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Society of Interventional Radiology Announces 2010–11 Executive Council Members

James F. Benenati, M.D., FSIR, Medical Director at Baptist Cardiac and Vascular Institute in Miami, Begins Term as SIR President; New Officers Took Office During SIR's 35th Annual Scientific Meeting in Tampa

FAIRFAX, Va.—James F. Benenati, M.D., FSIR, of Miami, Fla., assumed office as the 2010–11 president of the Society of Interventional Radiology. SIR, a national organization of nearly 4,500 doctors, scientists and allied health professionals dedicated to improving health care through minimally invasive treatments, introduced a new slate of officers during its 35th Annual Scientific Meeting in Tampa.

“Now is an exciting time for the Society of Interventional Radiology as it moves forward with its mission to improve the health of the public through pioneering minimally invasive treatments for a wide variety of diseases,” said Benenati, an interventional radiologist and medical director for the Noninvasive Vascular Laboratory at Baptist Cardiac and Vascular Institute in Miami. “Today, many conditions that once required surgery can be treated less invasively by interventional radiologists, and interventional radiology continues to be at the forefront of patient care,” added Benenati, who is also fellowship director for the institute’s cardiovascular and interventional radiology fellowship program and a clinical associate professor of radiology at the University of South Florida College of Medicine.

Previously, Benenati was assistant professor of radiology and surgery at the Johns Hopkins Medical School in Baltimore, Md. Known for his work in peripheral vascular interventions and fibroid therapy, Benenati has participated in clinical research projects for abdominal aortic aneurysm repair with endografts, stents in peripheral arterial disease and prevention of restenosis in the femoral and popliteal arteries, including brachytherapy. He has also participated in national trials involving tumor embolization, such as uterine fibroid embolization, and has organized national educational symposia regarding fibroid embolization.

Benenati and other members of SIR’s 2010–11 Executive Council recently took office, beginning their term during the society’s 35th Annual Scientific Meeting in Tampa. Other SIR officers include

- President-elect **Timothy P. Murphy**, M.D., FSIR, Rhode Island Hospital, Providence, R.I.;
- Secretary **Marshall Hicks**, M.D., FSIR, University of Texas M.D. Anderson Cancer Center, Houston;
- Treasurer **Scott C. Goodwin**, M.D., FSIR, University of California Irvine Medical Center, Orange, Calif.; and
- Immediate Past President **Brian F. Stainken**, M.D., FSIR, Roger Williams Medical Center, Providence, R.I.

Executive Council councilors include: **George A. Fueredi**, M.D., FSIR, Aurora Medical Group, Milwaukee, Wis., health policy and economics; **Gordon McLennan**, M.D., FSIR, Cleveland Clinic, Cleveland, Ohio, SIR Foundation chair; **William S. Rilling**, M.D., FSIR, Medical College of Wisconsin, Milwaukee, Annual Scientific Meeting; **Daniel Siragusa**, M.D., University of Florida College of Medicine—Jacksonville, graduate medical education; **Daniel B. Brown**, M.D., Thomas Jefferson University Hospital, Philadelphia, Pa., post-graduate medical education; **Charles E. Ray Jr.**, M.D., FSIR, University of Colorado Denver, Aurora, member services; and **John F. Cardella**, M.D., FSIR, Geisinger Health System, Danville, Pa., standards.

Councilors-at-large include **Suresh Vedantham**, M.D., FSIR, Mallinckrodt Institute of Radiology, Saint Louis, Mo.; **R. Torrance Andrews**, M.D., FSIR, Swedish Medical Center, First Hill Campus and Seattle Radiologists, Seattle, Wash.; and **Jeff H. Geschwind**, M.D., FSIR, Johns Hopkins Hospital, Baltimore, Md. Ex officio members include **John D. Fulco**, M.D., FSIR, Schenectady Radiologists P.C., Schenectady, N.Y., AMA delegate, and **Albert A. Nemcek Jr.**, M.D., FSIR, Northwestern Memorial Hospital, Chicago, Ill., Journal of Vascular and Interventional Radiology editor.

More information about the Society of Interventional Radiology, interventional radiologists and how to find an interventional radiologist in your area can be found online at www.SIRweb.org.

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About the Society of Interventional Radiology

Interventional radiologists are physicians who specialize in minimally invasive, targeted treatments. They offer the most in-depth knowledge of the least invasive treatments available coupled with diagnostic and clinical experience across all specialties. They use X-ray, MRI and other imaging to advance a catheter in the body, such as in an artery, to treat at the source of the disease internally. As the inventors of angioplasty and the catheter-delivered stent, which were first used in the legs to treat peripheral arterial disease, interventional radiologists pioneered minimally invasive modern medicine. Today, interventional oncology is a growing specialty area of interventional radiology. Interventional radiologists can deliver treatments for cancer directly to the tumor without significant side effects or damage to nearby normal tissue.

Many conditions that once required surgery can be treated less invasively by interventional radiologists. Interventional radiology treatments offer less risk, less pain and less recovery time compared to open surgery. Visit www.SIRweb.org.