

The 2011 AEIRS Annual Meeting was held June 8 & 9 at the Doubletree Resort Orlando located in Orlando, Florida, with approximately 200 attendees and conference partners participating in the event. Four great educational sessions and the Honors Lecture were presented on Wednesday, followed by a Board of Directors' reception for new members.

The annual "Pass the Hat" was initiated by Carole South-Winter during the AEIRS business session on Thursday, raising \$1,610, thanks in part to a matching donation presented by Supertech.



Carole South-Winter (left) accepts Supertech's matching donation to the Silent Auction from Judy McNitt.



On Thursday, June 9 the meeting continued with six great sessions. As in previous years, Elsevier graciously sponsored a "Lunch and Learn" on Thursday. The silent auction was held on Thursday and approximately \$1,100 was raised for the AEIRS Research, Education, and Advancement Fund. Thanks to all who contribute to our profession through the support of these activities!

AEIRS 2011 Honors Lecture An Accreditation Quandary: Cops or Consultants?



The Association of Educators in Imaging and Radiologic Sciences has honored one of its own each year since the inception of the Honors Lecture in 1986. In 2011, Leslie Winter, MS, RT(R) was invited to present this prestigious lecture. Leslie is a native of northwestern Illinois. She was employed as a CT technologist, didactic radiography instructor, and radiography program director prior to her employment at the JRCERT. Leslie accepted a position with the JRCERT in 1995 and has served in many roles including Assistant Director, Associate Director, Executive Director, and currently she represents the JRCERT as Chief Executive Officer. Ms. Winter travels frequently throughout the United States, presenting lectures and workshops on a variety of educational topics.

She was instrumental in hosting and presenting a pre-conference JRCERT workshop on June 6 & 7, 2011, in conjunction with the 2011 AEIRS Annual Meeting. Leslie presented a lecture entitled An Accreditation Quandary: Cops or Consultants? The roles of accreditors are rapidly changing due to federal requirements that mandate accreditors to meet even more stringent conditions for recognition by the federal government. Due to recent practices of proprietary institutions, the federal government is increasingly concerned with the growing cost of education, the higher level of student loan default rates, and declining rates of job placement and program completion. These issues have prompted greater federal government involvement in the accreditation process. The government, through their tightened regulations, is requiring greater scrutiny of programs and sponsoring institutions by the accreditor. There is increased pressure being placed on the accrediting agencies to assume the role of accreditation "cop." On the positive side, the accreditation process can still provide an opportunity for ongoing consultation to assure programmatic improvement.

Reception for new members

This was an opportunity for the newest members to AEIRS to meet the Board of Directors, Fellows, Life Members, Past Presidents, and Honors lecturers of the organization.



(l to r) Terry Sorensen, Marsha Dougherty, Denise Orth, and Linda Croucher



(l to r) Julie Wince, Kesha House, Jeff Killion, and Marissa Johnson



(l to r) Catherine Ford with Jim and Rose Skaife



(l to r) Neisha Mitchell, Debby Leighty, and Phil Ballinger

Please be sure to join us for the 2012 Annual Meeting at Chateau Bourbon in New Orleans, Louisiana to be held July 12 & 13, 2012!

AEIRS is committed to presenting educational information pertinent to all imaging and radiation science educators throughout the United States. It is essential for all radiologic science educators to keep pace with changing technologies in medical imaging and the radiation sciences. The AEIRS meetings are an excellent opportunity to network with other educators and to explore new ideas in education of radiologic sciences.