

## The Society for Computer Applications in Radiology

**U**NDER the whiplash of competition brought about by the rise of managed care, hospitals and imaging centers are scrambling as never before to take advantage of the contributions that computer systems make to efficiency and effectiveness. The result has been a boom in sales of radiology information systems, picture archiving and communication systems (PACS), teleradiology systems, and other digital devices used in radiology departments. As investments in these systems grow, those responsible for designing, specifying, and using them face the daunting task of staying abreast of present developments and anticipating future developments. Therein lies a fundamental purpose of the Society for Computer Applications in Radiology (SCAR): to provide a forum that bridges the gap between the technical community that designs these systems and the clinical community that uses them.

An important means of fulfilling that purpose is SCAR's 13th Conference on Computer Applications in Radiology (previously called S/CAR for Symposium for Computer Assisted Radiology, a subtle distinction of little importance, which has recently been discarded). The meeting will be held in Denver, hosted by the University of Colorado Health Sciences Center, June 6-9, 1996, immediately after the annual meeting of the Society for Nuclear Medicine.

The meeting will take up matters of great interest to readers of *Journal of Digital Imaging*

and members of SCAR. Ten tutorial sessions have been planned, including Digital Imaging and Communications in Medicine, computerized patient records, the Internet and other communication networks, privacy and security, medical image management (ie, PACS), how to write a PACS request for proposals, strategic thinking in radiology, acquiring and using teleradiology, image compression, and quality assurance in medical imaging. More than 80 papers from institutions all over the world on these and related subjects are scheduled for delivery. CME credit is available for attendees. And, who can imagine a more pleasant time than June to visit the Rocky Mountains?

Detailed information about the meeting is available from SCAR headquarters at the American College of Radiology, 1981 Preston White Dr, Reston, VA 22091 [Tel: (703) 716-7548; Fax: (703) 648-9176; E-mail: scar@acr.org]. Persons who join SCAR before the meeting or at the meeting are entitled to reduced fees.

All of the meeting organizers look forward to seeing you in Denver for what promises to be a profitable and successful conference.

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