



**MALAYSIAN SOCIETY OF RADIOGRAPHERS**

Affiliated to The International Society of Radiographers and Radiological Technologists (I.S.R.R.T.)

## New year message from the president

2012 has become the past as we usher in 2013. Looking back, there were so many things happened in 2012. Beside natural disasters, we also witness and share the joys and courage of many good human deeds and at the same time saddened by some evil human acts. As we approach and receive this New Year, I ask and pray to God that we will be able to continue everyday with new hopes, new dreams, new wishes and many more new things. May the All Mighty LORD bless us with nothing less than the best.

As usual, it's a norm that everybody when receiving the New Year will reflect on achievements past year and make new resolution for the coming year. Looking back, what has Malaysian Society of Radiographers (MSR) achieved in 2012 and what is the plan for 2013?

2012 has seen MSR managing to be more active in the international society. The president and the vice president had managed to work out the bid document for the 19th ISRRT world congress to be presented in June at the 17th ISRRT World Congress, Canada with the help of Sarawak Convention Bureau (SCB) and the Malaysia Convention and Exhibition Bureau (MyCEB). Even though Malaysia was not



successful in the mission, we have managed to attract ISRRT council members' attention. We have managed to network with many other nations in the world. It was good experience to share and to receive news from advanced society and also the disadvantaged one. It made us grateful for what we have and encouraged us to strive for better achievements.

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### Check out!



MSR has moved to a new milestone by collaboration with the College of Radiology to host the 1st Joint Annual Scientific Meeting (ASM 2012) with the theme Cancer Imaging in April 2012. This collaboration will continue in 2013 when the 2nd ASM is scheduled in June. This time the Oncology Society will be hosting this event together. This collaboration brings the relationship between radiologist and radiographers closer. We are able to acquire knowledge and experiences as well as networking together at the same venue and platform. This is an encouraging scene that is in line with the Training Division, Ministry of Health's aim to develop interprofessional / interdisciplinary education among the health care provider.

The most remarkable achievement that MSR can be proud of in 2012 is the 27th Malaysia Singapore Radiographers Conference, Kuching, Sarawak in September. We were rather disappointed when the ISRRT President was not able to be with us. However, the event was nonetheless successful with the attendance of Dr Maria Law, ISRRT Vice president (AA region), Dr Napapong, ISRRT Regional Director, Professor Mary Lovegrove from South Bank University, London, Professor KH Ng from UMMC and many international delegates from the Asian country. We even have delegates from the Middle East. We have achieved many 1st for this conference and it will be one event that the committee members of the society cherish for life.

MSR has also managed to revive the news letter "Sinaran" and I sincerely hope that the editorial committee is more committed to ensure the continuity of this news letter. I also would like to take this opportunity to urge our members or non members to contribute articles and also writing to be published. For the news letter to continue to survive, we need support from all members to work together.

2012 is not an all happy year for MSR committees. Almost every MSR committee member experienced the pain of losing someone dear in life. Losing father, husband, mother in law and also brother was among the few sad life events. We have member where loved ones are fighting cancer. We also has member fallen sick and got admitted to hospital. In the mist of all this trouble and also stress in work and study, MSR committee members have spared precious time and put together effort to work for MSR.

As president, I must admit during my two years tenure, there were many set back and disappointment which I will rather not share and let it be safe in my own keeping. I would like to take this opportunity to thanks all committee members who have worked with me and share the ups and downs in 2012.

In 2013, MSR has set some plans for the year. The 1st will be going to 19th AACRT in Chiang Mai in a group. This is the 1st time MSR would like members to pay for their own trip and only supported by company on registration fees. I hope in this way, MSR will be able to get more participants to attend international events. This will be the 1st trial and we can foresee that it will not be accepted by all. Anyway, it is just for a try. If everything goes well, MSR will try the same plan again for future events.

MSR has decided to organize a Digital Imaging Seminar in conjunction with the 43th AGM. Dr Napapong from Thailand will be invited to be the speaker and he will share his expertise with us on this technology. MSR also plan to have another seminar in November in conjunction with World Radiography Day which will focus on geriatric radiography and care. MSR will also collaborate with Vision College to run CT and MSR one day course in May and September respectively. Not to forget, in September there will be the Singapore Malaysia Radiographers Conference which is going to be held in National University Hospital, Singapore on the 13 -15th September. MSR may conduct more CME or short courses if there is request from members.

As I approach this New Year, I hope my passion for the society remains the same. I also hope that all my committee members will still be strong and working hard for the society and each and everyone will be able to work independently to ensure what is planned is executed with the best outcome.

Last but no least, I wish all members to have good health, joy and peace and prosperity throughout the year.



CHAN LAI KUAN

# THE POWER OF USING QUOTES IN OUR LIFE

by Aries Rooster

What is a quote and how it can be used to strengthen us and make life wonderful and meaningful is how you internalize it and blend it into your everyday practice. Some quotes from great men of history and from the anonymous are timelessly used by people and have its impact till now.

From a very young age, I like to read quotes and I have many in my keeping. The only sad thing is I can never recall it easily and most of the time I have to look it up again when I want to use it. I always marveled at people who can simply open their mouths and spew quotes suitable for each situation and event. Regardless, I have to come to terms with this. I have decided that I will learn a quote, not one a day, may be one a week or worst, one in a month. Not only am I going to learn it but put it into practice. Hence, I need to look for quotes that are useful and applicable to my everyday life where it can teach me how to be a useful person, how it can edify my soul and also enrich my personality. I am going to begin today by taking each quote each time and write something to share it with all who read the Sinaran. With this I hope I will remember it better.

As I browse through some of the quotes in my keeping. One quote catches my attention and again reminded me how it has motivated me in what I do and my attitude towards life. It is from Albert Einstein "Try not to become a man of success but rather to become a man of value".

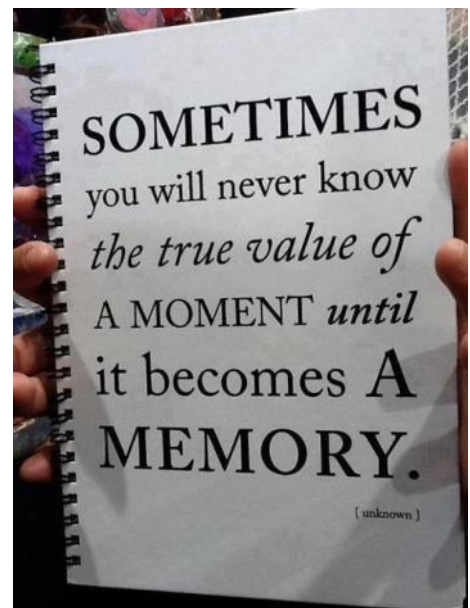
When I was young, my family is among the poor in our community. We lived in a wooden house, not much better than a shack. Mum worked hard for a living. My siblings and I had sworn that we have to become successful and outstanding to upgrade our social status and boost our self esteem. We all achieved what we struggled for and even though we may not be

millionaires or famous but professionally we are successful. Come to think of it we are much better off than many. Through these years of struggle to become a man of success, I also strived to become man of value. I cannot evaluate myself, and hence needed the feedback of others.

Let me ponder on this matter about how to become a man of value. I have read somewhere that if you give freely to others and ask for nothing in return; especially giving freely something of great value to you, you will receive appreciation and trust from others and thus you are heading toward becoming a man of value. That sounds simple enough.

Let's face it, even if we live to be 90, what makes more of a lasting impact: to be a man of success or a man of value? Many can disagree and make a case for either, but I am going to agree with Einstein that a man who is more focused on value than power will contribute more to mankind.

Hence, in our life, work and relationships, we should focus on becoming a person of value first and foremost. This may mean giving away more than we are used to. However, my belief is that if we give value first and make it our goal, success is bound to follow.



# HJ. SILAHUDDIN SPECIAL CONDOLENCE

Condolence to Dear Hj. Sila,

When I received the news that you were admitted and in critical condition it was a shock to me. Followed by the news that you have departed, I was stunned. The saddest thing was; I was so far in Melbourne that I did not make it to pay the last respect to you. A life long regrets.

You were such a dear mentor to me. From 1994 when I joined the college till I was transferred in 2003, you were always the one like a father, care for me in your special ways. Will never forget your kindness and will always remember you in many special ways.

May God bless your soul and rest in Peace.

(CLK)



We are deeply saddened by your lost. We will cherish the memories of the times we spent together at college. Our thoughts and prayers are with you, may the peace which comes from the memories of love shared.

(Jacque)

## OBITUARY HJ SILAHUDIN JARJIS BIN MD JIRI

Hj. Silahudin Jarjis Bin Mat Jiri

Departed on 26<sup>th</sup> November 2010

“Love by many. His contribution to nurture so many radiographers will be remembered for ever “ (CLK)



On Behalf Of The Ex-Students Of CORR Batch 38, please accept our sincere condolences on the death of our beloved Tuan Haji Sila. He was a wonderful man and will be sorely missed by us. He was a charismatic person and also been a role model to us.

"An honest man here lies at rest,  
The friend of man, the friend of truth  
The friend of age, and guide of youth:  
Few hearts like his, with virtue warmed,  
Few heads with knowledge so informed;  
If there's another world ,he lives in bliss;  
If there is none, he made the best of this"

(Maria Magdalena Marten)

Tn. Hj.Sila's signature

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# IN REMEMBRANCE OF MY GOOD FRIEND

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I have known Allahyarham Hj Silahudin Jarjis bin Mat Jiri since November 1969 when we both enrolled as student radiographer at The School of Radiography, Kuala Lumpur General Hospital. We stayed together during our study days. We worked together for 14 years at The College (formerly known as School) of Radiography, Kuala Lumpur from April 1984 until January 1998. He was a friend for 40 over years until he left us on 26 November 2010.



Hj Silahudin Jarjis bin Mat Jiri was born in Parit Perak on 13 August 1947. His father was a post master. He was the 4th child of 6 siblings. His father's ambition was to see Hj Sila to become a doctor. Hj Sila studied for Higher School Certificate at Anderson School Ipoh, but could not make a grade to qualify him to be enrolled at one and only public Medical Faculty at Universiti Malaya. He went to study for Diploma at the Agriculture College, Serdang (now known as Universiti Putra). He was very active in student movement dur-

ing his study days at Agriculture College and was a member of Student Council. Unfortunately, he had to leave the college in second year due to his active involvement in student union.

At the School of Radiography, Kuala Lumpur, he vowed that he would not get involved with any students activities. His was then 23 years old and his only main aim was study hard and to obtain a diploma. He graduated from School of Radiography, Kuala Lumpur with the Diploma of the Society of Radiographers (U.K)

He started his career as a radiographer at Hospital Kuala Lumpur in February 1972. In the same year he married his long time sweetheart, Wan Maimunah bt Wan Abdul Kadir, a teacher. From their marriage, they had two daughters and a son, Mariatul Kiptiah, Anas and Hasnida. They had a happy family until his last day.

During his career, he was very dedicated to his profession as a radiographer. He had served the Malaysian Medical mission to Saudi Arabia as a radiographer for 3 months during the pilgrimage season in October 1976 until January 1977.

His interest in academic was high and he applied to be a tutor to teach radiography. In June 1977 he was attached as a clinical diagnostic radiographer at the School of Radiography, Hospital Kuala Lumpur. In August 1978 he was awarded the scholarship to study for the Higher Diploma and Teachers Diploma at the School of Radiography, Bradford Royal Infirmary, West Yorkshire, England. He was one of the few Ma-

laysian radiographers who studied and passed The Higher Diploma of the College of Radiographers (U.K). The Higher Diploma was the highest qualification for a radiographer then and the passing rate was merely 12% for each examination.

He did it and also passed City & Guild Further Education Teachers' Certificate and the Teachers Diploma of The College of Radiographers and came back to become a tutor in March 1981.



As a tutor, he was very well disciplined and very committed to his job, always punctual and a very concern with the welfare of his students. He had taught hundreds of radiographers who are at present work as senior radiographers, lecturers, managers, application specialists among others. He had attended various courses and seminars locally and abroad and one of them was the International Society of Radiographers and Radiological Technicians' Seminar at Victoria, Vancouver Island, Canada in August 1987.

In September 1993 he was promoted as the Principal of The College of Radiography & Radiotherapy, Kuala Lumpur. He held the post as the Principal until January 1998. As a principal he would never compromise with the principles and would follow regulations strictly.

In January 1998 he was again promoted and transferred to The Manpower & Training Division, Ministry of Health as an examination coordinator in the examination unit. He hold the post for 4 years until February 2002. In 2002 he again served as the Principal of The College of Radiography & Radiotherapy, Kuala Lumpur until he retired from the government service on 13th August 2003. He had served the government as a radiographer, tutor, principal, examination coordinator for over 31 years.

In August 2004 he was offered to be the Head of Diploma in Radiography program, in a private institution at Universiti Kuala Lumpur Royal College of Medicine Perak, in Ipoh. Even though his health was not good, and away from his family, he continued working to ensure that the Medical Imaging program in UniKL get accredited by MQA. He served UniKL for 5 years until his contract ended in August 2009.



His passion in teaching did not end. He joined Universiti Selangor (Unisel) in 2009 as a lecturer in Medical Imaging program. While in Unisel, his health deteriorated and was warded for heart ailment. In November 2010, while working, he was again warded. In the evening of 26th November 2010, he passed away peacefully in Klang Hospital at the age of 63.

His role in the Malaysian Society of Radiographers was significant. He was the life member of the Society. Among the posts held in the Society were:

Chairman, Education Committee, (1981 – 1982).

Chairman, Forward Planning Committee, (1982 – 1983).

Assistant Secretary, (1986 – 1987).

His contributions to the Society include:

1. Published a paper Cardiac Catheterization and Cine-angiography. in Society's Journal – MAJURAY in 1985.

Paper presentations:

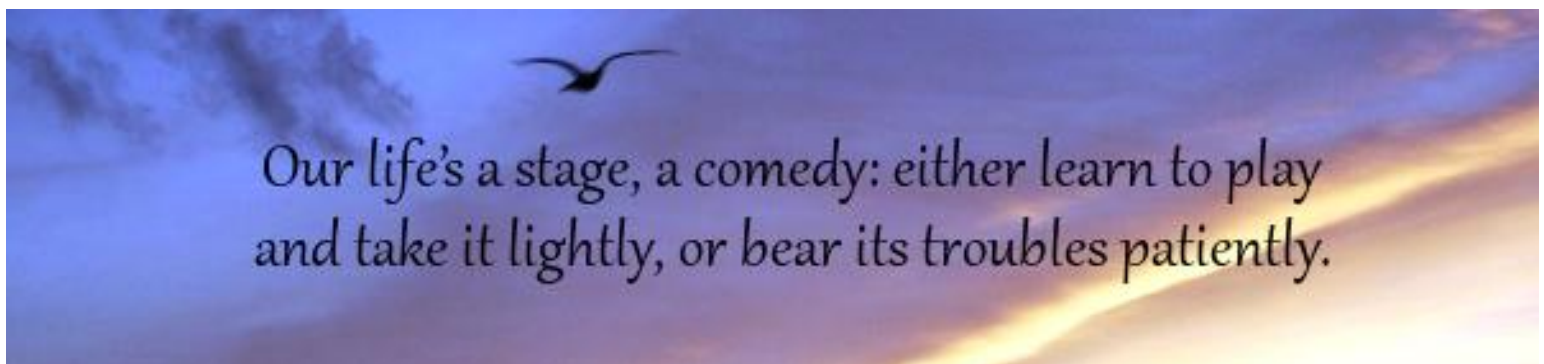
Guidance In Training The Asian Conference of Radiographers & Radiological Technicians, Kuala Lumpur - August 1987.

Quality Assurance in Training, Malaysian Society of Radiographers' Technical Session, Kuala Lumpur - March 1994.

Radiographer As A Manager In A Training School, Malaysian Society of Radiographers' Technical Session, Kuala Lumpur - March 2004.

Burnout Syndrome Amongst Radiographers, Malaysian Society of Radiographers' Technical Session, Ipoh – April 2007.

From Allah he came and to Allah he returned. For those who know him as a colleague and friend or a teacher, let us pray so that God will place his soul amongst the syuhadah and solehins. Ameen.





# A DREAM COME TRUE

By: Ms. Pushpa Thevi Rajendran

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This year the International Society of Radiographers and Radiological Technologist or better known as the ISRRT was held in Toronto Canada on the 7th – 10th June, 2012. Attending this “World Congress” was a dream come true for radiographers who want to move ahead in the field of imaging. There are three parts to my journey to the “World Congress” which are namely pre- world congress, during the world congress and post world congress.

## Pre- World Congress

The pre- congress refers to the many processes prior to my departure to Toronto, Canada. During the initial stages the “Unsung Heroes” who are the seniors in the Radiology profession gave me advice and guidance on how to go about achieving my dream. Attending the congress is one thing, but I wanted more than that. I have always wanted to present at this event, so I wrote in to the committee of the “World Congress” stating my intention. I received a prompt reply from them (the organizing committee of the “World Congress”) stating there was an opportunity to do poster presentation only as all slots for the oral presentation was taken up. So I seized the opportunity as there was a glimpse of hope for me to be part of the “World Congress”.

Following this, I gained the approval of various high ranking personnel in the Malaysian Ministry of Health (MOH), who supported my aspiration to participate at this prestigious event representing Malaysia. Thus, it became possible for me to attend and present at the

recent 17th ISRRT World Congress. Due to the economic crisis, the funding approved by MOH was limited, but I was nevertheless grateful for the approved funding. At this point, I was able to make all my necessary arrangements such as travel, accommodation, registration fees and etc. As the funding was restricted, I had to take the longer route which was less expensive but time consuming. The trip to Toronto, Canada was thirty one (31) hours with an eleven (11) hours transit in Abu Dhabi.

## During the World Congress

This was no ordinary “World Congress”. This event was held in June, 2012 at the Sheraton World Centre, Toronto, Canada. Daily the sessions started as early as seven in the morning and ended at five o'clock in the evening which is a contrast in Malaysia whereby the courses start usually after eight in the morning. The number of registered delegates who turned up for this event was 1400 which comprised of oral and poster presenters, delegates, ISRRT council members and the organizing committee members. All three levels of the hotel's function rooms were booked for the concurrent sessions that took place over that period of 4 days. The programme and abstract books were elaborate, detailed to delineate the lectures at each function room(s) and the allocated time. The organizing committee showed great planning and team work to make such a big event a great success.

There were a number of unique features at this “World Congress”. One of it was the name tag of the delegates had a bar code, whereby it had to be scanned to record attendance of the delegates when they attended a particular session. Another innovative method was to reduce the use of resources was the



certificate of attendance was not awarded to the delegates immediately with CPD points but was e-mailed later to the delegates. A fashion show was organized by one of the vendors for radiation protection garments. Initially models paraded these outfits, later radiographers volunteered to come up on stage to strut around with these garments. This was rather unique and absolutely fun to watch.

Besides myself, Malaysians who attended this “World Congress” was Ms Chan Lai Kuan (President of the Malaysian Society of Radiographers) and En. Faizal (Vice-President of the Malaysian Society of Radiographers). I had an opportunity to mingle with many prominent figures in the field of Medical Imaging such as Dr. Michael Ward (President of ISRRT), Ms. Hesta (Past President of the South African Society of Radiographers), Mr. Sala Ubolchai (President of the Thailand Society of Radiographers), the famous Dr. Philip W. Ballinger (Author of Radiography Technique Textbook) and etc. Meeting these figures was a wonderful experience and truly inspiring to see radiographers achieve great heights in the field of Imaging.

There were many presentations on various topics by delegates from around the world namely general radiography, CT scan, MRI, Mammography, Angiography, Nuclear Medicine, Education and Advanced Practice. Daily plenary lectures by prominent doctors were held to highlight points in the field of imaging. The keynote and plenary sessions were refreshing and the speakers have driven home their messages with superb presentation and soul searching questions. Professor Scott Bowman (Vice – chancellor and president of CQ University, Australia) delivered the 2012 Hutchinson Lecture. His lecture on “The Journey of a Radiographer and Radiography” was very inspiring. He shared his experience of how a radiographer becomes a vice chancellor of a

University, and how radiography has transformed as a profession. In his lecture he focused on the human angle where the future of radiography depends on the radiographer/patient interaction rather than the radiographer/machine interaction. Another outstanding speaker was Dr. Alex Jadad who delivered the opening plenary lecture. He believed in healing through touch. He stated that we may be moving towards the digital era with all the advancements in the field of imaging; however the humanizing aspect is of utmost importance. His famous quote was ‘To cure sometimes, to alleviate often and to console always’. And finally Oncologist Dr. Benjamin Corn delivered the closing plenary speech was amazing. Besides delivering his speech he also serenaded a song to the delegates whilst strumming the guitar. The song was very emotional but at the same time it was truly meaningful.

My poster presentation was on the second day, which was held during the lunch time at the ball room. It was an informal, non stressful session but I was still slightly nervous about the presentation. The presenters who were presenting with me were equally nervous as I was; we asked each other questions on our presentation(s) before the delegates visited our posters.

One of the presenters who was an experienced presenter explained that we may be broken up to groups to give a brief outline of the research before the delegates questions us the presenters. However at this conference, this did not occur it was rather free and easy session. We had to give a brief outline to delegate(s) who approached us on the presentation and if questions were asked we should be able to tackle it. Questions that was thrown on to me was manageable....Praise The LORD, I could handle it.

What a relief it was to have finally completed my presentation. I felt I could not enjoy the conference until my part was over, the moment it was done I could feel a sense of relief from then on. I could pay attention to the remaining conference and enjoy myself and not feel stressed up or nervous about my presentation. Presentation at this event was a great eye opener, it gave me a chance to share the research carried out in Malaysia at the “World Congress”. It was a great avenue to learn, unlearn and relearn new technology, ideas and etc on how things are done today compared to the earlier days of imaging.

The food served during the “World Congress” was different compared to what is served in Malaysia during a course. Besides the coffee and tea during the tea-breaks at the congress, the food that was served was cereal with milk, muesli bars, fresh fruits, flavoured yogurt and fresh fruit juice. Consuming this sort of food felt fresh and light compared to what Malaysians are used to consume during a conference or course. It is not that Malaysian delicacy is any less but rather it was a good experience to try new things that we as Malaysians are not accustomed to.

## Post World Congress

During the closing ceremony all representative(s) of each country presented a token of appreciation to the host of the event. The route back to Malaysia was about 27 hours with an eight (8) hour transit in Abu Dhabi.

## Conclusion

Though the journey was long and tiring to Toronto, Canada and back to Malaysia, it was a worthwhile experience to attend the “World Congress”. Many challenges came my way that could have dampened my spirit, but I persevered. Attending the “World Congress” was an experience that I will forever

cherish as it was a dream comes true. My gratitude goes out to the “Unsung Heroes” and my family members for their continual support in me attending and participating in this prestigious event.



Pix. 1: Group photo from right to left : En. Faizal (MSR Vice-President); Ms. Chan Lai Kuan (MSR President); Dr. Michael D. Ward (ISRRT President) & Ms. Pushpa Thevi Rajendran (Radiographer, Malaysia).



Pix 2: Ms. Pushpa Thevi Rajendran (Radiographer, Malaysia) standing beside my poster presentation on the 2nd day of my presentation.



PIX 3 -5 : Fashion Show by vendors who were marketing the radiation protection garments.



PIX 6 : Ms. Pushpa Thevi Rajendran (Radiographer, Malaysia); Singaporean, En.Faizal (Deputy President MSR); Mr. Sala (President of the Thailand Society of Radiographers) ;Malaysian (working in Singapore).



PIX 7: Photo taken with a fellow Malaysian who is a Radiation Therapist in Hamilton, Canada for the past 9 years .



PIX 8 : Photo taken with Dr. Philip W. Ballinger



# THE 29TH JAPAN CONFERENCE ON RADIOLOGICAL TECHNOLOGIST (29JCRT)

## Call for Abstract

The 29th Japan Conference on Radiological Technologists (29JCRT) will be held from Sep 20th through 22nd in 2013, at Shimane Civic Center in Matsue city, Shimane prefecture. The 29th Japan Conference on Radiological Technologists (29JCRT) is hosted by Japan Association of Radiological Technologists (JART) and Shimane Association of Radiological Technologists (SART). The conference theme is "Collaboration with People and Healthcare Providers Providing First-Rate Medical Care".

Educational topics and workshops in 29JCRT will feature more than 20 aspects in the field of education and radiological technologies. Well-known scientists will be invited for educational speeches, special lectures, keynotes and theme symposia. For further information about the 29JCRT, please visit [www.csj-sanin.net/29jcrt/](http://www.csj-sanin.net/29jcrt/).

## Conference Key-Words:

Medical Safety, Radiation Safety, Radiology Equipment Safety, Medical Imaging Management, Medical Imaging and Information, X-ray Imaging, Radiographic, Gastro-intestinal Series, Angiography, Computed Tomography, Magnetic Resonance Imaging, Ultrasonography, Bone Density, Nuclear Medicine, Single Photon Emission Computed Tomography, Positron Emission Tomography, Radiation Therapy, Head and Neck Radiology, Chest Radiology, Abdominal Radiology, Bone and Soft Tissue Radiology, Cardiovascular Radiology, Mammography, Interpretation, Education, Others

## Deadlines:

Abstract submission: April 30, 2013

Notice of acceptance: June 30, 2013

Author registration: August 31, 2013

Early bird registration: August 31, 2013

## Registration Fees:

Early bird registration fee: 150 US\$ (including evening reception)

Standard bird registration fee: 200US\$ (including evening reception)

## Call for Submission:

Please submit your abstract within 200 words for proceedings publication. The abstract should have the Purpose of your study, Materials and Methods, Results (important findings), and principal Conclusion with an emphasis on the new aspects of your study. An oral presentation is 10 minutes in length but your actual speech is 7 minutes and the rest of time should be for a question and answer session. For the submission of your abstract, please send it via <http://www.csj-sanin.net/29jcrt/> or to

[n\\_kodama@jart.or.jp](mailto:n_kodama@jart.or.jp).

If you have any questions about the 29JCRT, feel free to ask the program committee, Dr. Naoki Kodama ([n\\_kodama@jart.or.jp](mailto:n_kodama@jart.or.jp)).

## Travel Grants:

The objective of travel grants is to support up to 10 international radiological technologists who make oral presentation in an international session and participate in the 29JCRT in Japan. The travel grant is worth US\$1,000 each and covers airfare and hotel accommodations. All the applicants must submit the following two items to the JART office:

- 1) An application form for the Travel Grant
- 2) A letter of nomination (from the president of your society)

Closing date of submission for the travel grant: April 30, 2013. Please send your application to JART office by the deadline.



# FROM THE SECRETARY DESK

Assalamualaikum and warmest greeting to all members of the Malaysian Society of Radiographers (MSR). In this current issue of Sinaran Newsletter, I would like to take this opportunity to invite all of the members of MSR to become more active and participate more in all the programmes organized by MSR. Members are also encouraged to initiate their own programmes or collaborate with MSR to initiate such programmes.

There are few programmes that have been organized successfully for example the Malaysian Singapore Radiographers Conference (MSRC) which was held in Kuching, Sarawak on the 14th – 16th September 2012. This event has been a very huge success and participants from all over Asian countries have gathered and participated in this conference. Besides that, for the first time MSR has collaborated with CoR with a joint scientific meeting which was held in Penang on the 30th March - 1st April 2012. The MSR Annual General Meeting (AGM) was held during the same event.

Just to add on, MSR has launch the Education Fund during the MSRC in Kuching. This fund is intended to support the members of MSR to attend conferences especially those who don't have enough funding and are willing to present papers during the conferences.

MSR also has advertised special offer for a 5-year membership fee for RM 200.00 which ended on 31 December 2012. Many members have turned in their applications and their membership cards will be given to them during this year's AGM.

This year (2013), MSR will start the programmes with Annual Scientific Meeting and AGM on the 26 – 28th April 2013 which will be held at Berjaya Times Square

Hotel. The theme for this year event is Digital Imaging – Today's Imaging Solution. Later on, MSR has received proposed collaboration with Vision College to organize two separate events September and October. Collaboration with CoR and MOS scientific meeting will be held at the Sunway Putra Hotel on the 13 – 15th June 2013 with the theme on Musculoskeletal Imaging. The Singapore Malaysia Radiographers Conference will be held in Singapore in the month of September (13th – 15th September). Later on in November (8-10th), ISRRT President, Dr. Michael Ward will be in Malaysia and will join us in one of our suggested event to commemorate the World Radiography Day. The theme is "Geriatric Medical Imaging- Current and Future Practice Consideration". This was suggested by Dr Michael Ward.

I guess there are a lot of things going on and we will become busier. MSR hopes to get more involvement from more members. The MSR website ([www.msradiographer.org](http://www.msradiographer.org)) is also available and we hope that the members can retrieve more information directly. We are also targeting more members to write in our periodically published newsletter. Those who wish to send their articles can email directly to the editorial.

With best regard,



Mazli Mohamad Zin  
Asst. Secretary, MSR

# A TIME TO REMEMBER

By Chan Lai Kuan  
MSR President

Time waits for no man. The year 2012 is drawing to its end soon and it's time to reflect and recall our achievements thus far. The Malaysian Society of Radiographers (MSR) has organized and also participated in many events. Among them, we would like to share two notable events in 2012 that the MSR cherishes.

## **2012 College of Radiology (CoR) and Malaysian Society of Radiographers (MSR) Joint Scientific Meeting**

The 1st Joint Annual Scientific Meeting of the College of Radiology Malaysia (CoR) and MSR were held in Equatorial Hotel, Penang, from 30th March to 1st April 2012. For the first time, MSR was invited to collaborate in such a meeting and it is a new milestone for the society. The collaboration meant that the roles played by radiographers are recognized by radiologists; that we can work together as team members in the medical imaging and radiation therapy fraternity.

The theme for this year's meeting was Cancer Imaging. There were 401 delegates registered for the meeting and among them, 148 radiographers. The programme lined up for the 3 day meeting included pre-congress seminars on Head & Neck, Paediatrics, Musculoskeletal, Body Imaging and Interventional Radiology; 16 special lectures from foreign and local speakers; Fellowship/Masters (Radiology) tutorial series, 9 free papers and 34 posters.

MSR had conducted a workshop on "Back to Basic-Image Interpretation" on the afternoon of the 31st of April and continued with the annual general meeting after dinner. 21 companies also participated in the trade exhibition to showcase their latest products and technology at the event.

The pre-congress programme was held on 30th March 2012 and the scientific meeting was held the next day. The scientific meeting was kick started by Professor Dato' Humairah Samad Cheung (CoR President) and Ms Chan Lai Kuan (MSR President), giving their welcoming addresses. This was followed by a single track of 10 lectures delivered by local and international faculties. Another series of tutorials were then given by Associate Professor Ng Chuan from America.

The highlight of the day was the CoR Inter-Universities Quiz for the coveted Abdul Samad Sakijan Challenge Trophy. Two representatives, each from University Malaya, University Kebangsaan Malaysia, University Sains Malaysia and the "Open System" took part. The winner of the CoR Inter-Universities Quiz was University Kebangsaan Malaysia. The pair won RM400 cash donated by Dato Dr Abdul Samad Sakijan and the Challenge Trophy. 2nd place went to the Open System team.

Prizes were given for oral and poster presentations. The 1st prize winner for the Oral Presentation, a RM500 book voucher, was won by Dr Sharon Tan from University Malaya Medical Centre (UMMC). 2nd prize went to Dr Abdul Jalil Nordin of University Putra Malaysia and 3rd prize went to Leong Sook Sam, a radiographer from UMMC. In the Poster Presentation category, CH Yeong, Basri JJ Abdullah et al from UMMC won the first prize of RM400 book voucher. Sharifah Majedah et al from University Kebangsaan Medical Centre won 2nd prize while third prize when to Khairiah M Nor.

On the final day of the meeting, there were 9 free papers delivered. All the lectures were well attended, informative and interesting.

The meeting concluded with a closing speech from the organizing chairman, Dr Abdul Rahman, followed by a lucky draw. The lucky prizes were sponsored by IBA Molecular, Diagnostica Marketing, Covidien Healthcare, Equatorial Hotel, Penang and Dr Abdul Rahman Mohamad himself. Dr Abdul Rahman had donated 30 Angry Bird figurines for the organizing committee, AV and secretariat helpers.

The scientific meeting was a resounding success and the Organizing Committee is greatly indebted to 4 secretariat helpers who worked tirelessly to ensure the smooth running of the event. They were supported by 6 audiovisual (AV) volunteers who took care of the audio-visual system. Interestingly to note, those 6 volunteers were post-graduate students of University Malaya who are pursuing their Masters and PhD in Medical Physics.

The meeting has opened the door for further collaboration between radiologists and radiographers in professional development activities in the future. It sets path for a better understanding between the two professions. MSR hopes that through this meeting and future meetings of this nature, the Radiographers' self esteem and confidence will be boosted as they continue this partnership as team members in medical imaging and radiation therapy rather than as technicians who just follow instructions from radiologists while providing health care service.



CoR and MSR President



MSR council with President



One of the exhibitor.

# THE 27TH MALAYSIA-SINGAPORE RADIOGRAPHERS' CONFERENCE (MSRC)

The 27th Malaysia Singapore Radiographers' Conference was held at the Merdeka Palace Hotel in Kuching, Sarawak from the 14th to 16th September 2012. This is a conference that is alternately organized by the Malaysian Society of Radiographers (MSR) and The Singapore Society of Radiographers (SSR). This year the MSR took the initiative to organize this conference differently. Besides the usual participations from Malaysia and Singapore, MSR has extended invitations to other countries in Asia and Europe. More than 200 participants from Malaysia, Singapore, Hong Kong, Taiwan, Japan, Thailand, Philippines, Australia, Saudi Arabia and United Kingdom, registered for the conference.

The theme for this year's conference was "Towards Professional Transformation". The programme line up included: a keynote lecture, 2 plenary lectures, 5 special lectures, 33 free papers and 8 presentations from student radiographers. Even though MSR had planned such a jam-packed-concurrent session throughout the conference, unfortunately, we still had to forgo some good papers due to time constraints. MSR had conducted three post conference workshops on Image Interpretation, Radiotherapy Dosimetry and also MRI quality control.

The conference began on the afternoon of 14th September 2012. We were very privileged to have the honourable Sarawak State Director of Health, Datu Dr Zulkifli Jantan participate in the opening of the conference and to deliver the opening message. He was ushered in by the Radiographers from Kuching Radiotherapy department, dressed in their State traditional costumes.

Dr Maria Law (Vice-President Asia/Australasian

ISRRT) presented the keynote lecture which was very thought provoking. She shared with the participants that under the International Standard Classification of Occupation -08 (ISCO-08), radiographers or radiological technologists are not named within the group of Professionals (group 2) but are placed in the group as associate professionals (group 3). In her message she put these questions across: Why are radiographers / radiological technologists not classified as health professionals? How can our profession be brought from an associate professional to a health professional status? How far are we from there, and what do we need to do to get there?

Professor Mary J Love Grove from London South Bank University and Professor Dr Ng Kwan Hoong of Department of Biomedical Imaging from University Malaya were the plenary speakers. Professor Mary spoke on "Transforming Radiography Clinical Leaders the Key to Improve the Patients' Experience" and her key message to participants was that radiographers need to challenge the status quo and adapt a clinical leadership role that exploits opportunities for developing a leading environment and seek to refer and improve the service. Professor Ng Kwan Hoong spoke on "Transformation and Leadership Amongst Radiographers". He talked about transformational leadership and the four elements associated with it. His final question was: Will the leaders in MSR be able to face the challenge to get people to want to change and also to lead the change?

Besides the thought provoking messages from the keynote and plenary speakers, we also have speakers like Dr Napapong from Thailand who shared with us on



International Accreditation Board for Special Radiological Technologists (IABSRT), Mr Robert Shen on Radiological Technology Transformation and Development in Taiwan, Mr Edward Chan and Joseph Lee from Hong Kong spoke on the Professional Development of MRTS in Hong Kong and the Modern Radiotherapy Workflow in Professional Transformation respectively. We also had Dr Lin from Taiwan who shared his findings on dose reduction via image manipulation, which is closely related to the current trend of practice.

It is very encouraging to see many young radiographers presenting the findings of their studies in the proffered paper session. The papers are of high quality and the presenters are all very professional. This is indeed a pleasant surprise coming from the students' presentations. There were a total of eight papers and all were well presented that made it hard for the evaluators to select the best three for the Best Student Presenter Awards.

The academic session of the conference went well and many expressed they gained new knowledge, skills and also new insights on how we should practice our profession, especially in patient care.

During the three day meeting, a short meeting was held to discuss the conclusion of MSRC/SMRC and to replace it with an ASEAN conference where the Society of Radiographers from ASEAN countries can come together and organize regional conferences through rotation. The decision was made that MSRC/SMRC will conclude in 2015 in Singapore and the 1st ASEAN Radiographers Conference will be hosted by The Philippines Society of Radiographers in 2016. This is the preliminary decision and further meetings and discussions will continue to be supported from other neighbouring countries such as Vietnam, Indonesia and Cambodia.

It was not just all work without play. The social programme arranged by the local committee was equally exciting. There were cultural performances during the reception dinner on the 14th of September and the banquet dinner held on the 15th of September, 2012. After the active participation in various discussions, presentations and information sharing, everyone was ready to let their hair down at the banquet dinner. The night began with the launching of the MSR education fund and ended with karaoke singing. Our local host, the radiographers from Kuching Radiotherapy Department performed the cultural dance and songs. Delegates were invited to take part on the stage to dance and sing along, enjoying themselves while savouring the unique Sarawakian culture. It was a joyful moment for all.

All in all, we've had a very fruitful conference. Apart from achieving many firsts, we have managed to expand the conference to include countries beyond Malaysia and Singapore and paving the footwork for future ASEAN conferences. We owe this success to many people who have committed their time and effort in supporting us. MSR would like to express our gratitude and thank organizations such as Sarawak Convention Bureau (SCB) and the companies for financial support. We also would like to thank the main and local organizing committees for their effort in making this conference a memorable one. We are sure that all the delegates have enjoyed themselves with the hospitality of Kuching, Sarawak.



Singapore delegates and Local committee in their traditional costume.



The MSR committee with overseas delegates



### Happy Faces

From right :MSR council members ( President- Ms Chan, Social chair- Mr Sawal, Vice president – Mr Faizal) with Mr Nishio (Japan), Mr Amri (Singapore), Ms Tan Chek Wee ( SSR President) and Prof. Mary Lovegrove (UK).



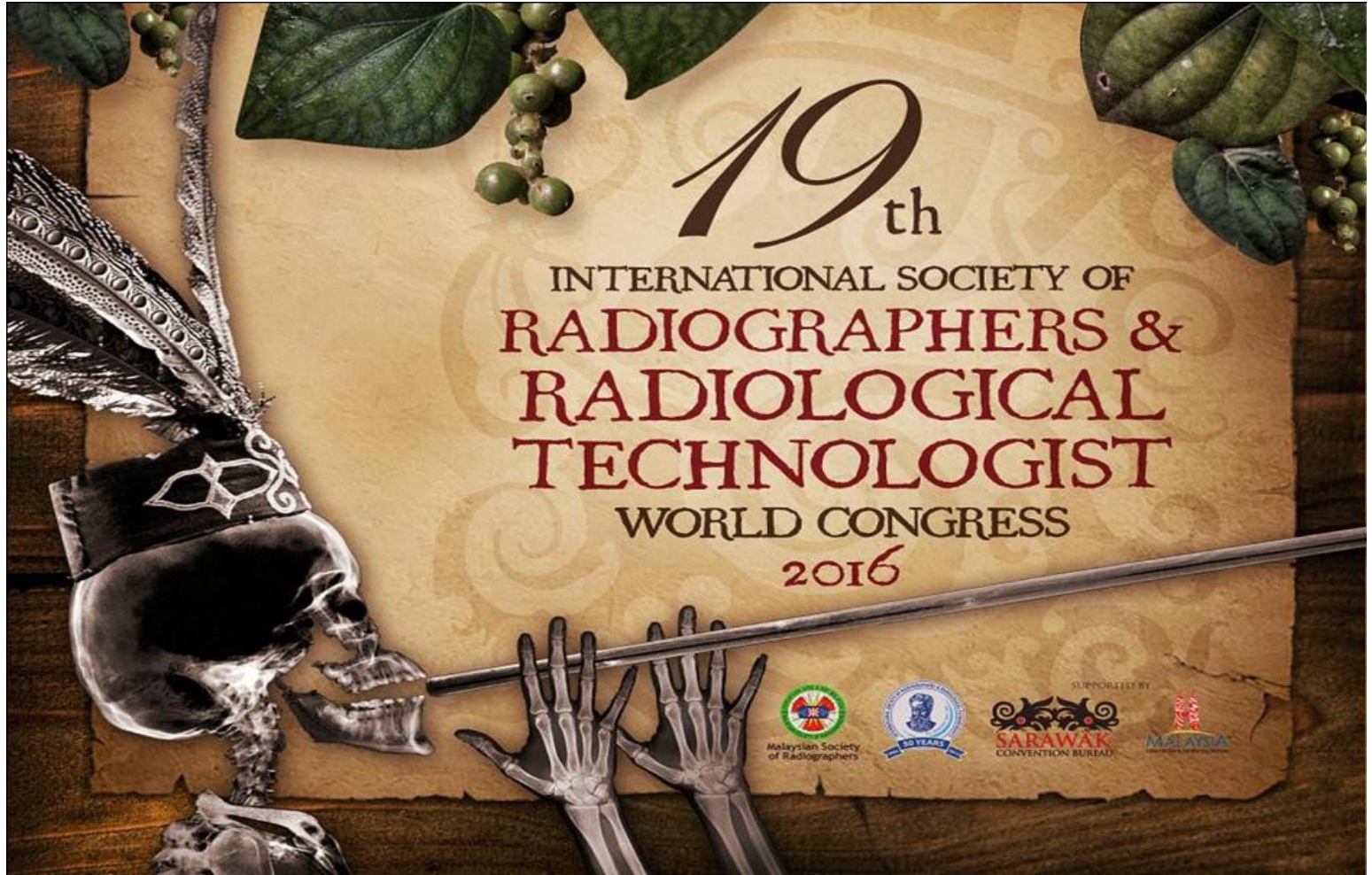
Keynote speaker –Dr Maria Law, Plenary Speaker Prof Mary and Prof Ng Kwan Hoong



Ribbon cutting to launch the MSR education fund



# BIDDING FOR THE 19TH ISSRT WORLD CONGRESS



By: Muhammad Faizal Abdullah

I was informed of the MSR's intention to bid for the 19th ISSRT World Congress by the past president Tn. Hj. Mohd. Zin during the MSR's AGM and Scientific Meeting in Port Dickson in 2011 but only realized the enormity of the task when approached and briefed by the officers from Sarawak Convention Bureau, who had previously worked with Tn. Hj. Mohd. Zin in stating MSR's intention to bid for

the project during the ASSRT Congress in Taiwan the previous year. It was not until late 2011 that things started moving in preparing for the bid as both the President, Ms Chan Lai Kuan and myself were both very busy with our own duties. Officers from Sarawak Convention Bureau (SCB), Mr. Geoffrey Lee and Ms. Rowena Awa Ngumbang were persistent in following up MSR's intention for the ISSRT Congress and they played a huge part in motivating us to go for it.

From then on it was a series of meetings with SCB in preparing for the bid document. It was a new ball game as both of us were newly elected but Ms. Chan has had experiences in organizing major conferences, but not of this proportion. We were coached and assisted by both SCB and the Malaysian Convention and Exhibition Bureau (MyCEB) in writing the bid document and doing the budget proposal. It was fortunate that by March 2012, Ms Chan has retired and has returned to Kuala Lumpur, which makes things much easier as both of us can meet up at the SCB's office to work on the bid, together with SCB's officers, who were very helpful. Sometimes we have to work up to the early hours of the morning at SCB's office at Mont Kiara to complete some portions of the bid documents, but we were so fired up by the thought of bringing the world congress to Malaysia that feelings of fatigue were pushed to the back of our minds.

Things got a bit tense when we were supposed to send in our bid document on the last day of the dead-line. That was the evening when we were preparing for our AGM in Penang. We were asked by

the SCB officer to do the final checking and editing in one of the function room in Hotel Equatorial, Penang. After we were satisfied with the document, it was sent via email to the ISRRT CEO in the United Kingdom. We waited until we were sure that the document was successfully sent did we proceed to the hall where we were to hold our AGM and we explained to all delegates our late commencement of the meeting. Luckily all present were very accommodating and we manage to proceed with the AGM, which ended until past midnight.

From then onwards we had a very harrowing experience in waiting for the acknowledgement reply from the CEO on receipt of our document. We waited for the reply from the ISRRT Board on the result of their deliberation and we came to know that Japan and Korea were also bidding for the congress. we were glad to receive words from the ISRRT board that our bid were accepted and were invited to present it formally at the 17th World Congress in Toronto Canada this year. From this point onwards our activities were focussed on doing the presentation slides and once





*On transit at Shanghai Airport*

again SCB were instrumental in helping us with the contents, graphics and other materials. The proposed venue for the 19th World Congress was Kuching, Sarawak, which was the venue proposed in the presentation by the past president at the 18th AACRT in Taiwan, which also explained the role played by SCB. Once the presentation slides were done, presentation practices were the order of the day. These were done until the night before the presentation, as this was the one of the most crucial part in the bidding.

Our flight on the 2nd June took a transit at Shanghai for about 3 hours and from then onwards the Pacific crossing takes another 15 hours until we landed at Toronto in the late evening and we immediately

boarded an MPV for the half hour trip to the Novotel Hotel in downtown Toronto. Since all of us were tired, a nice hot bath and sleep were on our minds and we agreed to meet up the next day for breakfast and later to explore the route to take to the congress venue. We have done a bit of googling and have an idea of the layout of the city and the surrounding landmarks and streets.

Our plan was to locate the Sheraton Centre, the 2012 World Congress headquarters, where the congress is to be held, meet up with the organizers and enquire about the whereabouts of the meeting rooms, so that we will be able to find our way to the meeting room during the day of the presentation. Located in the heart of Toronto's financial and entertainment districts, the Sheraton Centre Toronto is within easy walking distance to diverse restaurants, the theatre district, Chinatown, the Art Gallery of Ontario, the exclusive shops located along Queen Street West and many of the city's other feature attractions.

We managed to find meeting room was located at the 24th floor of the hotel, and



The Malaysian and the Korean teams before the bidding presentation with the president of ISRRT and the Asian board member Mr. Napapong

this boosted our morale a little bit. The ISRRT board meeting was in session and we were informed that we will be the last to present our bid, after Japan and Korea. After getting the exact schedule for our presentation, we then went for a bit of sightseeing (just walking back to our hotel by taking a different route) and the weather was just nice (bright and just about 20°C).

Food was not a problem as Toronto is a metropolitan city with all the diverse world cuisine well represented. There were street side burger and hot dog stands (with and without halal signs), quaint Chinese, Japanese, Lebanese, Indian, Pakistani, Vietnamese, Indonesian eateries but we could not locate a single Malaysian restaurant in the city centre.



Fancy headgear and tribal vest, necklaces and sarong, what a fashion statement!

Prices are inexpensive if we do not convert into Ringgit Malaysia but it is difficult not to convert every time we look at the prices on the menu. However, we have the comfort of instant and cup noodles to quell our hunger pangs during our late night presentation practice sessions.

The presentation day, 4th June 2012, was cloudy with a bit of rain and after our final presentation preparation in the morning; we boarded a taxi to the Sheraton Centre for the bid presentation. I was feeling a bit nervous and so was the president, but the SCB officer who was accompanying us was our source of confidence as he has done hundreds of bidding in his tenure with SCB all over the world. This is my first ISRRT participation and also my first bidding presentation in front of a world body and I was hoping

that it would be over and done with. I was running and visualizing the power-point presentation over and over in my mind and hoping that I do not make any mistake and forget my lines. The taxi journey was a mere 20 minutes but to me it was like just 5 minutes when the driver announced that we have arrived. Yes, we have arrived and this will be an important day in my life and in the annals of MSR as we are trying to bring a world class congress to Malaysia, and Sarawak in particular!

We proceeded immediately to the meeting room as we want to wear our presentation costume which for me was the Sarawak pua motif vest, Sarawak bead necklace and Orang Ulu head gear and for the president, a Sarawak pua design sarong and dark blouse and also the Sarawak bead necklace. We were made to understand that wearing our traditional costume will add extra marks to the presentation. After prepping ourselves up we waited at the lounge waiting for the other presentations to be over. Our trepidations were heightened when we overheard laughter and clapping emanating from the meeting room during the

presentations from the other presenters, namely the Japanese and Korean teams. This means that they were connecting well with the board members and we have to do if not better than equal with them in order to make our presentation a success.

When the Koreans were through with their presentation, they came out of the room and they were wearing their traditional suits and dress (as in the photos). We managed to talk to them and the only member of their team who can speak English very well was the lady, and our spirits were lifted a bit as we feel that we were better in this aspect. After that we parted company and they wished us luck, which was very sporting of them. The ISRRT board members also came out for a break and we took the opportunity to shake their hands and introduce ourselves. We were advised to set up our presentation while they were out. We proceeded to do so and also place gifts for each board member and when they came back we formally introduced ourselves. The CEO/Secretary General of the ISRRT Dr. Alexander Sandy Yule introduced each and every member and their

respective portfolios and we were informed that the Asian members of the board were exempted from voting. Then we were invited to do the presentation.

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In my opinion, our presentation went very well as there were no glitch and as both of us were presenting, our interplay was well coordinated and the 20 minutes allotted to us was fully utilised and it felt as if it was done in a much shorter time. We even managed to elicit laughter from them when we show a video at the end, which I think was very well done by SCB. Question time was the most dreaded of all and we expected to be grilled, but we managed to answer all questions, and we were commended on our effort. The chairman thanked us and informed that we would be contacted after they have deliberated on all the presentations. We then bade our goodbyes and promised to meet up again during the delegates meeting.

The delegates meeting was held in the afternoon of the 5th June and we met up with all the delegates from all over the world. We went around introducing our-

selves, building networks and sharing news in the field of medical radiation sciences. Before the start of the meeting we were called up by the president and chairman of ISRRT and we were very nervous because we know that they will be telling us the result of our bidding. We were ushered to a corner and when we settled down, the news was conveyed to us, we had lost the bid to Korea. We were consoled that all the bids were excellent but the Koreans were just a little bit special. We asked them as to where our weaknesses lies but the answers we received were all very diplomatic and we left it at that.

We were a bit crestfallen at the result but we knew that we have done our best and have sacrificed a lot in doing the bid but there must be a silver lining somewhere. We would like to thank the immediate past president for initiating the dream, Sarawak Convention Bureau (SCB) for tremendous amount of assistance in helping nurturing the dream, the Malaysian Convention and Exhibition Bureau (MyCEB) for the financial assistance and last but not least, the members of the Malaysian Society Of Radiographers,





The Chairman (left), President (partly hidden) delivering the news.

The delegates meeting went on for about 4 hours and at the end the venue for the 19th ISRRT Word Congress was announced and every one was invited to be in Seoul, Korea in the year 2016.



President and Vice President at the Delegates Meeting



Delegates Meeting (back of MSR President in foreground)

who were instrumental in making the dream almost a reality. Let us look forward to the Malaysia-Singapore Radiographers' Conference to be held in Kuching on the 14-16 September 2012.



The President at the entrance to the exhibition booth at the Sheraton Centre



With the Malaysian Flag, all ready for the opening of the Congress.



The Malaysian Flag Bearer, our President, Pn. Chan Lai Kuan.





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