

# The Asian Oceanian Society of Radiology Newsletter



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The Asian Oceanian Society of Radiology



## President's Desk



**Dr. Chamaree  
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AOSR President

Welcome to the latest edition of our AOSR newsletter. As the newly appointed President for the 2025-2027 term, I am honored to lead our esteemed society and work alongside our dedicated council team to advance the field of radiology across the Asian Oceanian region.

Our commitment to innovation and collaboration remains steadfast, and I am excited to share some of the key initiatives we have planned for the coming years. One of my primary focuses will be on fostering young leadership within our community.

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By supporting the activities of our Youth Club, we aim to empower the next generation of radiologists, providing them with opportunities for mentorship, professional development, and active participation in our society's activities.



In addition to nurturing young talent, we are also dedicated to promoting sustainability within the field of radiology. We recognize the importance of sustainable practices and will work towards integrating these principles into our operations and initiatives. This includes collaborating with other leading radiological societies around the world, such as the European Society of Radiology (ESR), the Radiological Society of North America (RSNA), the International Society of Radiology (ISR), and the International Society for Strategic Studies in Radiology (IS3R). Through these partnerships, we aim to share knowledge, resources, and best practices to drive global advancements in radiology.

Your continued support and active participation are crucial to our success. Together, we can drive innovation, foster collaboration, and shape the future of radiology in our region. I encourage you to participate in our activities and share your feedback with us.

Thank you for being a part of the AOSR community. I look forward to working with you all and achieving great milestones together.

## Editor's corner

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It brings me great pleasure to share with you our first AOSR Newsletter in 2025.

AOCR 2025, which was held in Chennai in January, was a resounding success, with more than 6000 participants attending from six continents. It was a truly impressive meeting with high quality scientific content, warm hospitality and phenomenal social programs (first time for me to witness a drone show and fireworks in a Radiology Congress!). Many congratulations to the Organising Committee for hosting this once-in-the-lifetime experience! The AOSR General Assembly was also where the bidding for AOCR 2028 took place. As a member of the bidding team, we are very excited to announce that the Hong Kong College of Radiologists has successfully secured its place as the host city. Team Hong Kong certainly has big shoes to fill.

Looking ahead to the next AOCR in 2026 – Drs. Nicole Wee and Charles Goh trace the roots of Singapore Radiological Society and share with us some sneak peeks of the upcoming AOCR. The theme “Imaging Beyond Borders, Shaping a Sustainable Future” is most timely given a multi-society position statement on Environmental Sustainability in Radiology has just been published to call for all of us to contribute and act now to mitigate the environmental impact of radiological practice.

The AOSR Archives Column in this issue brings us the 3rd episode of its podcast interview with Prof. Byung Ihn Choi, who shared his memory of maintaining connection with international radiological societies during his tenure as AOSR President (2010 – 2012).

For the “Getting to know” series, we are happy to invite our AOSOR Youth Club Alumni Prof. Kushaljit Sodhi to share with us his journey in radiology and AOSR.

A big thank you to all the contributors and I hope you will enjoy this issue as much as I do!



*#Team HK - We look forward to welcoming everyone in AOCR 2028!*

# 23rd Asian Oceanian Congress of Radiology – AOCR 2025 A Grand Success Story

*Dr. Murali Krishna, Organising Secretary  
Dr. Amarnath Chellathurai, Organizing Chairperson*

## *Overview*

The 23rd Asian Oceanian Congress of Radiology (AOCR) was organized in Chennai from the 23rd to 26th of January 2025, by the Tamilnadu and Pondicherry Chapter of Indian Radiological and Imaging Association (IRIA) under the auspices of IRIA. This congress was conducted completely live at the Chennai Trade Center. This is the third time the AOCR was organized in India, after New Delhi in 1991 and Mumbai in 2018.



This AOCR took place in combination with the 77th Annual Conference of the IRIA. Dr Amarnath Chellathurai was the organizing chairperson and Dr L Murali Krishna the organizing secretary. The congress took place under the leadership of president of the Asian Oceanian Society of Radiology, Dr Noriyuki Tomiyama, and the president of IRIA, Dr V N Varaprasad.

## *Opening Ceremony*

The Opening Ceremony started with a warm welcome to all delegates, speakers, and guests. Dr Noriyuki Tomiyama presided over the congress. He inaugurated this landmark event along with the robot 'Xtron' with a digital countdown, marking the role of technology and the human mind in the science of medical imaging. This was followed by ceremonial lamp lighting according to Tamil tradition, followed by a mesmerizing performance of the traditional Bharatanatyam dance by dancers from the esteemed Kalakshetra institute.



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Dr. C. Amarnath, organizing chairperson of the AOCR2025 welcomed all the dignitaries, delegates, faculties and foreign guests. He highlighted the theme of the congress - 'Clinical Radiology Decoded - See like a Surgeon; Think Like a Physician'. He expressed that Chennai, which is known for its bustling energy and hospitable culture, will provide the perfect platform for a congress which will seamlessly blend academic excellence with opportunities for networking and camaraderie.



Dr. V.N. Varaprasad, outgoing president of IRIA addressed and welcomed the delegates and attendees. He welcomed all the delegates to the largest international congress in the country with more than 6000 delegates. Dr. Evelyn Lai Ming Ho, then AOSR immediate past president, was presented Honorary Membership of IRIA. Dr. L. Murali Krishna, organizing secretary, thanked all the dignitaries on dais including the chief guest, guest of honour, delegates, faculties and participants. He acknowledged and thanked sponsors, trade partners, and key contributors who supported and participated in the congress. Group pictures of the congress committee was taken afterwards.



## *Scientific and Conjoint Sessions*

The grand venue brought together events ranging from orations, plenary sessions, quizzes, workshops, scientific presentations, and technological exhibits under one roof. The venue space was utilized well, including 7 halls for lectures, 5 halls for workshops, 2 halls for business meetings, and 2 halls for scientific paper presentations, multiple poster presentation venues, and a whole floor for technological exhibitions. More than 6000 delegates from 47 different countries participated. More than 600 faculties, including around 201 international faculties, 400 Indian faculties, and 167 Chairpersons came to deliver lectures and conduct workshops, thereby furthering the science of radiology. The program encompassed neuroradiology, abdominal radiology, musculoskeletal radiology, chest radiology, cardiovascular radiology, breast imaging, emergency radiology, pediatric imaging, interventional radiology, ultrasonography and other specialties of radiology. Dr Anbarasu, the scientific committee chairperson coordinated all the scientific sessions of the congress.



Representatives from the AOSR, Radiological Society of North America (RSNA), Royal College of Radiology (RCR), European Society of Radiology (ESR) and many other international societies participated in this congress and delivered keynote addresses and conducted plenary sessions. A total of four plenary sessions were organized by eminent international faculty during the congress. The opening lectures were given by Prof. Andrea G Rockall and Dr Jeong Ming Lee. Then, Prof Dr Ng Chaan and Dr N Chidambaranathan delivered their plenary lectures on the second day. The keynote lectures of the congress were delivered by Prof Anil Ahuja and Dr Mathew Cherian.



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## *Workshops*

Twenty workshops on ultrasonography, CT and MR advancements, Interventions, and Artificial Intelligence were conducted by various renowned international and national faculty and were sought after by a huge number of delegates. Hands-on interventional radiology workshop using simulators was a hit.

All the workshop halls and a few of the lecture halls were designated as “Silent Halls” – first of its kind in Indian radiological conferences – using headphones and dedicated audio channels, the delegates could tune in to the speaker and enjoy the session. Interactive workshops were conducted with small batches of delegates, to facilitate effective learning and interaction with the faculty.



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## *Inaugural International Resident Quiz*

The first International Radiology Resident Quiz was organized by IRIA in which 20 countries participated, namely Chinese Taipei, Hong Kong, India, Indonesia, Italy, Japan, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Malaysia, Morocco, Nepal, Oman, Qatar, Serbia, Spain, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Turkey, the UK, and Uzbekistan. This International Quiz brought excitement and competitive spirit to the congress.



Quizmasters from various countries conducted this exciting quiz, under the coordination of Dr Sudhir Kale. The finals were held in front of a packed auditorium with over 1600 delegates witnessing, and it was a magical moment to witness such talent and enthusiasm on display. The Indian team winning the International Quiz at its home turf Chennai was a cheerful highlight. The winners were awarded 2400 US Dollars as the prize. Thailand and United Kingdom secured the second and third prizes respectively. This event has set a new benchmark in global radiology education, and we look forward to continuing this tradition in the future, creating more opportunities for collaboration, learning, and excellence in the field.



### *Scientific Papers and Posters*

Multiple halls were dedicated to presentation of scientific papers and posters, and more than 1000 original papers were presented in front of esteemed national and international panelists. Scientific paper presentations were conducted in three formats – the 3-minute 'i-shorts' presentation, 6-minute proffered paper presentation and the 8-minute competitive paper presentation. Multiple digital displays of posters were at the venue (i-pos digital), along with printed displays of select posters (i-pos). Dedicated stations called 'i-pos play' were arranged for presentation of the posters by the participants. Winners under each of the 15 subspecialty category for papers and posters were felicitated on an Olympic – style podium and bestowed with certificates, cash prizes amounting up to five lakh rupees, and attractive vouchers.





## Contests in AOCR

'Case of the Day' challenge had 10 challenging cases per day which everyone could participate in over the AOCR app as well as in physical format at the venue. 'Live Diagnosis' challenge included one long puzzling case for each day of the congress. Our delegates participated enthusiastically in these events, and the winners were announced during the felicitation ceremony at the end of the congress.



'Escape Room AOCR' was a fun and novel twist to the traditional mystery solving escape room game, wherein the team of participants had to crack multiple radiological clues step-by-step to solve the puzzle that will lead to their freedom. Art and Photography competitions invited a lot of brilliant entries from the delegates and brought out the talents of the doctors and sparked engaging conversations. Live art event added sparkle to our venue and saw many participate enthusiastically.

## Radiological and Imaging Equipment Exhibition



A radiology equipment exhibition, showcasing models and deconstructed equipment used in radiology was coordinated with the assistance of radiology technologists on the mezzanine floor of the venue. Radiographic equipment of historic value, contrast media, parts of imaging equipment like PET, CT, MRI were on display for all delegates. A dedicated congress day for technicians in radiography and medical imaging along with a workshop was arranged on the 26th January, which saw over 600 imaging technologists attend with great enthusiasm.

## International Radiology Forum (IRF) & Asian Oceanian Radiological Forum (AORF)

The first meeting of the International Radiology Forum (IRF) on 'Green Radiology and Sustainability in Medical Imaging' was initiated by the IRIA. Discussions centered on reducing environmental impact, optimizing energy use, and implementing AI-driven efficiency improvements. The meeting explored strategies such as carbon footprint reduction, waste management, policy advocacy, and green hospital initiatives.



The following societies submitted a report and presented the point of view of their respective country or region: RSNA, Pan Arab Association of Radiological Societies, Brazilian College of Radiology, European Board of Radiology, Italian Society of Medical Radiology, ESR, Kenya Association of Radiologists, Morocco Society of Radiology, Russian Society of Radiologists and Radiological Surgeons and RCR, UK.



The 10th Asian Oceanian Radiology Forum (AORF) on 'Key challenges in Radiology clinical practice across the Asia-Oceania region' were conducted under the organization of IRIA. The meeting discussed workforce shortages, financial constraints, AI integration, and infrastructure limitations. By leveraging international partnerships, enhancing training, responsibly adopting AI, and advocating for policy reforms, radiology services can meet the growing demands of modern healthcare.



The session vowed a commitment to ongoing collaboration and innovation in radiology practice. The following societies submitted a report and presented the point of view - Uzbekistan Radiology Society, The Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Radiologists, Hong Kong College of Radiologists, The Indonesian Society of Radiology, Japan Radiological Society, Korean Society of Radiology, College of Radiology Academy of Medicine of Malaysia, Nepal Radiologists' Association, Singapore Radiological Society, Sri Lanka College of Radiologists, Taiwan Radiological Society, Radiological Society of Thailand and Vietnamese Society of Radiology and Nuclear Medicine.



Prof. Umesh Krishnamurthy, past president IRIA presided over these two meetings, Dr. Dinesh Chinchure moderated the sessions and Dr. Mohammed Shakeebuddin Kashif conducted and coordinated these programs. Multiple International friendly meetings were put together during the congress. IRIA also conducted leadership meetings with International Societies KSR, AOSR, Singapore, PANARAB, URS, ESR, SAARC, RCR, RSNA, RANZCR, BRICS, and ISR were conducted. The venue had multiple office rooms, executive meeting rooms, and past president lounges, all suitable to carry out the executive events of the AOCR.

## Technological Exhibition

The technological exhibitions exposed the delegates to the ever-growing world of radiological technology. The latest advancements in medical imaging and interventional technology were displayed and demonstrated. Around 100 companies participated in this massive exhibition. Lots of dialogue between the doctors and the engineers/industry took place, benefitting both the parties. The key industrial supporters of the congress were United Imaging, Siemens Healthineers, GE Healthcare, Fujifilm, Canon, Allengers.





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## *Arokia Radiology Clinic*

'Arokia Radiology Clinic', a pioneering master health checkup clinic for all delegates was the first-of-its-kind program, where all the delegates could get their basic health checkup done at the venue. This was done in association with local radiologists and Aarthi Scans, and included a comprehensive blood workup, Fibroscan, echocardiography, ultrasonography of abdomen and breast by experts. This garnered a lot of positive reviews from the delegates. This program was organized with the intent of promoting better health among our radiology fraternity, and in the four days of the conference, more than 700 delegates utilized this service.



# Staying Connected

The AOCR 2025 app was launched before the conference to act as a home of everything related to the congress, including relevant passes, faculty and delegates information, conference agenda, quiz and poll rooms, and much more. To keep everyone updated on the events in the conference, daily bulletin called 'Rad daily' and newsletters were published, in digital as well as in print form.



## Welcome message from President AOSR (2025-2027)

DEAR COLLEAGUES,

This year 2025 AOCR Congress is being hosted by the Indian Radiological and Imaging Association (IRIA). The theme, "The Scan Inspire," perfectly encapsulates the spirit of our gathering. With IRIA's esteemed history and commitment to excellence, we are confident that this congress will inspire and elevate our community to new heights.

The AOSR plays a pivotal role in this journey. By fostering collaboration and knowledge-sharing among radiologists in the region, AOSR enhances the quality of radiological services and patient care. Our relationship with radiology associations worldwide are vital. These partnerships enable us to exchange ideas, collaborate on research, and stay abreast of global trends. Together, we can tackle challenges and achieve breakthroughs that benefit patients everywhere.



Artificial Intelligence (AI) is revolutionizing our field. From enhancing image analysis to predicting patient outcomes, AI is becoming an indispensable tool in radiology. As we integrate AI into our practices, it is essential to ensure that it complements our expertise and improves our diagnostic capabilities.

of Radiology (AOSR). This position is both a privilege and a responsibility, and I am committed to advancing our field and supporting our community. As we look to the future, it is crucial to emphasize the importance of new generation leadership. By mentoring young talent and fostering innovative thinking, we can ensure the continued growth and success of radiology in our region. Sustainability is also a key theme, as we strive to implement practices that are not only effective but also environmentally responsible.

I am deeply honored to assume the role of our President of the Asian Oceanian Society of Radiology (AOSR). This position is both a privilege and a responsibility, and I am committed to advancing our field and supporting our community. As we look to the future, it is crucial to emphasize the importance of new generation leadership. By mentoring young talent and fostering innovative thinking, we can ensure the continued growth and success of radiology in our region. Sustainability is also a key theme, as we strive to implement practices that are not only effective but also environmentally responsible.

## Welcome message from President IRIA 2025-26

DEAR COLLEAGUES,

As the newly elected President of the Indian Radiological and Imaging Association (IRIA), it is my privilege to address you on the momentous occasion of the 23rd Asian Oceanian Congress of Radiology (AOCR 2025) in Chennai. This event symbolizes the remarkable synergy between the Asian Oceanian Society of Radiology (AOSR) and IRIA, reflecting our shared vision of advancing radiology and patient care across the region.



As we gather in Chennai, I wish to celebrate not only the advancements in radiology but also the enduring friendship between AOSR and IRIA. Together, we have

edge, exchange, and excellence in radiology, benefiting countless professionals and patients. Looking ahead, I am committed to fostering this collaboration for years to come. Let us continue to build bridges, share insights, and ensure that our combined efforts to enhance radiological practice and patient outcomes throughout the Asian-Oceanian region.

On behalf of IRIA, I extend my heartfelt gratitude to AOSR, the organizing committee of AOCR 2025, and all the delegates for making this event a reality. Together, we are shaping the future of radiology.

With warm regards and best wishes for a successful AOCR 2025,

Dr. Ganesh

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## ASIAN OCEANIAN CONGRESS OF RADIOLOGY



Noriyuki Tomiyama  
President AOSR

I am Professor Noriyuki Tomiyama from Osaka University, and I have had the privilege of serving as the President of the Asian Oceanian Society of Radiology (AOSR) since 2023. It is my distinct pleasure and honor to extend a warm welcome to everyone attending the 23rd Asian Oceanian Congress of Radiology (AOCR 2025) in Chennai, hosted by the Indian Radiological and Imaging Association (IRIA). Notably, IRIA previously hosted the 6th AOCR in New Delhi in 1991 and the 17th AOCR in Mumbai in 2018.

### AOCR 2025 CEREMONY HIGHLIGHTS

- AOCR OPENING CEREMONY** - 23rd Jan, 10:30 AM - Dr. N. Tomiyama, President of AOSR, will preside over the traditional inauguration program.
- IRIA WELCOME CEREMONY** - 23rd Jan, 2025, 10:30 AM - Dr. J. Ganesh, President of IRIA, will preside over the traditional inauguration program.
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## Welcome Message from the Organising Chairman

DEAR DELEGATES,

It is my distinct honor and privilege to welcome you to AOCR 2025. This prestigious gathering marks a significant milestone in the journey of radiology, bringing together some of the brightest minds and most innovative thinkers from across Asia and beyond.



Dr. J. Ganesh  
Organising Chairman  
AOCR 2025

Indian radiology has emerged as a global leader, embracing advancements in technology, artificial intelligence, and precision medicine while maintaining a steadfast commitment to clinical excellence and patient care. AOCR 2025 provides a unique opportunity to celebrate these achievements and envision the future of our field through collaboration and shared learning. As the Organising Chairman, I am immensely proud of the extraordinary scientific program we have curated, featuring cutting-edge research, engaging discussions, and opportunities to connect with

peers and mentors from around the world. This congress is more than an event—it is a celebration of our collective progress and a launchpad for the innovations that will define the next era of radiology.

To all delegates, faculty, and industry partners, I extend my warmest welcome. Your participation is the cornerstone of this congress, and I am confident that your expertise will be both inspiring and enlightening.

Let us join hands to make AOCR 2025 a resounding success and a beacon of excellence for radiology in the years to come.

Warm regards,  
Dr. J. Ganesh  
Organising Chairman  
AOCR 2025

## Welcome Message from the Organising Secretary

DEAR DELEGATES,

It gives me immense pride and pleasure to welcome you to AOCR 2025, a grand confluence of radiology professionals, researchers, and thought leaders from across Asia and beyond. This congress represents a pivotal moment to celebrate our field's growth, share groundbreaking innovations, and foster collaboration that will shape the future of radiology.



Dr. J. Ganesh  
Organising Secretary  
AOCR 2025

As the Organising Secretary, I have had the privilege of overseeing the meticulous groundwork required to bring AOCR 2025 to life. From carefully curating a world-class scientific program to ensuring flawless logistics, every detail has been planned with the utmost care to provide a seamless and enriching experience for all participants. We have worked tirelessly to create an environment where knowledge flows freely, and every delegate, including our esteemed international faculty,

bring cutting-edge research, expert-led discussions, and hands-on workshops. In addition, we have designed the event logistics to ensure a warm and welcoming experience, with a focus on hospitality, convenience, and a vibrant cultural exchange that highlights the essence of India.

AOCR 2025 is more than a gathering—it is a celebration of the radiology community's achievements and a launchpad for ideas that will inspire the future. Your presence and participation make this congress truly special, and I am confident that together we will make AOCR 2025 an unforgettable experience.

Welcome to AOCR 2025, where innovation meets collaboration, and excellence is our shared goal.

Warm regards,  
Dr. J. Ganesh  
Organising Secretary  
AOCR 2025

## POST EVENTS

### AOCR 2025 successfully concludes in Chennai



The 23rd Annual Congress of the Indian Radiological and Imaging Association (IRIA) and the 23rd Asian Oceanian Congress of Radiology (AOCR 2025) took place from January 23-26, 2025, at the Chennai Trade Centre, Chennai. This landmark event symbolized the strong partnership between the Asian Oceanian Society of Radiology (AOSR) and IRIA, with a shared vision of advancing radiology and patient care across the region.

Under the theme "Clinical Radiology Decoded: See like a Surgeon, Think like a Physician," AOCR 2025 emphasized the critical role of radiologists in helping clinicians optimize patient care across the region.

The event was not only the largest radiology gathering in Asia but also the first to feature a hybrid format, allowing participants to attend in person or virtually. The event attracted more than 350 world-class speakers and over 1,000 delegates from over 25 countries, including all radiology associations. First-class attendees such as AOSR, IRIA, and AOSR executives joined in person, while international delegates participated virtually. The event featured an extensive program of keynote addresses, expert-led discussions, and interactive sessions. Poster presentations attracted widespread participation, providing a platform for young radiologists and researchers to display their innovative work. The event featured an exclusive satellite event where top radiology players showcased the latest innovations in radiology technology. Leading exhibitors included:

**AOCR 2025 IRIA**

General, Multispecialty, Pediatric, Radiology, Simulation, IIR, Medical Technology, Physics, and UI HealthCare, among others.

Dr. J. Ganesh, President of AOSR, shared his thoughts on the event's success during the closing ceremony. He had a fond recollection of the 6th AOCR in New Delhi in 1991 and the 17th AOCR in Mumbai in 2018. He expressed his gratitude to the organizing committee and delegates for making AOCR 2025 a resounding success. He also thanked the Indian Radiological and Imaging Association (IRIA) for its support and leadership in organizing the event. He concluded by expressing his confidence in the future of radiology and the role of radiologists in helping clinicians optimize patient care across the region.

AOCR 2025 and IRIA's 75th Annual Conference set a new benchmark for radiology congresses in India and beyond. With its robust scientific program, high-profile international participation, and cutting-edge industry exhibits, the event successfully advanced the discourse in radiology and radiology. The congress's success was a testament to the collaborative spirit and shared vision of the Indian Radiological and Imaging Association (IRIA) and the Asian Oceanian Society of Radiology (AOSR).

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## Social events

The delegates were served breakfast, lunch, and snacks on all four days, and dinner on three nights of the congress. Vegetarian, non-vegetarian, and vegan food options were served, along with alcohol in all dinners. Luncheons were accompanied by live instrumental music. The food and beverages at the congress were excellently served by Madhampatty Thangavelu Hospitality, renowned caterer from South India, serving both traditional South Indian and Pan-Indian food, as well as various Asian and Continental cuisine. The organizers aimed to make sure the guests enjoyed the traditional Indian cuisine, while also making sure they felt at home with food that was close to their cuisine. Apart from this, street food, beverages and refreshments were made available at all times for the convenience of the delegates.



‘Creative corner’ was organized on the mezzanine floor of the venue and had a large number of visitors on all four days. It included a variety of creative group activities, games, and fun challenges, and they helped the delegates bond and have a good time.



Social and entertainment events were planned to give the visitors a good time – they included live music and dance. While instrumental music filled the atmosphere during luncheons on all days, multiple live bands as well as DJ acts entertained the delegates and faculty in the evening. Three gala dinners were hosted, which thoroughly showcased the hospitality of the hosts and the fun spirit of the guests. Various Indian and foreign dancers and musicians graced the stage on all three evenings and gave the audience a good time.



### *Behind the Curtains*

The organizers arranged necessary luxury and economic stays for interested delegates and faculty. We had hunted for suitable hotels and negotiated prices so that our guests could have a smooth stay during their trip at a nominal price. All throughout the 4 days, transport shuttle facilities were arranged, connecting the airport, and multiple hotels. Free tours were arranged to major historic and tourist attractions in and around Chennai. We had brought in the best of Chennai's handicrafts and souvenirs to our venue itself, so that our guests could take back memorabilia of their good time here. Delegates and faculty were provided with kits, that included air-travel trolley bags along with various gifts and memorabilia.



## *Behind the Curtains (cont'd)*

Such a massive congress was possible with the help of multiple teams who took care of each aspect of the event. Concept team was our chief PCO (professional conference organizer). Rx Events took care of the website and our registration. Fabrication of our venue was done by Stage 3 and Deco. Camera coverage was done by Pavithram and Proshark. Mr Vijay from Yash team made sure our audio and visuals were excellent. Bharani Travels provided frequent shuttle services for our guests. SaaScraft Studio designed the AOCR app and put up the e-posters and Quiz of the Day.

In summary, this congress facilitated academic exchange among India, other Asian countries and the world, and helped strengthen the bond among radiologists, and propel medical radiology to the next level

## *AOCR Closing Ceremony*



*Something to remember the congress by...*



*Scan link for a video glimpse of AOCR 2025*



*Scan link for video link of the social events at AOCR 2025*

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# Getting to know your Member Society – Singapore Radiological Society

*Dr. Nicole Kessa Wee  
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The Singapore Radiological Society (SRS) was founded in 1977, and is a non-profit, non-governmental society of radiologists, nuclear medicine physicians and radiation oncologists in Singapore. Although an X-ray machine had been installed in Singapore as early as January 1898, it was much later that clinical radiology properly began in this country. Singapore's first radiologist was appointed in 1925, Professor of Medicine, JS Webster. That appointment marked the true beginning of clinical radiology in Singapore. The fact that a Professor of Medicine actually switched over from Medicine to Radiology said a great deal about the impact Radiology was creating back then. The number of radiologists later grew larger as technology advanced and more interest was piqued in this field.



**SINGAPORE RADIOLOGICAL SOCIETY**

The SRS currently has several subsections, set up to advance the interests of the designated subspecialty under the auspices of SRS. The subsections in SRS are: Abdominal Subsection, Breast Imaging Subsection, Cardiothoracic Subsection, CVIR Subsection, Emergency Radiology Subsection, MSK Radiology Subsection, Neuroradiology Subsection, Radiation Oncology Subsection, and last but not least, the Radiology AI, Data Science, Deep Learning and Imaging Informatics (RADII) Subsection.



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The SRS promotes collaboration with fellow radiological societies overseas in order to further the cause of diagnostic imaging and therapy worldwide. We are a member of several regional and international societies of radiology, including the ASEAN Association of Radiology (AAR), the Asian Oceanian Society of Radiology (AOSR), the Asian Oceanian Society of Neuroradiology and Head and Neck Radiology (AOSNHNR) and the Asia Pacific Society of Cardiovascular and Interventional Radiology (APSCVIR).



We are dedicated to continuing medical education and promoting interaction and networking amongst our members. Activities include lectures and workshops conducted throughout the year to educate the members on the latest developments in the field and promote radiology research, social events for our members including residents, as well as an annual scientific meeting called the Singapore Congress of Radiology and Workshops in Interventional Radiology Singapore (SGCR-WIRES). SGCR-WIRES is often held in conjunction with large regional and international conferences, including the upcoming Asian Musculoskeletal Society Annual Meeting in 2025, and the upcoming Asian Oceanian Congress of Radiology (AOCR) in 2026.



The theme for AOCR 2026 is “Imaging Beyond Borders, Shaping a Sustainable Future”. We recognize the interconnectedness between our countries and our shared responsibility in steering the practice of radiology to be sustainable for our patients, our planet and our people. Imaging and interventional radiology are integral to modern medical practice, but are also major contributors to greenhouse gas emissions, making up approximately 1% of the overall carbon footprint globally. At the same time, there is a global shortage of radiologists, even as imaging workload continues to rise due to factors such as aging populations, rising chronic disease prevalence, technological advancement and greater access to imaging.



At AOCR 2026, we will bring together experts from the region and beyond to share their insights into best practices, latest advances and current challenges. We will explore how we can effectively diagnose and care for our patients while minimizing the cost to our environment, our health systems and our staff. Together, we can chart the way forward to a brighter future for all. We look forward to welcoming you to Singapore in August 2026!



## The AOSR Archives Column

*Dr. Evelyn Ho  
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Member 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.

Find this article on our AOSR website's History pages with a downloadable PDF:  
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## The AOSR Archives Committee Presents Podcast Episode 3: February 2025

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After overcoming some technical challenges with the recording, Dr Chantsalsuren Galbaatar, Archives Committee Member has completed the editing of a very interesting interview with Professor Byung-Ihn Choi, AOSR past president 2010-2012. Prof Choi traces his AOSR 'career' and how he got involved including what he did as AOSR president to ensure connections were made with other international societies. He was also congress president for the AOCR 2008 in Seoul. Dr Galbaatar gleans important take home messages for the young radiologists and allied professionals in the region. Prof Choi talks about elevating the status of the AOCR, and the inception of the AOSOR.



Catch this 20-minute episode online at [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=H4\\_66DEZePI](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=H4_66DEZePI)

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1. Publicise the AOSR
2. Cultivate an appreciation of our AOSR history
3. Inspire our young radiologists and allied professionals

# Getting to Know your AOSOR Youth Club Alumni – Prof. Kushaljit Sodhi

*The AOSOR Youth Club (YC) aims to provide an educational, social and academic program to foster future core leaders of the AOSR. Continuing this series, for this newsletter, we are delighted to present Kushaljit Singh Sodhi. He is currently Professor, Department of Radiodiagnosis, Post Graduate Institute of Medical Education & Research (PGIMER), Chandigarh, India.*

## **When and where did you attend the AOSOR Youth Club?**

I attended the first AOSOR–Youth Club, which was held in Yilan County, Chinese Taipei, Taiwan, in November 2015. The director was Professor Byung Ihn Choi, AOSOR director, and the co-director was Professor Wan–You Guo, president of the Chinese Taipei Society of Radiology (CTSR). Sixteen trainees attended the first AOSOR–YC. I was one of them.



## **What was your biggest takeaway or the learning point or points from the YC?**

This was my first ever exposure to formal training in basic common leadership training and society leadership training. The tutors had a very vast experience and were happy to share their experiences with us. The most meaningful takeaway was interacting with other participants from different countries and getting to know a different perspective on radiological societies and learning from them.

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## **When and What committee are/did you serve in the in the Asian-Oceanian region?**

Following this very useful AOSOR youth club experience, I have been involved in numerous national and international societies.

At a national level, I have served as the past vice-chairperson, Indian College of Radiology & Imaging (ICRI), member of Governing Body, Indian College of Radiology & Imaging (ICRI), central council member of Indian Radiological & Imaging Association (IRIA) and I am currently the president of Chandigarh Chapter of IRIA. I have served as the secretary and vice-president of Indian Society of Paediatric Radiology (ISPR) and am the current president-elect of the Indian Society of Paediatric Radiology (ISPR).



## **How has the YC helped prepare you for volunteering to serve in your home society or other related societies?**

This experience helped me open up and remove my hesitations. The confidence gained during interactive sessions helped in communicating with ease with other leaders and societies. I believe now that we should all work together, hand-in-hand, with all our radiology societies, share our perspectives and try to learn what others do best and imbibe all we can in our own regional national societies, for the betterment of our members and society at large.

## **What is your message to anyone out there to inspire them to apply for or attend the AOSOR Youth Club?**

I would strongly urge all aspirants to apply for this very useful one-of-its kind training program. The exposure received during this program lasts a lifetime and the experiences gained helps one to foster relationships with friends, colleagues and all other radiology societies.

# A Call To Action on Environmental Sustainability in Radiology from the ACR, AOSR, ASR, CAR, CIR, ESR, ESRNM, ISR, IS3R, RANZCR and RSNA

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The AOSR urges all our readers, AOSR member societies and everyone to seriously increase awareness of how radiology contributes to the carbon footprint, surface water contamination (contrast media), increased plastic waste, inefficient energy use and learn to prepare for disasters, incorporate environmental sustainability into resident education and more. A healthier planet means healthier patients.

The time for action is NOW. Any step taken, no matter how small matters. How can we go about ensuring sustainability in radiology? A multisociety position statement has been published simultaneously in several participating journals on February 26, 2025, and coincided with the first day of the European Congress of Radiology where the theme was Planet Radiology.

Eight priority actions have been fleshed out with an action framework developed, identifying responsibilities, impacts and accountability for radiology societies and leadership. These are broadly categorized under headings of: Advocate, Educate, Disseminate, Research, Prepare, Collaborate with Industry, Collaborate with Patients and Address Disparity.



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## Key Points

- 1. Question:** What actions can professional societies take to improve the environmental sustainability of radiology?
- 2. Findings:** Better understanding of resource usage in radiology is needed; action is required to address regional and global disparities in access to care which stand to be exacerbated by climate change.
- 3. Clinical Relevance:** Radiological societies need to advocate for urgent, impactful, and measurable changes to mitigate the environmental impact of radiological practice. Research and education, as well as adaptation and resilience to current and future climate and environmental threats must be prioritised, while simultaneously improving access to care.

However, as an individual, one need not wait for your hospital, department or your society to come up with plans and directions. Each of us can do our part for reducing waste, carbon footprint – something as simple as shutting down your workstation when you are done, rather than leaving it on even “sleep mode”. If you are involved in influencing or actual purchasing of equipment, ensure they have “green features”, something you can enquire from our vendors. Ask if they have contrast recycling programs.

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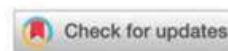
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# Obituary

## In Memoriam: Professor Dai Jianping (1946–2025)



The Asian Oceanian Society of Radiology (AOSR) is saddened to announce the passing of our past president, Professor Dai Jianping on 2 March 2025, at the age of 79.

Prof Dai was a man of legend. He was a highly respected and visionary leader of AOSR, who had dedicated his whole life and work to the field of radiology in China, Asian Oceania and worldwide. His vision, mission and unwavering commitment has inspired us all, and his legacy will continue to guide our society on our journey ahead. He received the AOSR gold medal award in 2014 at the AOOR in Kobe, Japan.

Prof Dai's pioneering work in interventional neuroradiology and his commitment to education have inspired countless professionals in the field. His role as a mentor to us will always be cherished.

We extend our deepest condolences to his family, friends, and colleagues during this difficult time. Prof Dai's memory will forever remain in our hearts. We appreciate greatly and commemorate the indelible impact he has made to AOSR and the field of radiology.

### *More about Professor Dai's Positions and Accolades*

Prof Dai, a professor of radiology was former president of the Beijing Tiantan Hospital affiliated with the Capital Medical University, was a foreign associate of the US Institute of Medicine – now known as the National Academy of Medicine. He was a member of the International Society for Strategic Studies in Radiology (IS3R). He was also vice-president of the Chinese Medical Association for the 23rd and 24th term and a past Chinese Society of Radiology president. He founded the Chinese Society of Neuroradiology. For his many contributions to radiology – in 2010, he was awarded the International Society of Radiology Antoine Béclère medal and delivered the Walter Fuchs Lecture at the ICR2010. In 2011, he also received the Médaille Antoine Béclère at the annual congress of the French Radiology Society (SFR). He was also awarded Honorary Membership of the RSNA and ESR and Honorary Fellow of the Hong Kong College of Radiologists.

# Magnetic Resonance Imaging Safety: Call for Action

**Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI) safety** is a critical concern in the Asia-Oceania region, as it is elsewhere in the world, due to the unique and complex MRI environment that demands attention. This call-for-action outlines **ten critical steps** to enhance MRI safety and promote a culture of responsibility and accountability in the Asia-Oceania region. Key focus areas include strengthening education and expertise, improving quality assurance, fostering collaboration, increasing public awareness, and establishing national safety boards. By implementing these actions, we aim to **significantly reduce** MRI-related incidents and create a **culture of safety** across diverse healthcare settings in the Asia-Oceania Region. To address the growing concern of MRI safety, we urge the following ten-point call for action:

- 1 Increase educational initiatives**
- 2 Elevate expertise: organize continuous education, training and certification**
- 3 Enhance public awareness and education**
- 4 Encourage multidisciplinary collaboration**
- 5 Promote knowledge and experience sharing**
- 6 Strengthen quality assurance programmes**
- 7 Practice effective communication**
- 8 Nurture a safety and no-blame culture**
- 9 Monitor advancements in interventional procedures**
- 10 Establish national MRI safety boards / committees**



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