



ISMRM Makes Innovative Magnetic Resonance Education Its Priority

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The International Society for Magnetic Resonance in Medicine (ISMRM) and its section, the Society for MR Radiographers & Technologists (SMRT), have been steadily creating new forms of education for our members. We continue to offer year-round innovative and cutting-edge education our members have come to expect, including ISMRM's "live" international workshop events and annual meetings as well as online virtual meetings from SMRT.

With every new addition to our education we want our members to find their preferred method of learning. As a society, we aim to promote communication, research, development, and applications in the field of magnetic resonance in medicine and biology. We also aim to develop and provide channels and facilities for continuing education in the field, which is why one great aspect of our education is that members and non-members alike have access. Education is at the core of what we do.

So far, a number of our committees have different events set up for this year and 2020. First, ISMRM's Workshop and Study Group Review Committee has scheduled six workshops located in the U.S. and the U.K. Additionally, once a month we have virtual meetings created by study groups for members to attend from their home or office. Secondly, the Education Committee continues to evolve and create free education through the MR Academy and offer continuing medical education credits online to our members. Lastly, the ISMRM's Annual Meeting Planning Committee (AMPC) has begun working on the educational portion of the 2020 meeting (April 18 to 23 in Sydney, Australia) and have sent out 350-plus invitations to speakers ready to broaden the horizon of the MR community. In January 2020, the AMPC will have their assembly meeting, when they will assess where to place reviewed abstracts in sessions at the meeting. We are excited that for a third year in a row, we are offering Self-Assessment Module credits for our U.S. clinical attendees at the annual meeting. These SAM credits are a much-anticipated offering, and with at least 24 credits available, our greatest number to date.

On the radiographer and technologist side, the SMRT Education Committee continues to create online content with monthly virtual meetings and home studies, growing the material to over 350 educational opportunities online. SMRT's Annual Meeting Planning Committee is finishing their program for their annual meeting in Sydney, Australia (April 17 to 20). The Division & Chapter Committee has created smaller, local live events that will enable members to network and solve challenges related to their local demographic. These small local division meetings are only a part of the work the committee has done for more opportunities in more regions for our members.

As the Director of Education, I am always seeking ways to improve methods and expand our educational opportunities to address the needs for our members and the entire MR community. Visit our website at www.ismrm.org to stay up to date and opt in to receive our monthly newsletter. Stop by our Booth #1303 during RSNA to find out more!