



## The AOSR Archives Survey Findings Summary, 8 Aug 2024

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The Archives Committee thanks all who responded to the survey. It provided insights and a sense of what options related to archiving, might exist amongst our society members.

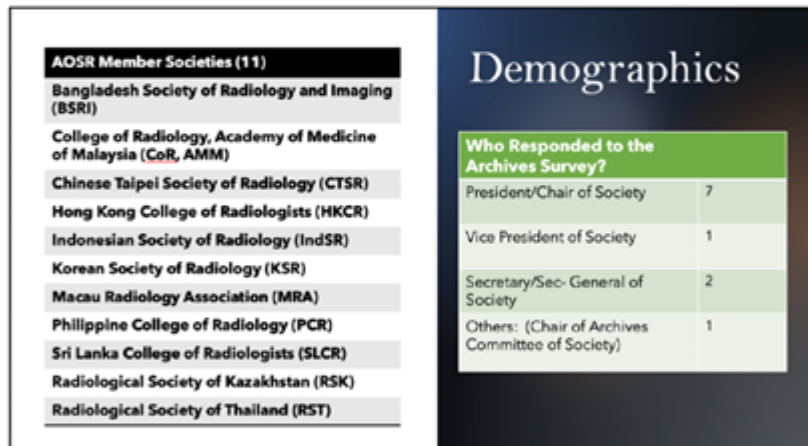
### A. Survey Duration and Aims:

The Archives Survey was conducted from 15 February to 12 March 2024

The survey aimed to address 2 key questions:

1. Did any society member possess AOSR-related documents and physical artefacts (any object) of historical interest?
2. Were any society members interested in being caretakers of the AOSR Archive?

### B. Respondents: Out of 24 society members, 11 responded to the survey.



### C. Results

#### Document and Artefact Ownership

- **Physical artefacts:** Only 3 member societies had authentic AOSR-related artefacts and all 3 planned to preserve them in physical form.
- **Digital artefacts:** Three societies possessed historically significant AOSR-related digital artefacts. Two planned indefinite preservation, whilst one remained undecided on how long the preservation period would be.



### Hypothetical Scenarios:

- **Digitization:** Seven societies were willing to digitize physical AOSR-related artefacts upon request, even if they did not originally plan to do so. If they had such artefacts, 6 societies were willing to store them indefinitely whilst 2 only for a fixed period.

### Archive Hosting

- **Physical Host:** Two societies were willing to be the physical archive caretaker – one by provision of the physical space and the other for a rental fee.
- **Digital archive Host:** Three societies responded to digital hosting: one by providing physical space; another by being financially responsible and the third, if a rental fee was paid.

### Donations to the AOSR Archive

Five societies were open to donating to the AOSR Archive Project.

### Conclusions

- **Archive Location:** Based on the responses, maintaining the archive within the AOSR (Archives Committee /AOSR Secretariat) is the preferred option.
- Based on the respondents, few societies have AOSR-related physical and/or digital artefacts.

The AOSR is encouraged to know that some societies would consider a donation to the AOSR Archive Project.

### E-Archive Progress:

As of 8 August 2024, an e-archive is in the process of being set up by the Committee.

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### About the AOSR Archives Committee

*The AOSR Archives Committee, in its present form, was set up in mid-2021 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.*