

The Asian Oceanian Society of Radiology Newsletter



President's Desk



**Prof. Noriyuki Tomiyama,
MD, PhD**

AOSR President

It gives me great pleasure to commence our New Year with the re-establishment of the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between the European Society of Radiology (ESR) and the Asian Oceanian Society of Radiology (AOSR) on 1st January 2024, signed by Adrian Brady (then Chair of the ESR Board of Directors) on behalf of ESR and me, representing AOSR. From its initial establishment in 2012, this would be the fifth renewal (effective on 1 March 2024) and valid for the next 3 years, until March 1, 2027, after which it can be reviewed by both societies. Our aim is to foster continuous academic collaboration and exchange between the organizations.

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Danny Hing Yan Cho, AOSR Honorary Secretary, represented AOSR at the European Congress of Radiology (ECR) in Vienna from February 28 to March 3. During this event, he held leadership meetings with ESR officials, reaffirming our commitment to collaboration and partnership between ESR and AOSR.



The 22nd Asian Oceanian Congress of Radiology (AOCR 2024) took place alongside the Taiwan Radiology Congress 2024 from March 22nd to 25th, in Taipei. I extend my heartfelt gratitude to Hong-Jen Chiou, President of the Taiwan Radiological Society, for his exceptional contributions to AOCR 2024. The congress, themed 'The Precision of Radiology,' spotlighted the latest advancements in AI and precision medicine. AOCR 2024 featured captivating scientific programs, collaborative sessions, and workshops. Notably, the AI Challenge at AOCR 2024 marked the first-ever medical imaging AI competition in the radiology field across Asia and Oceania.

At the Gala Dinner, I had the honor of conferring Honorary AOSR Membership to Adrian Paul Brady, then Past President, ESR Board of Directors, and Evelyn Ho, the Immediate Past President of AOSR, received the prestigious AOSR Gold Medal. Additionally, Hong-Jen Chiou, President of the Chinese Taipei Society of Radiology (also known as the Taiwan Radiological Society) bestowed upon me, Honorary Fellowship of the CTSR/TRS. The conference garnered a total of 2,699 participants, including 783 attendees from 47 countries. Congratulations to the President of the AOCR2024, Hong-Jen Chiou on this remarkable success.



The 9th Asian Oceanian Radiology Forum (AORF), hosted by Hong-Jen Chiou as President of the CTSR, centered around the theme of 'Radiology Workload and Coverage Hours in Asian Oceanian Countries' during AOCR 2024. Presidents and delegates from 18 AOSR member societies were invited, sharing firsthand experiences regarding the working hours and burdens faced by radiologists in their respective countries. Additionally, three leadership meetings were held during the congress, including the AOSR-RSNA, AOSR-ESR, and AOSR-RANZCR meetings, enabling the exchange of updated information from each society.

AOSR is recognized as one of the three major international radiology societies, alongside RSNA in North America and ESR in Europe, thus making it the most significant radiology society outside of Europe and America. I can sense that the role of AOSR is increasingly vital in recent years.

Editor's corner

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It brings me great pleasure to share with you our first AOSR Newsletter in 2024!

This issue carries beautiful and heart warming mementos from the recent AOCR 2024 held in Taipei – a big Thank You to the AOCR/TRC 2024 Organising Committee and Chinese Taipei Society of Radiology (CTSR) for hosting a 4-day event of cutting edge scientific program, leadership workshops and wonderful social activities which foster international exchange, collaboration and friendships. AOCR 2024 was also a moment to celebrate achievements – The heartiest congratulations to Prof. Adrian Brady on his award of AOSR Honorary Membership, Dr. Evelyn Ho on her award of AOSR Gold Medal and Prof. Noriyuki Tomiyama on his conferment of International Honorary Fellow of the Taiwan Radiological Society.

Personally, I had a fantastic time at the AOCR, meeting old friends and new ones, participating in the educational “Image Interpretation Session” for the first time and really appreciated the opportunity to share my passion on Paediatric Interventional Oncology and MR lymphangiography. One of highlights for me was the Value-based Radiology Track on leadership and communications by Dr. Geraldine McGinty and Dr. Frank Lexa – find out more in this Newsletter issue. The good news is, if you missed it this time, there will be a Part 2 in the AOCR 2025 in Chennai!



We are happy to bring you to the “Las Vegas of the East” this issue, showcasing one of our Member Societies – the Macao Radiology Association (MRA). The article shares with us the history of MRA and development of Radiology in one of the most densely populated area in the world.

The AOSR Archives Column in this issue showcases Dr Kenneth Thomson, past AOSR President and AOSR Gold Medalist. He shares his memories of AOSR and AOCR from his first attendance at the first AOCR in Sydney in 1971 and his journey in AOSR.

For the “Getting to know” series, we are happy to invite our AOSOR Youth Club Alumni Dr. Rathachai Kaewlai from Thailand. He joined the inaugural AOSOR YC in Yilan in 2015 and is now Section Chief of Emergency Radiology in Siriraj Hospital Bangkok.

Finally, I would like to draw your attention to our newly revamped website! We aim for a more user-friendly interface and better end-user experience. Please visit <https://www.theaosr.org> and share your feedback with us.

On behalf of the AOSR Newsletter Team, I would like to express our sincere gratitude to everyone who contributed to this Newsletter issue and I hope you find it a rewarding read!

Special feature:

Highlights from the Asian Oceanian Congress of Radiology AOCR2024, Taipei

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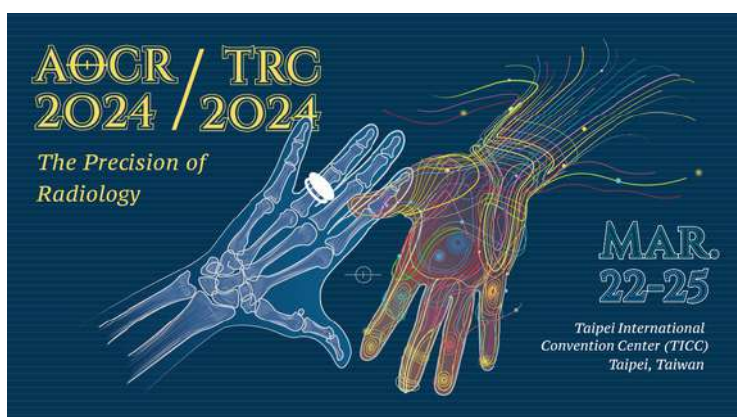
Secretary General, Taiwan Radiological Society (TRS)

Overview

The 22nd Asian Oceanian Congress of Radiology (AOCR 2024) was held in conjunction with the Taiwan Radiology Congress 2024 (AOCR 2024 & TRC 2024) from March 22nd to 25th, 2024 in Taipei, Taiwan.

The AOSR member which was the AOCR2024 host and organizer was the Chinese Taipei Society of Radiology (CTSR). AOCR is considered one of the three major international radiology conferences, alongside the RSNA in North America and the ECR in Europe, making it the most significant radiology conference outside of Europe and America. AOCR 2024 took place at the Taipei International Convention Center in Taipei. The congress theme, "The Precision of Radiology," focused on the latest developments in AI and precision medicine. CTSR first hosted this congress in 2010 and it is 14 years later when it hosted its 2nd AOCR!

Conceptualization of congress logo



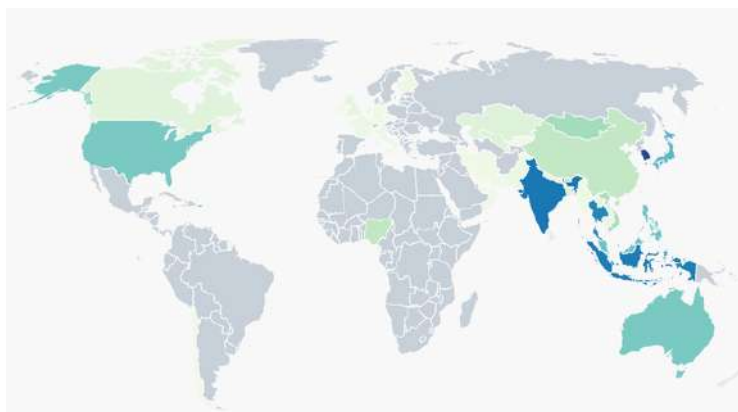
The conference underwent over a year of preparation. The main visual for the congress was designed by Dr. Ta-Yu Wu, a Taiwan board-certified radiologist. The hand on the left symbolizes the iconic X-ray radiograph of Anna Bertha Ludwig, spouse of Wilhelm Röntgen, adorned with her wedding ring, and the hand on the right embodies the composition of information flow.

The two interlocking hands represent the collaboration between humans and machines, and the transition of knowledge from the past to present.

Participants

The conference attracted a total of 2,699 participants from 47 different countries, with Taiwan having the highest number of attendees at 1,916, followed by South Korea, India, Indonesia, and Thailand. A total of 542 abstracts were submitted, including 164 oral presentations, with Taiwan having the highest number of submissions at 63, followed by India, South Korea, and Thailand.

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World map showing the distribution of participants of AOCR 2024

A total of 378 e-posters were submitted, with Taiwan having the highest number of submissions at 172, followed by India, South Korea, and Indonesia. The conference also offered various awards, including 3 winners for the Best Exhibition Awards, 3 winners for the Best Oral Presentation Awards, and 10 recipients received the AOCR Young Scholarship Award of 150 USD each.

Opening ceremony

The congress commenced amidst the resounding beats of the captivating performance by the Chio-Tian Folk Drums & Art Troupe, a traditional Taiwanese temple fair parade team.



Plenary Sessions

A total of three plenary sessions and an honorary lecture were given by esteemed scholars of international renown during the congress. The opening plenary lectures were delivered by Prof. Curtis Langlotz, President of RSNA, and Prof. Andrea Rockall, President of ESR. Prof. Jeong Min Lee, immediate past president of KSR delivered his plenary lecture on the second day of the congress. Prof. Shigeki Aoki, president of JRS, gave his speech as the keynote speaker for Prof. Yi-Hong Chou's lecture session.



Plenary Session by Prof. Curtis Langlotz



Certificate of appreciation to Prof. Andrea Rockall (right) from Prof. Noriyuki Tomiyama (centre) and Prof. Hong-Jen Chiou (left)



Plenary Session by Prof. Jeong-Min Lee

Scientific programs and conjoint sessions

The scientific programs for AOCR 2024 were notably comprehensive, featuring ten sub-specialty programs scheduled over the course of three and a half days. These encompassed neuroradiology, abdominal radiology, musculoskeletal radiology, chest radiology, cardiovascular radiology, breast imaging, emergency radiology, pediatric imaging, interventional radiology, and ultrasound. In an effort to enhance AOCR's influence, the congress also hosted conjoint sessions and educational courses in collaboration with 11 significant international academic organizations, including those from North America, Europe, and Asia. A total of 100 sessions and 424 lectures were presented during AOCR 2024. The speakers and chairpersons invited were distinguished leaders in the field of radiology, renowned for their expertise in both domestic and international contexts. In total, 278 faculties from 16 countries were invited by the congress, with 159 from domestic institutions and 119 from international institutions.



Snapshots from AOSOR-APIWG conjoint session on Prostate Imaging

Additionally, with AI being the main focal point of this conference, the Organizing Committee collaborated with the Emerging Trends Committee of AOSR and planned three 90-minute AI symposiums, including Developing AI: Emerging applications in Radiology, Implementing AI: From code to bedside, and Advancing AI: Generative AI and beyond.



Panel discussion - How could generative AI transform the practice of Radiology?



Speakers and Moderators for Safety in Radiology Session

AOSR-AOCR Value Based Radiology Workshop

The first workshop, titled "AOSR-AOCR Value-Based Radiology: Leading the Way Towards Visible Radiologists," was led by esteemed speakers Dr. Frank J. Lexa, Chief Medical Officer of the Radiology Leadership Institute at the ACR, and Dr. Geraldine McGinty, Chair of the Commission on Radiology Education at the International Society of Radiology. During the first 90-minute segment, the workshop delved into leadership fundamentals, coaching and mentoring concepts, negotiation strategies, navigating challenging conversations with patients, colleagues, and administration/management, and covered the nuances of building, leading, and managing diverse medical teams. Following the presentation, 31 participants engaged in dynamic small group discussions, which were met with enthusiastic responses.



Small group discussion at the AOSR-AOCR Value Based Radiology workshop

Thyroid RFA Hands-On Workshop

Thyroid ablation is emerging as a pivotal interventional technique. Led by Professor Wei-Che Lin, the Thyroid RFA session featured a lineup of internationally acclaimed experts who shed light on the theory and techniques of thyroid RFA. In addition to scientific lectures, the session encompassed a hands-on workshop, offering participants an invaluable opportunity for personalized guidance from these experts, and garnered keen feedback.



Hands-on practice at the Thyroid RFA workshop



AI Workshops

The congress also extended an invitation to NVIDIA to conduct a workshop on medical imaging AI. NVIDIA, a global leader in AI innovation, has strong ties to Taiwan. Given the pressing need for the medical imaging field to grasp the latest advancements in artificial intelligence, this collaboration was a natural fit. The two AI workshops – acute appendicitis, which was closely linked to the theme of AI challenge, and the chest X-ray imaging— were both fully registered. Participants utilized their personal laptops to execute commands, train a segmentation model, and instantly observe the AI-generated results. NVIDIA also generously provided numerous AI code snippets, greatly benefiting all participants.



AI Challenge

The AI Challenge at AOCR 2024 was the very first medical imaging AI competition to be held in the field of radiology in Asia and Oceania. The challenges presented for the competition, along with the corresponding database, were meticulously prepared by Dr. Kuei-Hong Kuo of Far Eastern Memorial Hospital. The primary focus was on acute appendicitis, a common emergency condition. The competition boasts a substantial total prize pool of 400,000 NTD. The competition commenced on November 1, 2023, on the Kaggle platform, with 122 groups actively participating. Following two competitive stages, the top 10 contenders were unveiled on the website. The top 5 teams have earned the privilege to present at AOCR 2024, with awards slated for presentation at the gala dinner.

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AI Challenge winners with their awards presented at the Congress Gala Dinner

Through these competitions, we have discovered the latent talents of young radiologists who possess the capability to independently operate AI and utilize strategies of their own to enhance diagnostic accuracy. This process has highlighted that while many AI competitions focus on information, mathematical ability, and hardware computing power—attributes typically associated with engineering—the involvement of radiologists is crucial for improving AI performance in the medical field. It has become evident that the optimal approach lies in the seamless collaboration between engineers for their technical expertise, and radiologists for their professional knowledge to excel in such competitions.

Guided tours for medical students

To enhance the medical students' understanding of the evolution of medical imaging and their learnings of relevant knowledge, the congress arranged two guided tour sessions. Dr. Jung-Hsuan Chen from Taipei Veterans General Hospital took the lead in introducing the congress theme, highlights, lecture contents of each specialty, as well as the latest trending topics in the radiological field to the attendees. Through these activities, the congress aims to educate medical students who are interested in medical imaging about the future development and potential of radiology.

The 9th Asian Oceanian Radiology Forum

Hosted by Dr. Hong-Jen Chiou, President of CTSR, the 9th Asian Oceanian Radiology Forum (the 9th AORF) focuses on the theme of 'Radiology Workload and Coverage Hours in Asian Oceanian Countries'. Presidents and delegates of 18 AOSR member societies were invited to participate and share first-hand experiences regarding working hours and the burden faced by radiologists in their respective countries. The forum facilitated face-to-face communication about the challenges encountered, as well as discussions on potential responses and solutions. A total of nineteen countries were represented at the event.



Group photo for the 9th AORF

Social Events

During the conference, various social events were arranged for invited guests and attendees, including the Welcome Party on March 21, the President's Dinner on March 22, and the Gala Dinner on March 23.

Welcome Party at the Residence, Grand Hyatt Taipei



Presidential Dinner at the Grand Ballroom, Grand Hyatt Taipei



Gala Dinner: a joyful moment dancing the Taiwanese indigenous dance

It is worth noting that during the Gala dinner, Prof. Noriyuki Tomiyama, the President of AOSR, awarded Prof. Adrian Brady, ESR Past President, as the Honorary Member of AOSR, and Dr. Evelyn Ho, the AOSR Immediate Past President, as the AOSR Gold Medalist of 2024. Dr. Hong-Jen Chiou also awarded the Honorary Fellowship of the Taiwan Radiological Society to Prof. Noriyuki Tomiyama. The awarding ceremony was a touching moment beyond academia.

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Prof. Adrian Brady awarded as the Honorary Member of AOSR



Dr. Evelyn Ho awarded as the AOSR Gold Medalist of 2024



Prof. Noriyuki Tomiyama awarded as the Honorary Fellowship of the Taiwan Radiology Society

In addition to the official social events, several half-day city tours were planned for our invited guests, including the Taipei Restaurant Bus tour, Taipei 101 tour, and the Dihua street tour. The congress also arranged four self-funded guided tours around Taipei City for all attendees of AOCR 2024, including tours to the Yangmingshan National Park and Tien Lai Hot Spring Resort, Jiufen Village and Sky Lantern, the National Palace Museum, and Yingge and Sanxia Old Street. Fortunately, thanks to the good weather, our participants all seemed to enjoy their tours in Taipei!



Group photo in front of the Taipei Xia-Hai City God Temple

Exhibitors and Industry Support

AOCR 2024 had a total of 35 vendors, including 15 sponsors and 20 exhibitors, as well as 6 complimentary booths for scientific societies.



AOSR's 1st Value-based Radiology Track on How to Lead the Way in Becoming a Visible Radiologist with Immersive Workshop at AOCR2024 Receives Enthusiastic Response, Mar 22, 2024



Group photo of small groups workshop participants with facilitators

The session on value-based radiology on leadership and communications was held on the first day of the 22nd Asian Oceanian Congress of Radiology (AOCR2024) in Taipei International Convention Centre, Taipei. The morning session began with didactic lectures on 'Why every radiologist MUST be a leader' and 'Negotiations: It's more than just money'. This was followed by a briefing on 'Speaking up and leading change without being seen as a troublemaker' that would be the prologue to the small groups immersive workshop on difficult conversations.

Some key take-aways are:

1. Being holed up in our reporting room, and expecting to be left alone to do your work is not possible anymore (Dr Frank Lexa likened it to mushroom farming) – either be involved or be led by others.
2. In negotiations (Dr Geraldine McGinty)
 - it's not enough to just know what your own priorities are but to understand and know the other party's priorities too
 - emotion is the enemy of effective negotiations
 - prepare and practice
 - do not burn any bridges (not an endgame)

There were 31 participants in the immersive workshop. They ranged from residents to senior radiologists, some of whom had and were still in leadership positions. The participants hailed from Australia, Bangladesh, Bhutan, Hong Kong SAR, Indonesia, Japan, Malaysia, Mongolia, Taiwan, Thailand, Singapore, and USA. Participants were divided into small groups made up of individuals with varying levels of work experience and provided with a series of scenarios to work on. Young or more senior, the feedback was generally positive with insights into handling scenarios in different countries.



Small groups in deep discussion during the break out session on difficult conversations



The spokesperson for each group presented at the wrap up session

A post workshop survey for feedback was sent out.

- 91% of the respondents would be interested in attending a similar session at a future AOCR
- 73% would be interested in webinar content in between meetings

Suggested topics for future content included: problem solving in clinical scenarios, mentorship, ethics, career development and gaining the confidence of the multidisciplinary team. The AOSR together with our invited experts and workshop facilitators, Dr Geraldine McGinty and Dr Frank Lexa have taken note of the enthusiasm. Both of them have kindly agreed to be involved in a PART 2 track at the AOCR2025, Chennai, Jan 23-26, 2025. Thank you to our host and venue organizers, the Chinese Taipei Society of Radiology and both our speakers/facilitators, Drs McGinty and Lexa for making the 1st VBR track on Leadership and Communications such as success.

Stay tuned for further announcements on AOSR's social media platforms and the AOCR2025 website (www.aocr2025.com).

Mark your calendars

Mark Your Calendar - for a PART 2 VBR track at the AOCR2025, Jan 23-26, 2025!!!

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Prof. Adrian Paul Brady Awarded Honorary Member of the Asian Oceanian Society of Radiology at the AOCR2024, Taipei – Mar 23, 2024

Dr. Evelyn Ho

Immediate Past President, AOSR

The Asian Oceanian Society of Radiology (AOSR) awards the Honorary Membership, the highest accolade of the AOSR to a person outside of Asia Oceania who has rendered outstanding service or benefactions to the development, teaching, and practice of radiology. This may include contributions to Asia Oceania/AOSR.



Dr Adrian P. Brady is Clinical Professor of Radiology, University College, Cork, Ireland and until 2023, was Consultant Radiologist in Mercy University Hospital in Cork. He was the medical director of the Irish National Hereditary Haemorrhagic Telangiectasia Centre in Cork, Ireland for 20 years and Dean, Faculty of Radiologists, Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland, 2010–2012.

He has been in the executive council of the European Society of Radiology (ESR) since 2017, and chaired the ESR Quality, Safety and Standards Committee for 3 years. He became ESR President, 2022–2023, and was the first ESR president from Ireland. He was Chair of the Board of Directors 2023–2024 and now continues to serve on the board as the Past President.

He is on the executive committee of the International Society of Radiology and a member of the International Society for Strategic Studies in Radiology. Adrian has honorary memberships from the Israel Radiological Association, Polish Medical Society of Radiology, Hungarian Society of Radiologists, Romanian Society of Radiology and Medical Imaging; and is a Fellow of the Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Radiologists. In 2023, he received the Godfield Hounsfield Memorial Award from the British Institute of Radiology.



Adrian Brady receives the AOSR Honorary Membership Award from AOSR President Noriyuki Tomiyama (L). The citation was given by AOSR Immediate Past President, Evelyn Ho (R)

Whilst Adrian's subspecialty interest is in interventional radiology, he is now very much involved in professional issues in radiology: errors & discrepancies, reporting style & content; value-based radiology; ethics of AI in radiology and clinical audit. His editorial in *European Radiology* in 2021 which garnered much interest, was on 'The vanishing radiologist – an unseen danger, and the danger of being unseen'.

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Outside of medicine, he is a keen cyclist, and attempts to arrange one cycling sportive a year. He conquered Mount Kilimanjaro in 2014. He also enjoys reading and collecting antique maps of Ireland (in his collection are maps from the 1500s).

Adrian has been very supportive of AOSR activities and has been a familiar face in our region including the AOCR2023, Bangkok, where he also spoke on Safety- Eurosafe Imaging specifically. The AOSR is proud to confer Honorary Membership to Dr Adrian Paul Brady for his outstanding international achievements, collaboration, and leadership in radiology.



Congratulations to Dr Evelyn Ho, AOSR 2024 Gold Medalist

*by Dr. Chamaree Chuapetcharasopon
President-Elect, AOSR*

The Asian Oceanian Society of Radiology (AOSR) awards the Gold Medal, the most prestigious and highest honor to be awarded by the AOSR to a person from Asia Oceania who has rendered outstanding and exceptional service or benefactions to the development, teaching, or practice of radiology. In particular, prolonged and exceptional service to the AOSR in a more or less continuous nature, including holding one or more of the high offices of the AOSR.



Evelyn Lai Ming Ho, Immediate Past President the Asian Oceanian Society of Radiology was awarded the AOSR Gold Medalist at 2024 AOCR in Taipei on March 23rd, 2024.

Dr Evelyn Ho is a Life member of the College of Radiology and a Fellow of the Academy of Medicine of Malaysia. During her 12 years services for College of Radiology, Malaysia, she served as a Council Member, the Honorary Secretary, the President, and Immediate Past President.

Dr Evelyn Ho served in the Radiological Society of North America (RSNA) regional committee for Asia/Oceania (RCAO) from 2015 to 2022, and becoming RCAO Chair from 2019-2022. Currently she serves as Member of the RSNA News Editorial Board. She received the RSNA Honorary membership award in 2022.



Evelyn receives her Gold Medal Award from AOSR President Noriyuki Tomiyama (L). Chamaree Chuapetcharasopon, President-Elect, gave the citation.

Dr Evelyn Ho served the Council of AOSR for 17 years, from 2008 to 2025. During her terms, she served as an Executive Council Member, the honorary treasurer, the honorary secretary, and the president-elect.

She was the President from 2021 to 2023. During her presidency, even though the Covid situation limited many face-to-face collaborations, she managed to run the society's activities online and initiated many online events and member communication channels including webinars, member societies roundtable. She is currently AOSR Immediate Past President and chairperson for the AOSR Archives Committee.

As President from 2021 to 2023, Dr. Ho's visionary leadership, "REACHING OUT, GROWING ASIA-OCEANIA", has left an indelible mark on AOSR, guiding the society to new heights of innovation and collaboration. Throughout her remarkable 17-year tenure on the Council of AOSR, Dr. Ho has exemplified unparalleled leadership, selflessness, and unwavering passion for advancing the practice of radiology.

AOSR President Noriyuki Tomiyama conferred Taiwan Radiological Society International Honorary Fellow Award at AOCR2024

During the Congress Gala of the Asian Oceanian Congress of Radiology 2024, AOSR President Noriyuki Tomiyama was conferred International Honorary Fellow of the Taiwan Radiological Society. This was followed by a short acceptance speech by Dr Tomiyama.



Getting to know your Member Society – Macao Radiology Association

Dr. Benjamin Leong

Council Member, Macao Radiological Association



Nestled in just 32.9 square kilometers of land, the tiny region of Macao packs in an astonishing 650,000 residents, making it one of the most densely populated areas on earth. It is here, amid the winding lanes and soaring casino towers, that the Macao Radiological Association (MRA) has spearheaded advancements in radiology since its founding in 2000.

As a non-profit representing radiologic technologists, radiographers, nurses and technical experts, the MRA seeks to propel best practices, elevate professional standards, and safeguard member rights and interests. A milestone came in 2010 when the MRA joined the Asia-Oceanian Society of Radiology, integrating Macao's radiology community with the global stage.



Through tireless organization of scientific conferences and exchange programs, the MRA has united over 200 Macao radiology professionals to share knowledge and expertise. These academic activities help hone skills, pioneering localized radiological innovations, and promoting integration with world-class practices. The MRA also strives to boost public awareness of radiology's importance through community engagement, believing joy and fulfillment complement rigorous medical pursuits.



The Macao Radiology Association co-organizes radiology lectures with schools to promote community engagement.

Substantial progress equipping Macao hospitals with cutting-edge imaging modalities like CT and MRI has enhanced clinical capacities. Novel techniques like image-guided diagnosis and interventional radiology grant Macao residents access to first-rate localized care.

Moving forward, the MRA persists in elevating Macao's radiology standards to match global benchmarks, while expanding collaborative relationships between Macao and international radiology organizations to enable dynamic idea exchange.

Though radiology began humbly in the 1920s with Macao's first x-ray machine, rapid advancement followed the MRA's founding. In the early years, the MRA focused on training local technicians and standardizing practices through seminars and workshops with renowned domestic and foreign lecturers.



The Macao Radiology Association visits medical institutions in Mainland China to promote exchanges between Macao and Mainland China in the field of radiology.



The Macao Radiology Association holds academic conferences with the Portuguese Medical Association to strengthen exchanges and development between Macao and Europe.

From 2010 onwards, rising health awareness and hospital investment allowed advanced imaging modalities like CT and MRI to flourish, aided by the MRA's operation guidelines and group purchase agreements. Recently, the MRA has promoted subspecialization and knowledge transfer through collaborations with Mainland hospitals.

As Macao's population ages, demand for radiology will surge. The MRA seeks to elevate local capabilities to reduce cross-border patient outflow and position Macao as a regional radiology education and research hub through international partnerships. By integrating global resources, the MRA can realize Macao's potential to deliver world-class, locally-rooted radiologic care.



In light of the COVID-19 pandemic, the Macao Radiology Association held its annual academic conference online, continuing to advance the development of radiology in Macao.



Academic Conference Highlights of the Association in 2023

The AOSR Archives Column

*Dr. Evelyn Ho
AOSR Immediate Past President
Chair of the AOSR Archives Committee*

The AOSR Archives Committee was set up to develop the archive policies including what to archive for the purpose of documenting the development, achievements, and history of the AOSR; where possible to keep records which has evidential, historic, and emotional values for the purpose of inspiring our members, and where appropriate for promoting the AOSR regionally and globally.

For this issue, Dr Kenneth Thomson shares his memories of the AOSR and AOCR from the time he was introduced to the AOSR by attending the first AOCR in Sydney in 1971 to his involvement in the AOSR as councillor circa 1983 until he became President and then, awarded the AOSR Gold Medal in 2012.

Memories of the AOSR: Attended the first AOCR 1971, involved in the AOSR from 1981-2010

*By Kenneth R. Thomson, MD;
AOSR Past President 2006-2008; AOSR Gold Medallist 2012*

I attended the 1971 AOCR in Melbourne as I was the recipient of the prize for best candidate in the PART I RACR examinations that year. I had no idea about the Asian Oceanian Society of Radiology (AOSR) then and later moved to Canada and the USA to further my studies.

Prof. William Hare, the founding president of the AOSR, convinced me to move from Adelaide to Melbourne in 1981 and one of the tasks he gave me was editor of the AOSR Bulletin which became quite a task as I became more involved in interventional radiology. It was with some relief that Dr Sudarshan Aggarwal started the AOSR Journal, but he still expected lots of articles from me. I fear that I was a disappointment to him.



I became a councilor representing Australia about 1983 and I have attended most of the AOCR congresses since, until 2012.

I applied for the position of AOSR Secretary General at the 7th Asian Oceanian Congress of Radiology (AOCR) in 1995 and was up against Dr Sudarshan Aggarwal who shocked me saying “Australians were not truly Asians”- this probably helped my election. As a 5th generation New Zealander, I felt I was just as much a part of our region as anyone. Sudarshan and I however, continued to have friendly respect for one another over the subsequent years. In those days the AOSR was the only unifying radiology society in our region, and we formed very close ties to the International Society of Radiology and the Radiological Society of North America.



Prof. Kenneth Thomson with Dr KR Chaudhari (AOSR Past President 1991-1995)

As Secretary General I was introduced to geopolitics and the depth of feeling for one’s country and heritage. Some of the best advice I ever received in this regard was from Dr Man Chung Han of Korea, who was a great mentor and friend. At one dinner when everyone else had applied their “chop” (stamp) I made my version of a Chinese character. Dr Han looked at it every which way, then turned it over and asked me to sign again on the blank page. Everyone laughed.



AOCR 2006 in Hong Kong

Throughout my time on the AOSR executive council, Dr Lilian Leong was my friend and confidante. She was like a big sister to me, giving me sound and considered advice about how to proceed with sometimes difficult decisions on the council. I am indebted to her.

In the early days the regional radiology society operating the AOCR took the risks and any profits from the meeting. It was at times confusing for sponsors to separate the AOSR and the AOCR when there were two executive committees, one for the society and one for the congress. The society organising the Congress was expected to invite the executive council to their annual meetings as speakers which was at times a difficult proposition in view of the airfare and accommodation costs. For many years the Japan Radiological Society (JRS) completely funded the AOSR executive meetings, without which the AOSR may have floundered. The AOSR owes the JRS a great debt.

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Registration of the AOSR was a difficult job as registering an international not-for-profit society was difficult. After attempting Singapore and Australia, where taxation of the AOSR was problematic, finally a home was found in Korea with the Korean Society of Radiology (KSR). This has helped to place the AOSR on a more sound financial footing and for a time after this proceeds from the AOCRs were shared.



Prof Kenneth Thomson awarded the AOSR Gold Medal in AOCR 2012, Sydney

My proudest and most humbling moments were wearing the AOSR Presidential Chain of Office from 2006 to 2008, (I was terrified I would lose it) and when in 2012, I was awarded the AOSR Gold Medal. I travelled widely in the Asian-Oceanian region as a lecturer and demonstrator of procedures with the generous support of the local radiology societies and Schering, Bracco, and Cook. As part of the “gang of four” I founded the Asia Pacific Society of Interventional Radiology with Drs Man Chung Han, Kyoichi Hiramatsu, and Lenny Tan. My membership and experiences with the AOSR made this possible.



Prof. Kenneth Thomson with Prof. William Hare, Founding AOSR President at AOCR 2006, Hong Kong



Prof. Kenneth Thomson with Prof. Lenny Tan, Past AOSR President at AOCR 2006, Hong Kong

My many AOSR friends, especially, Man Chung Han, Lilian Leong, Lenny Tan, Jae Hyung Park, Hitoshi Katayama, Kyoichi Hiramatsu, K Kulaveerasingam, Sudarshan Aggarwal, Sanjiv Sharma, Byung Choi, KR Chaudhari, Hideo Uchida and many more have all enriched my life and made my experience with the AOSR/AOCR one I treasure still.

Getting to Know your AOSOR Youth Club Alumni

- Dr. Rathachai Kaewlai

The AOSOR Youth Club aims to provide an educational, social and academic program to foster future core leaders of AOSR.

In this 2024 Newsletter issue, we present our AOSOR Youth Club alumni - Dr. Rathachai Kaewlai, MD; now Section of Emergency Radiology, Chief; Postgraduate Medical Education Committee, Head; Department of Radiology, Faculty of Medicine Siriraj Hospital, Mahidol University, Bangkok



My journey at AOSOR YC

I participated in the inaugural AOSOR Youth Club (AOSOR YC) event held in Yilan, Taiwan ROC, on November 12-15, 2015. Additionally, I had the privilege of being part of the team from the Radiological Society of Thailand (RST) that organized the second event, which took place in Chiang Mai, Thailand in 2016.



During these two events, we engaged in a comprehensive two-day leadership course covering topics ranging from hospital management to personal finance. Despite the intensity of the program within a short timeframe, the experience was enriching, offering valuable insights into management for young radiologists. This was eye-opening, exposing us to a new world of management possibilities and served as a catalyst for some to pursue leadership roles in their careers, while others might find their paths redirected. Moreover, it was a fantastic opportunity to network with fellow radiologists, fostering connections that endure to this day.

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With the support from Dr. Chamaree Chuapetcharasopon, the President of RST at the time, I had the opportunity to contribute to organizing the second AOSOR YC event. Being on both sides of the fence – participant and organizer – taught me much about management and how to improve my work. After that, much of my management work has revolved around enhancing emergency radiology education in Thailand. This includes developing emergency radiology teaching infrastructure within the national diagnostic radiology residency curriculum, establishing emergency radiology team in hospitals, and providing support to other medical institutions. Furthermore, I've held positions such as program director for diagnostic radiology and chaired the postgraduate medical education committee within the department.

The AOSOR YC provided an exceptional platform for networking with peers interested in radiology management and connecting with experienced educators serving as faculty members. The topics covered during the YC sessions, focusing on practical hospital management skills, have important implications in our daily lives and hold the potential to inspire the next-generation radiology leaders.

Where do you see AOSOR YC in the future?

One thing I would like to see more is for AOSOR to establish a continuous platform for communications with the AOSOR YC alumni, and perhaps, if possible, provide ongoing support for alumni gatherings, including any YC events and at the AOCR. The AOSOR Alumni meetings at the AOCRs are underpublicized to all past YC participants.

In conclusion, I extend my gratitude to all those involved in making the YC happen. Even though it has been nearly a decade, the experiences remain vivid, and the friendships formed endure. Distance may separate us, but the support and camaraderie from these events are always there.

Another AOSR MR Safety video has been published on our AOSR YouTube Channel!

AOSR MR Safety Ambassador Dr Elaine Kan, Chief of Service, Department of Radiology, Hong Kong Children's Hospital with her team has developed this MR safety video for Asia-Oceania.



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Always remember the MAGNET IS ALWAYS ON!

Access the AOSR YouTube video at:

What clinical staff need to know about MRI safety.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=e9HXYOUQR6Q_

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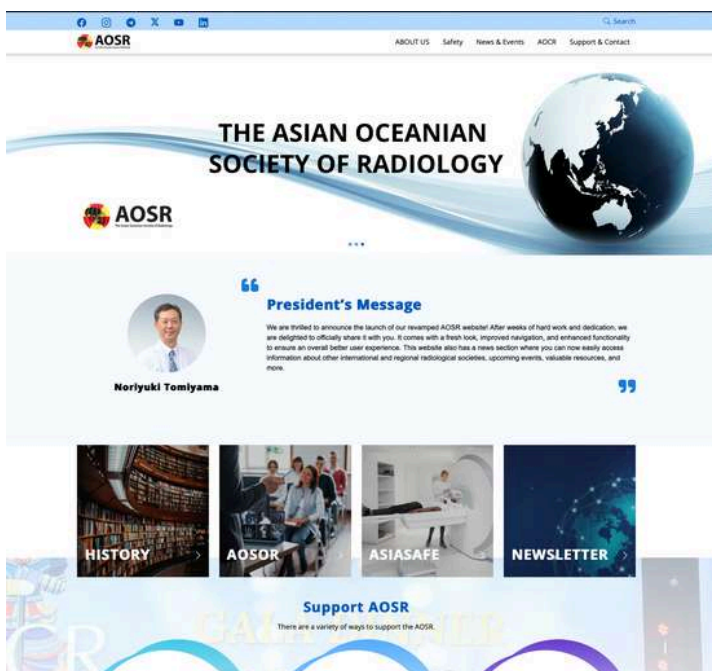


The AOSR accords it deepest appreciation to Dr Elaine Kan and her team for their efforts. This is taken from their ending 'slide' in their video.

Please use it freely and share it widely.

Launch of newly revamped AOSR website!

<https://www.theaosr.org>



The AOSR website had a facelift recently, with a modernised interface and a more interactive design. The aim is to improve the end-user experience and to keep the Asia-Oceanian Radiology community up-to-date with the latest of AOSR and AOOR. There will be other sections which will go live later this year. What you see is Phase 1 only!

Please visit our revamped website and let us know how we are doing! Your feedback is important for us to further enhance the website and your experience.

For those who would like to revisit our prior Newsletters, it is now archived under "News and Events"



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