Doppman—February 8, 1995

YEAR IN REVIEW

1984

Best Picture: “Amadeus”

Sports: Tigers win the Series over the Padres in 5
Raiders beat the Redskins 38-9 in Super Bowl

Events of Note:

DNA analysis shows that chimps are more closely related to humans than to gorillas
Vanessa Williams is first openly black woman to be crowned Miss America. Unfortunately, nude photos of her are discovered, causing her to become the only Miss America forced to resign
The Macintosh, the “computer for the rest of us” is launched
HIV-1 is isolated by French and American investigators
There are more than 70 US bank failures, the most since the Great Depression
A cyanide leak from the Union Carbide plant in Bhopal, India kills 2500 people
Walter Mondale runs for President. His VP candidate is Geraldine Ferraro (the first woman to ever run for this office) but President Reagan is re-elected by a landslide
The laser as an interventional tool made its first appearance on the program with a presentation by Lew Wexler. Cesare Gianturco spoke on expandable metallic stents, and, for the first time, the impact of DRGs came under consideration with a presentation by Stan Cope as well as a Monday workshop.

We began in earnest the debate about increasing our membership and the size of SCVIR. This had been a serious problem even for potential members of the smaller Society for at least 6 years prior to 1984. With the help of Tom Sos, Tunk Tegtmeyer and also the debate by the Society members, we were able to facilitate the motion to proceed with enlarging the Society.

Future Goals for SCVIR should be:

- To maintain our delicate balance with organized radiology
- To maintain our independence as practitioners, as radiology departments become capitlated
- To maintain our preeminence as practitioners of minimally invasive therapy and to successfully resist “turf” issues with non-radiologists
- To maintain academic advances among interventionalists in university and community practices. This is and will continue to be very important. Without the practice focus, though, we will not be able to develop academically

1985

Best Picture: “Out of Africa”
Sports: Tigers win the Series over the Padres in 5
49ers beat the Dolphins 38-16 in the Super Bowl

Events of Note:
- Nobel Prize to Michael Brown and Joseph Goldstein for work in understanding the role of cholesterol in atherosclerosis
- A TWA flight is hijacked by Arab terrorists. 39 Americans are held hostage for 17 days, including a salesman for a well known interventional products firm
- The Live Aid Rock Concert raises funds for African famine relief
- The US becomes the world’s debtor nation, the national debt climbs to $130 billion dollars
- Yul Brynner, Mark Chagall, Orson Welles die and Rock Hudson loses his battle with AIDS
- Palestinians hijack the Achille Lauro, take 450 hostages, and kill one American tourist by pushing him overboard in his wheelchair
Subjects making a first appearance on the course program included angiographic evaluation of vascular impotence (Joe Bookstein), percutaneous angioscopy (Amir Motarjeme) and percutaneous sympathectomy (Bob Rosen). Percutaneous transluminal angioplasty, embolotherapy, and thrombolysis continued to be important areas of interest in the program.

President Charles J. Tegtmeyer, M.D.

A Year of Change

- The Society voted to open up the membership and to expand
- The blueprint to change from a scientific club with 97 members to the present Society was created
- The goals of the Society changed. It was officially recognized that we needed to be viewed as a specialty
- It was also realized that we needed to educate the third party payers as to the advantages of Interventional Radiographic Procedures
- The character of the Society changed. Our interests grew from purely scientific to include socioeconomic and political areas
- Tradition of Past Presidents’ Dinner began
- Anders Lunderquist, M.D., presented the 2nd Annual Dr. Charles T. Dotter Lecture

Excerpt of notes on significant events during presidency—Charles Tegtmeyer—February 16, 1995

YEAR IN REVIEW

1986

Best Picture: “Platoon”

Sports: Mets over the Red Sox in 7 games of the World Series
      Bears beat the Patriots 45-10 in the Super Bowl

Events of Note:
- Nobel Prize to Rita Levi-Montalcini and Stanley Cohen for contributions to the understanding of substances that influence cell growth
- Ferdinand Marcos defeats Corazan Aquino in the Philippine election. Aquino alleges fraud, Marcos flees to US with Imelda and her shoes
- Chernobyl nuclear disaster forces evacuation of 133,000 people from massive fallout
- First non-stop flight around the world without refueling
- The space shuttle Challenger explodes, killing all on board, due to failure of O-rings in the solid fuel boosters
- Total number of AIDS cases in the United States is now more than 25,000
Halden Coons moderated an afternoon session at the 1987 Annual Meeting. He started by telling the audience he didn’t like how stiff the meeting seemed to be, and he strongly recommended a more laid back attitude. He was particularly appalled by the few individuals he had seen in attendance who were wearing ties. He then stood next to the podium, turned around, and dropped his pants. Fortunately, he kept his boxer shorts on!

Excerpt of letter-Gary Becker, September 1, 1994

Percutaneous atherectomy and the clinical application of lasers for vascular recanalization appeared on the program.

YEAR IN REVIEW

1987

- Best Picture: “The Last Emperor”
- Sports: Twins beat the Cardinals in 7
- Giants beat the Broncos 39-20 in the Super Bowl

Events of Note:
- Nobel Prize to Susumu Tonegawa for advances in understanding antibodies
- The world learns two new Russian words: Glasnost (openness) and Perestroika (reconstruction) as Mikhail begins reform of the Soviet political system
- Construction begins on the England-France tunnel
- The World Health Organization reports that 8% of all pregnant Zairean women and 17% of blood donors are HIV positive
- Microsoft goes public. Bill Gates becomes a billionaire
- The stock market crashes with a drop in the Dow of 508 points in one day
- 6,000 delegates attend the centenary World Esperanto Conference in Warsaw
1988

Best Picture: “Rain Man”

Sports:
- Dodgers win the Series over the Oakland A’s in 5
- Redskins over the Broncos 42-10 in the Super Bowl

Events of Note:
- Nobel Prize to Gertrude Elion, George Hutchings, Sir James Black for discovery of new principles of drug treatment
- Mikhail Gorbachev becomes President of USSR and begins dismantling the defense establishment unilaterally
- Aspirin is recommended for treatment of atherosclerosis
- The first stealth bomber is introduced
- US bans smoking on all flights of less than two hours. A New Jersey jury awards $400,000 to the husband of a smoker who died of lung cancer
- McDonald’s opens in Moscow

Lasers angioplasty and the turf battles it engenders leads to laser safety courses given by the Society. Vascular stents appear on the program in preliminary communications.

SCVIR FACTS
- Completed move of SCVIR office from Pittsburgh, PA, to Reston, VA, under ACR management contract
- Standards of Practice Committee developed and Society distributed credentialing guidelines. JCAHO assigned credentialing as an area it will review carefully in evaluating medical institutions
- Training Committee developed recommendations for fellowship training
- ACR reported their RVS to HCFA and Congress. SCVIR hired legal counsel to block implementation of complete procedure codes
- Corporate membership category established
- Society’s first strategic plan developed
- SCVIR’s first formal membership directory published

STATISTICS
- 727 Members
- 1,200 Attendance
- 44 Exhibitors
one of my most vivid recollections was when I served as secretary/treasurer and it fell to me to present the concept of paying dues to a membership that was traditionally able to have a one week paid scientific meeting, due to the successful post-graduate course. The members agreed that the greater good of the entire group and the specialty as a whole was more important than individual benefits. This provided security for our future as a discipline.

SCVIR FACTS

- Extensive CPT-4 coding changes for Interventional Radiology recommended to the AMA CPT Coding Committee. SCVIR successfully blocks implementation of complete procedure codes for Interventional Radiology reimbursement.
- Through the efforts of the SCVIR, Interventional Radiology’s issues are specifically addressed in the Federal Register for the first time.
- RSNA/SCVIR special series supplement to Radiology published.
- SCVIR established Interventional Radiology Matching Program.
- Standards of Practice Committee completed guidelines for laser angioplasty, outpatient angiography, and percutaneous nephrostomy.
- Society reorganized leadership into six divisions.
- SCVIR newsletter received new look.
- Thomas F. Meaney presented the 5th Annual Dr. Charles T. Dotter Lecture.

Foundations formed for med CIRREF

The “Cardiovascular and Interventional Radiology Research and Education Foundation”

1989

Best Picture: “Driving Miss Daisy”

Sports: A’s win the Series in 4 over the Giants

49ers beat the Bengals 20-16 in the Super Bowl

Events of Note:

- Nobel Prize to Michael Bishop and Harold E. Varmus for their unifying theory of carcinogenesis.
- Ollie North is convicted - receives suspended sentence, and $150,000 fine.
- Lucille Ball, Bette Davis, and Irving Berlin die.
- DNA evidence is allowed for identification in rape cases.
- A strong earthquake kills 67 in San Francisco, temporarily interrupting the World Series.
- The Berlin Wall is demolished.

YEAR IN REVIEW

The growing influence of the Society and its members is evidenced by the program. Politics and practice management are discussed extensively, along with expanding use of stents and atherectomy.
YEAR IN REVIEW

1990

Best Picture: “Dances With Wolves”
Sports: The Reds over the A’s in 4 at the World Series
49ers beat the Broncos 55-10 in the Super Bowl

Events of Note:
- Nobel Prize to Joseph E. Murray for kidney transplantation; E. Donnell Thomas for bone marrow transplantation
- Iraq invades Kuwait
- Imelda Marcos is acquitted of fraud. Shoe sales clerks rejoice
- England and France meet in the middle as the Channel tunnel is completed
- First attempted gene for treatment of cystic fibrosis therapy
- Art worth $100 million, the world’s largest art theft, is stolen from the Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum in Boston
- Yuppies everywhere mourn the withdrawal of Perrier from the market because it contains Benzene

SCVIR FACTS
- CIRREF received funding to develop a series of seven interactive educational videodiscs
- SCVIR Fellows revised the process for fellowship, changing it from an annual process to a process where members could become Fellows throughout the year. The election process was changed to a 30-day comment period. The limit of 150 Fellows was removed
- CIRREF/SCVIR multi-institutional intra-arterial Contrast Registry began collecting data
- Standards of Practice Committee developed guidelines for percutaneous angioplasty
- Interventional Radiology Political Action Committee formed (IRPAQ)
- SCVIR Executive Committee expanded to Executive Council
- Development began on a quality assurance software program for Interventional Radiology
- Society held international summit meeting during annual meeting. Leaders from European and Asian Interventional Radiology societies met to discuss increasing communication
- Dennis S. O’Leary, M.D., presented the 6th Annual Dr. Charles T. Dotter Lecture

Dr. Max Rosen was awarded the first Young Investigator Award at the 15th Annual Meeting

President Ernest J. Ring, M.D.
SCVIR FACTS

- SCVIR established independent office in Fairfax, VA.
- AMA/CPT Panel allowed a total revision of Interventional Radiology coding with deletion of all complete procedure coding by 1992. Interventional radiologists were allowed to code procedures by using a combination of surgical plus S&I codes. SCVIR, under HCFA supervision, participated in the development of resource based relative values for Interventional Radiology.
- SCVIR Match Program is suspended. Members are asked to abide by a May 1 selection date for Interventional Radiology fellows.
- SCVIR Transluminal Angioplasty Registry (STAR) held first board meeting.
- SCVIR Executive Committee established system for developing practice guidelines.
- Dr. Douglas C.B. Redd received the 2nd Annual Young Investigator Award.
- Rolf W. Günther, M.D., presented the 7th Annual Dr. Charles T. Dotter Lecture.

YEAR IN REVIEW

1991

Best Picture: "Silence of the Lambs"
Sports: Twins win the Series over the Braves in 7.
         Giants over the Bills 20-19 in the Super Bowl.

Events of Note:
- Nobel Prize to Dr. Erwin Neher and Dr. Bert Sakmann for development of the patch clamp technique.
- Rodney King is beaten by LA police. Episode is taped and played for the entire nation.
- The Baltic States vote independence from the USSR and are eventually recognized as independent states.
- The US and UN attack Iraq and win.
- Russia holds its first free elections. Boris Yeltsin is elected President of the Russian Republic.
- South Africa repeals apartheid.

MEMBERS
1,348

ATTENDANCE
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Excerpted from notes, Eric Martin—February 9, 1995
SCVIR FACTS

- Specialty designation for Interventional Radiology became available.
- JVIR was selected for Index Medicus.
- Portal Hypertension, the second volume in the CIRREF series of interactive educational videodiscs, completed.
- Angioplasty standard of practice approved.
- Seven patient information pamphlets produced.
- First SCVIR booth displayed at CIRSE.
- Interventional Radiology featured in Dorland's Illustrated Medical Dictionary as "the branch of Radiology concerned with providing diagnosis and treatment of disease by a variety of percutaneous procedures performed under the guidance of radiologic imaging."
- Dr. Moni Stein received the 3rd Annual Young Investigator Award.
- Vascular stents and TIPS dominated the program.

Society mission and goals are redefined. The mission of the Society is to improve health and the quality of patient care through the practice of Interventional Radiology by promoting educational training and research, and by providing leadership in the development of health care policy.

JVIR After Hurricane Andrew

...Along with many homes and businesses in South Florida, the editorial offices of JVIR were destroyed. A JVIR business meeting scheduled to take place in Miami that week would have to be postponed...It was a difficult time since Baptist Hospital had become an emergency facility without air conditioning or drinkable water, a veritable oven teeming with acute care problems...there was nothing except chaos. In the first two weeks, it was not possible or appropriate to consider working on the journal.

Approximately three weeks after the storm, Estella Ramirez, editorial assistant, and I were able to commandeer a small amount of space in another trailer. She quickly moved in with all of the files she had saved, we set up our computers (mine on a desk in someone else’s office), and we were back on track....The purpose of this communication is to share with you, our readers, a small parcel of the drama and reality of Hurricane Andrew, and to assure you that JVIR has survived. Count us among the fortunate.

Excerpt, Gary J. Becker, M.D., Editor, Editor's page JVIR—November 1992

YEAR IN REVIEW

1992
- Best Picture: "Unforgiven"
- Sports: Toronto wins the Series over Atlanta in 6
- Redskins over the Bills 37-24 in the Super Bowl
- Events of Note:
  - Nobel Prize to Edmond H. Fischer and Edwin G. Krebs for discoveries in cell growth regulation
  - Presidents Bush and Yeltsin proclaim that the Cold War is ended
  - FDA restricts use of silicone breast implants. Plastic surgeons suffer economic depression
  - General Noriega is convicted of drug smuggling and sentenced to 40 years
  - LA police officers are acquitted in Rodney King beatings, massive LA riots
  - The Supreme Court hears a case on abortion rights and affirms right to abortion
  - Bill and Hillary Clinton are elected President
SCVIR FACTS

- Gordon McLean presented Interventional Radiology's concerns with health care reform during testimony before the Congressional Subcommittee on Health of the Ways and Means Committee.
- CIRREF received grant for Research Investigator Awards
- Executive Council approved process to endorse standards developed by other organizations.
- SCVIR office in Fairfax expanded.
- Standards of Practice Committee produced guidelines for “Diagnostic Arteriography in Adults.”
- Medical student brochure for Interventional Radiology developed by SCVIR Education Committee.
- SCVIR produced case log books for members.
- SCVIR joins the Inter societal Commission for the Accreditation of Vascular Laboratories (ICAVL).
- SCVIR joins the Coalition on Smoking OR Health.
- William J. Casarella presented the 9th Annual Dr. Charles T. Dotter Lecture.
- Yonghua Dong, M.D., received the 4th Annual Young Investigator Award.

1993

Best Picture: “Schindler’s List”
Sports: Blue Jays win the Series over the Braves in 6.
Cowboys over the Bills 52-17 in the Super Bowl.

Events of Note:
- Nobel Prize to Phillip A. Sharp and Richard J. Roberts for the discovery of split genes.
- Don Ameche, Bill Bixby (the Incredible Hulk), H.R. Haldeman, Gary Moore, Raymond Burr, Vincent Price, Frank Zappa die.
- Attempts to lift the military ban on homosexuals are unsuccessful, but restrictions on roles for women in aerial and naval combat are removed.
- Janet Reno is confirmed as Attorney General of the United States.
- Arab terrorists bomb the New York World Trade Centre.
- Hubble telescope is repaired by space shuttle astronauts.
- England and the IRA begin to make peace.

YEAR IN REVIEW

President Arina van Breda, M.D.

ou, the membership of SCVIR, have identified establishment of clinical practice as vital to the future growth and development of Interventional Radiology. The increasing adoption of admitting services by interventionalists attests to your commitment to this future. Acceptance of interventionalists as “clinicians,” able to provide not only appropriate diagnostic and therapeutic services but also the associated patient care, must be a priority of our specialty.


STATISTICS

2,120
MEMBERS

2,746
ATTEN DANCE

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EXHIBITORS
Interventional Radiology promises to simultaneously lower the cost of medical care and to promote innovation in medical technology—a rare combination... Despite the most vigorous preventive measures and the most brilliant health reform, our nation's citizens will unfortunately be afflicted by trauma, cancer, and atherosclerosis. As Interventional Radiologists provide cost-effective and high quality treatment for these conditions, it is critical that the development of this specialty not be thwarted while achieving health system reform.

Excerpts, Gordon McLean, M.D. testimony before the Subcommittee on Health, Committee on Ways and Means, United States House of Representatives, to present concerns interventional radiologists had with portions of President Clinton's health care reform proposal, November 23, 1994
ABOUT THE EXHIBIT

It is with great pleasure that SCVIR invites members, corporate partners, related organizations, and all those worldwide who have positively impacted SCVIR during the past quarter century to share in celebrating this milestone Silver Jubilee Anniversary.

Through these panels you may share in the formation of a truly unique specialty organization, the growth of a rapidly evolving field of medicine, and the promise of our enduring future as a mature, responsible Society and specialty. We hope you enjoy walking down our memory lane as much as we enjoyed researching and creating these panels.

This exhibit is part of an ongoing documentation of SCVIR’s history that will include an oral history collection and the establishment of a vascular interventional radiology museum at SCVIR Headquarters. All material included in these panels is as historically accurate as records and materials submitted by members allow. We welcome any additional facts, comments, recollections, and materials.

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We must undertake the monumental effort to demonstrate the cost effectiveness and long-term outcomes of the services we render to our patients. Fortunately participation in this effort will be possible as part of your everyday practice. Through the efforts of the SCVIR Electronic Database Committee, the SCVIR HI-IQ™ System has become a reality.
President Michael J. Pentecost, M.D.

Understanding that the medical student wavering between a career in surgery and interventional radiology is critical to the future of our specialty, the Society developed a plan to streamline and strengthen the graduate medical experience for these candidates - the Interventional Radiology (IR) track. ...SCVIR has proposed that the current six year course for training interventional radiologists (internship, four year residency, one year fellowship) would be better divided into two years of clinical training, two years of imaging, and two years of interventional radiology."

Michael J. Pentecost, M.D., excerpted from President’s Column, SCVIR News, June 1995
YEAR IN REVIEW

1997

Best Picture: “The English Patient”
Sports: The Marlins beat Cleveland 4-3 in the series
Green Bay beats the Patriots in the Super Bowl
Events of Note:
- Princess Di is killed in a high speed accident in France. The world mourns.
- Mother Theresa dies - the world notices.
- Ellen reveals her big secret on prime time, and survives.
- The World Wide Web gets so popular that it becomes known as the World Wide Wait.
  - AOL offers unlimited access, and so many people sign on that it’s unusable for months.
  - Internet junkies learn about Spam.
- A computer finally beats a Grand Master at chess when IBM’s Deep Blue crushes Gary Kasparov.
- A sheep named Dolly is the first mammalian clone created from a non-embryonic cell.
- Septuplets are born live and survive.
- The cigarette company wall cracks - Liggett Group breaks ranks and admits that cigarettes cause cancer.
- The Comet Hale-Bopp causes great excitement; unfortunately, the Heaven’s Gate folks take it too seriously.
- OJ gets tried again - this time he’s convicted and is sentenced to pay $35 million in damages.

SCVIR FACTS

- SCVIR entered into joint venture agreement with the SCMR HI-IQ™ System, creating ConexSys
- SCVIR received full accreditation to SCVIR for four years as a sponsor of continuing medical education for physicians
- SCVIR Case Club started
- SCVIR published technology assessment guidelines:
  1. “General Principles for Evaluation of New Interventional Technologies and Devices”
  2. “Reporting Standards for Transjugular Intrahepatic Portosystemic Shunts”
  3. “Guidelines Regarding HIV and Other Bloodborne Pathogens in Vascular/Interventional Radiology”
- SCVIR published clinical practice guidelines:
  1. “Quality Improvement Guidelines for Percutaneous Transhepatic Cholangiography and Biliary Drainage”
  2. “Quality Improvement Guidelines for Central Venous Access”
  3. “Quality Improvement Guidelines for Percutaneous Transcatheter Embolization”
- New patient brochures developed on Stent Placement, Treating Peripheral Vascular Disease, Central Venous Access, and Pediatric Interventional Radiology.
- SCVIR published Thoracic and Visceral Nonvascular Interventions and Genitourinary Interventions syllabus and videodisc
- SCVIR published 2000

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SCVIR FACTS

- SCVIR launches Legs for Life, a national leg pain screening campaign for peripheral vascular disease
- Patient web site debuts
- IA 2000 exceeds $4 million in donations
- International participation in SCVIR annual meeting soars. SCVIR to provide CME credits for CIRSE Annual Meeting
- Relations with vascular surgery, neuroradiology, and interventional neuroradiology a focus
- Society actively promotes access to biomaterials
- SCVIR News provides communication to members for 10 years
- JVIR discusses expanding to 10 issues per year
- SCVIR provides members the tools to compete in today’s evolving practice environment
- Dr. Kenneth P. MoreSCO receives the 9th Annual Dr. Gary J. Becker Young Investigator Award
- Sidney Wallace, M.D., presents the 14th Annual Dr. Charles T. Dotter Lecture

SCVIR 1998 Gold Medal Award Honorees

Anders Lunderquist, M.D.
Stanley Baum, M.D.

"It has been a remarkable 25 years. With membership surpassing 3,000 and a wealth of growing activities, SCVIR and interventional radiology face a bright future. The first 25 years of our specialty and our Society have been truly amazing. We made medical advances that pioneered a new field and benefited millions of patients. At the same time, we established a firm practice and economic basis for the continued health of our specialty. I predict the next chapter for SCVIR and interventional radiology will be ‘The Years of Leadership’ as we assimilate many of the changes we have made and help establish interventional radiologists as the premier practitioners of the methods and techniques we invented.”

Robert L. Vogelzang, M.D.

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3,036
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3,817
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Thank you for 25 Years of Excellence

- Nearly 25 percent of the Society’s membership supports the SCVIR Executive Council in its broad range of activities by serving as volunteers on numerous standing and ad hoc committees.
- SCVIR’s corporate partnerships result in tremendous benefits to SCVIR members and their patients.

SCVIR’s Vision:

SCVIR is a leader in creating, developing, perfecting, and practicing leading-edge, cost-effective, minimally invasive techniques; in developing and evaluating leading-edge technology for minimally invasive therapy; in providing education on the newest interventional radiology techniques to members, the broader medical profession, and the general public; and by serving as the patient advocate to provide access to new interventional radiology treatment by quality providers.

The Future

In the next century, SCVIR and vascular interventional radiology will achieve new dimensions in leadership, research, and quality patient care. The possibilities are limitless...