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Chairman's Editorial: The Society for Computer Applications in Radiology Corporate Members

AS CHAIR OF THE Society for Computer Applications in Radiology (SCAR), I wish to express appreciation to our SCAR Corporate Members for their enthusiastic participation and continued support of our society. Of special note is Fujifilm Medical Systems USA, Inc., our founding Corporate Member.

SCAR was born out of an academic-industry cooperation and vision. The founding organization of SCAR was RISC (the Radiology Information Systems Consortium), a community of radiological information systems innovators coming from academia, industry, and the private sector. Eventually, RISC became SCAR.

As an organization, SCAR aims to provide expert information to our members through educational activities such as the Annual Meeting, SCAR University, Expert Hotline, and Web resources. We publish "how to" handbooks and position papers as well as the society's own academic peer-reviewed journal, the *Journal of Digital Imaging* (JDI). Through the SCAR Research and Development Committee, we identify hot topics and information gaps, recommend policies, and sponsor grants to foster radiological informatics research. The Member Services and Marketing Committee works hard to explore new ways to enable our multiple constituencies to interact in mutually beneficial ways. In addition, SCAR facilitates the formation of vendor users' groups, and works with its corporate partners to communicate customer needs, provide feedback and influence products, and educate the user community.

Our society is unique in that we are multidisciplinary and multi-talented; SCAR is inclusive of and receptive to the perspectives and contributions of our forward-thinking vendor community, and SCAR continues to build relationships with corporate members by undertaking collaborative projects and activities.

We encourage corporate members to support SCAR's mission to foster education and research for the radiological informatics community. Two excellent avenues for corporate member support are the new SCAR Grant Program and the *Journal of Digital Imaging*. Dr. Janice Honeyman-Buck is the new Editor, and we are undertaking a new phase to develop the *Journal* with online manuscript submission to augment the online availability of manuscripts to SCAR members and JDI subscribers. We also have new opportunities for advertising in the journal. Finally, corporate sponsor members are entitled to receive JDI to distribute to their clients, prospective customers, and employees.

Without the contributions of our industry partners we would not be the unique, productive, influential, and expert society we are today and hope to continue to be, so, *thank you to the following active SCAR Corporate Members:*

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