

# The Asian Oceanian Society of Radiology Newsletter



Chennai, India  
The upcoming Host City for AOCR 2025, 23 - 26 Jan 2025



## President's Desk



**Prof. Noriyuki Tomiyama,**  
MD, PhD

AOSR President

As you may know, the venue for the AOCR is determined by a vote of delegates from AOSR member societies during the General Assembly, which is usually held during AOCR. Before the vote, member societies are asked about their interest in hosting the event. Recently, we have been fortunate to have multiple member societies bidding to host the AOCR. The selection of the host society for AOCR 2027 took place after bid presentations and discussions at the General Assembly during AOCR 2024 in Taipei. Following the voting process, it was decided that AOCR 2027 will be held in Uzbekistan.

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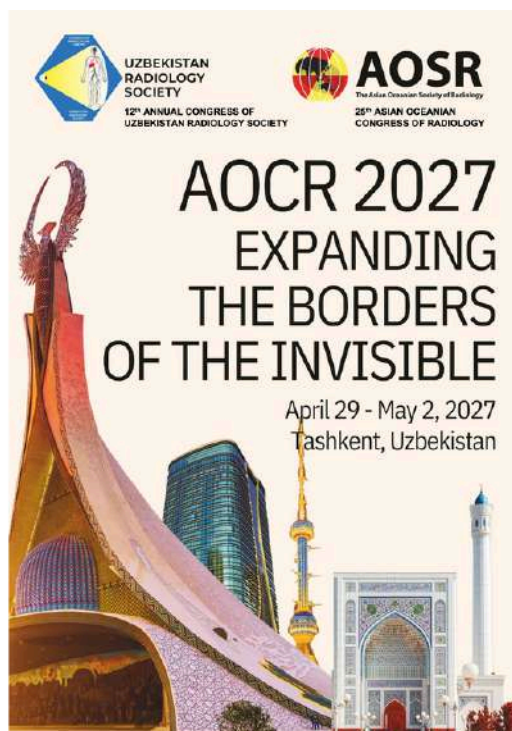
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The AOCR 2027 Contract Signing Ceremony with the Uzbekistan Society of Radiology (URS) was conducted online on November 27th. The attendees included Dr. Noriyuki Tomiyama (President) and Dr. Danny Hing Yan Cho (Honorary Secretary) from AOSR, as well as Dr. Marat Khodjibekov (Chairman), Dr. Lalita Yunusova (Secretary General), and Dr. Yulduz Khodjibekova (Board Member) from URS, along with the AOSR office team.

The 9th Asian Oceanian Radiology Forum (AORF) took place on March 24, 2024, during AOCR 2024 in Taipei, focusing on the theme Radiology Workload and Coverage Hours in Asian Oceanian Countries. Presidents and delegates from 18 AOSR member societies were invited to participate and share firsthand experiences regarding the working hours and burdens faced by radiologists in their respective countries.

In total, 19 countries were represented at the event. Through the presentations, it became clear that the shortage of radiologists is a common issue across Asian countries, largely driven by the increasing demand for radiology services as these nations continue to develop.

I also had the privilege of delivering a speech at the International Trends session during RSNA 2024 in Chicago, on behalf of AOSR. The RSNA International Trends session, held annually, brings together leaders of RSNA international committees and current presidents of international radiology societies at the RSNA Annual Meeting to discuss and share global insights on a common topic of interest. This year's session, held on December 3, 2024, focused on Improving Radiology Through Intelligent Connections. In my presentation, titled Intelligent Connections Addressing Workforce Shortages, I explored how AI, networks, radiology partnerships, and support staff can enhance radiology practices. I highlighted the current challenges of radiologist shortages in Japan and other Asian countries and proposed potential solutions.



Additionally during RSNA 2024, we held the AOSR-RSNA leadership meeting, where we exchanged updates, discussed collaborative initiatives between the two societies, and renewed the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU).



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AOCR 2025, scheduled for January in Chennai, India, is fast approaching. I have heard from Dr. L. Murali Krishna, the Organizing Secretary of AOCR 2025, that preparations, including the program, are nearly complete. I would like to express our heartfelt gratitude to the Indian Radiological and Imaging Association (IRIA), Dr. Hemant Patel, and the entire AOCR 2025 organizing committee for their hard work and dedication in ensuring the success of this congress. My term as AOSR President will conclude at the Presidential Handover Ceremony during AOCR 2025. Serving as the President has been an extraordinary experience, offering opportunities and insights I had never encountered before. Through this role, I have witnessed AOSR's remarkable growth and solid organizational foundation, and I am confident the society will continue to thrive in the future.

In closing, I would like to extend my sincere thanks to all AOSR Executive Council members and office staff for their unwavering dedication and strong support throughout my presidency.



**Season's Greeting**

**From the AOSR & AOSR Newsletter,  
wishing everyone a Happy 2025!**

## Editor's corner

Dr. Kevin Fung, MBBS FRCR  
Hong Kong College of Radiologists



It brings me great pleasure to share with you our final AOSR Newsletter in 2024.

With AOCR 2025 just around the corner, we are excited to bring you some sneak peeks of the spotlight sessions, including the Value-based Radiology Track led by Dr. Frank J Lexa and Dr. Geraldine McGinty. This session promises to bring insight on leadership and negotiation skills which are crucial to ensure radiologists remain as valuable and visible members of the healthcare team. Other highlights include a Sustainability Track spearheaded by AOSR Emerging Trends Committee – a FIRST for AOSR and AOCR. Do look out for those sessions!

As the hosting organisation of AOCR 2025, we are happy to showcase the Indian Radiological & Imaging Association this issue. The article shares with us the history of IRIA and how radiology is flourishing into one of the most dynamic specialty in India.

The AOSR Archives Column in this issue highlights the history of the AOSR President's Chain of Office. Thanks to Dr Chamaree Chuapetcharasophon's tremendous efforts, the current AOSR President's Chain of Office will be retired and a new one will be introduced.

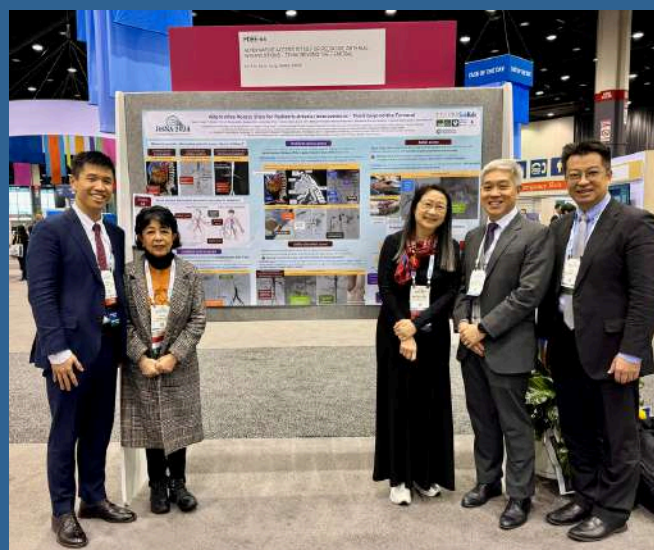
For the "Getting to know" series, we are happy to invite our AOSR Councilor Prof. Yi-Hong Chou from Taiwan and AOSOR Youth Club Alumni Dr. Nicole Kessa Wee from Singapore to share with us their journeys in radiology and AOSR.

Both AOSOR Youth Club and ASIAsafe have been keeping busy on the front of education. Dr. Alta Lai from Hong Kong recounts the success of the 8th AOSOR Youth Club at Fukuoka and the beautiful friendships built along the way. ASIAsafe has organised several webinars from June to September on the importance and practical aspects in MR safety.

The feedback from the audience has been excellent! If you have missed them, you can rewatch them on the AOSR Youtube channel.

Earlier in the first week of December, RSNA held the largest global radiology meeting yet again in Chicago with over 40000 participants. AOSR has participated actively during the meeting at both individual and societal levels. Have a look at our photo wall this issue!

Finally, as 2024 comes to an end, I would like to wish you all a wonderful festive season and a New Year full of health and happiness.



*Some wins hit different - very grateful that my RSNA Educational Exhibit on Paediatric Arterial Access won a Cum Laude Award and was identified for Radiographics*

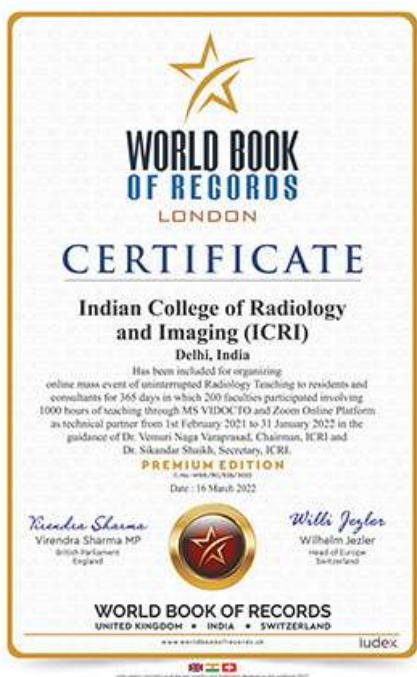
# Getting to know your Member Society – Indian Radiological & Imaging Association

*Dr. V.N. Varaprasad*  
President, IRIA

*Dr. L. Murali Krishna*  
Secretary General, IRIA

Radiology became an investigating modality in the 20th century and is now prevailing after over a century. It all started in 1895, when Roentgen discovered x-rays. Prof. W.C. Roentgen discovered the mysterious X-ray on 8th November, 1895. The first X-ray machine was imported in 1902 into India; that was only 7 years after the discovery of X-ray.

The 'Indian Radiological Association' was founded in Kolkata in 1931, and the first meeting was held on 21 April 1931. At that time, the members used to meet as a section of the Indian Medical Association. The 'Indian Radiological Association' was registered on 30th March 1937 with the registrar of Joint Stock Companies, Bengal with 24 members. From 1946, the association took a firm hold and started as a coherent, cogent and cohesive association. From 24 members in 1931, it now has more than 26000 members.



The first Annual Congress of Radiology was held in 1946 at Madras under the Presidentship of Dr. M.D. Joshi and Secretary Dr. P. Rama Rao. At that time there were 130 members of the association. Gradually, there was expansion of the Association to other states and a wide network of state chapters was formed. Postgraduate diplomas and degrees were started gradually in all the medical colleges in the country. It was felt rightly that there has been tremendous change in the modalities of imaging all over the world and our Association must effectively reflect by naming a name which will speak for itself. Therefore, keeping with times, the name 'Indian Radiological Association' became the 'Indian Radiological & Imaging Association' (IRIA). The Journal and the College were also renamed accordingly (IJRI and ICRI).

The 'Indian Radiological & Imaging Association' (IRIA) is continuously working to promote the study and practice of diagnostic radiological and imaging modalities, educating the residents, and practicing radiologists on the latest developments in the field of radiology, imaging and radiation medicine apart from promoting the medical research and adopting methods of community welfare. The Indian Radiological & Imaging Association is engaged in the following flagship programs:

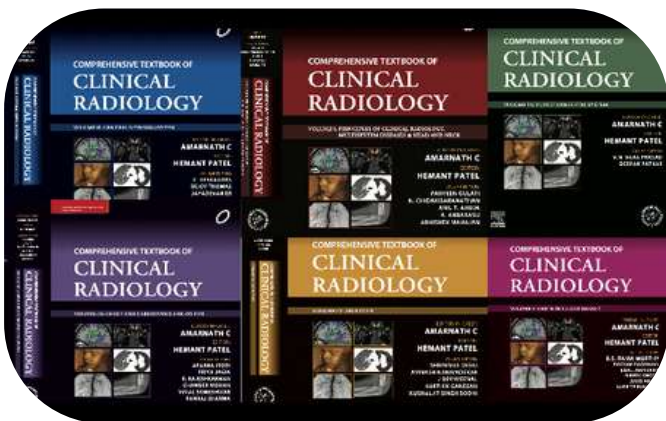
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- Annual Conference of IRIA
- SONOSUMMIT – An international conference exclusively on Ultrasound
- Annual Conferences and CME programs through State Chapters of IRIA
- Daily online Teaching Programs by its academic wing Indian College of Radiology & Imaging (ICRI). IRIA/ICRI has been recorded in the India Book of Records and World Book of Records, London for conducting maximum teaching programs online



- Publication of Scientific Journal - Indian Journal of Radiology & Imaging (IJRI) which is published quarterly along with CRCR and Indographics
- Organizing Programs for Residents (IREP)
- Conducting CME Programs – 4 CME Programs in different Sub-specialties are conducted every year
- CME Programs on Preventive Radiology and Samrakshan

- MICR – Masters In Clinical Radiology (An exam based self assessment program)
- F-ICRI (One year Fellowship Program in different sub-specialties)
- Certificate Courses in Basic and Advanced Fetal Radiology and Genetics
- Remote Radiology and Outreach Programs
- Quiz



- Traveling Fellowship Grants
- Research & Education Grants
- Skill Enhancement Courses
- Memorial Orations and Awards
- Competitive Paper Awards
- Published Textbook of Clinical Radiology.

# The AOSR Archives Column

*Dr. Evelyn Ho  
AOSR Immediate Past President  
Chair 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.

In this issue of the AOSR Newsletter (December 2024), we wish to highlight one of the AOSR artefacts, the AOSR President's Chain of Office that will be retired for several reasons and introduce its replacement.

Find this article on our AOSR website's History pages with a downloadable PDF:  
<https://www.theaosr.org/about-us/history>

## The AOSR President's Chain of Office from 1987 retires towards end of 2024

*Collated by Dr Evelyn Ho  
Immediate Past President and  
Chair of the Archives Committee (2023-2025)*

The original AOSR President's Chain of Office was donated by Dr. Federico Principe of Philippines, who was the second AOSR president from 1975-1979 but regrettably, it was lost. It was remade and donated by the Korean Society of Radiology under the leadership of Professor Man Chung Han who was then, the Secretary General of the AOCR 1987 Organizing Committee. It was remade in commemoration of the 5th Asian Oceanian Congress of Radiology, 21-25 September 1987, held in Seoul, South Korea.



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The Chain of Office, over the years had become more fragile and worn-out. It was also rather heavy because of additional flags as the AOSR gained more society members. As it had become impractical to add more flags, the Chain therefore did not reflect all the current member societies. In addition, the AOSR now has global individual members.

Discussion about the need to design a new Chain of Office had been mooted several years ago and finally in 2024, the AOSR Constitution, Nomination and Awards Committee under the chairpersonship of Dr Chamaree Chuapetcharasopon, took the initiative to polish the chain, repair any broken links and provide it with a new box.

After deliberation at the AOSR council level and presentation at the General Assembly, the chain would be retired and preserved as one of AOSR's important historical artefacts. The AOSR Archives Committee will be overseeing archival of the few physical AOSR artefacts, at the AOSR secretariat in Seoul.



A new chain was also made and ready for use by October 2024. The first president to use the new chain will be Professor Dr Noriyuki Tomiyama from Japan, whose term will end at the AOCR in January 2025. Professor Dr Byung Ihn Choi, the AOSR 2010–2012 President is shown wearing the Chain of Office which will be retired and preserved whilst Professor Tomiyama, the AOSR 2023–2025 President is shown wearing the new Chain of Office.

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## The new AOSR President's Chain of Office

The AOSR records its thanks to Dr Chamaree Chuapetcharasopon, President-Elect 2023-2025 and Chair of the Constitution, Nomination and Awards Committee for her efforts in overseeing the retirement of the existing Chain, the creation of a replacement and her donation of the new President's Chain of Office to the AOSR.



## Get to know your AOSR Councillor and AOSOR Director: Prof. Yi-Hong Chou, MD

Currently, I serve as Chair Professor of Radiology at Yuanpei University of Medical Technology and National Yang Ming Chiao Tung University School of Medicine in Taipei, Taiwan. I am the former Vice President of Yuanpei University of Medical Technology and the director of Occupational Safety and Health Administration and Chief of Medical Ultrasound and Breast Imaging at Taipei Veterans General Hospital. Now retired, I continue to serve as a consultant at Taipei Veterans General Hospital and Yee Zen General Hospital, Taoyuan.



On the board of AOSR, I serve as the Director of the Asian-Oceanian School of Radiology (AOSOR) (2021-) while I just stepped down from the Vice President 1 of the World Federation for Ultrasound in Medicine and Biology (WFUMB) in 2021. I am the chairman of the Commission of Research and Development of Medical Ultrasound of the Society of Ultrasound in Medicine of the Republic of China (SUMROC), the chairman of the International Liaison Committee of the Taiwan Radiology Society (TRS), and Editor-in-chief of the Journal of Medical Ultrasound (JMU), the official journal of the Asian Federation of Societies for Ultrasound in Medicine and Biology (AFSUMB).

I am also the past president of the Asian-Oceanian Society of Radiology (AOSR) and AFSUMB, the past president of the Asian Society of Abdominal Radiology (ASAR) and the Asian Breast Diseases Association (ABDA) as well as former president of the SUMROC and TRS. I have served WFUMB, AFSUMB, and AOSR in several capacities, including as Associate Editor of Ultrasound in Medicine and Biology, Associate Editor of WFUMB Ultrasound Open, and Chairs and Members of many Committees.

I have focused much of my research on ultrasound, particularly breast and abdominal applications as well as in the emergency setting. I currently am investigating a variety of Doppler techniques and microbubble contrast agents for evaluating tumor vascularity, and exploring techniques in tumor ablation.

I have been active in scientific and education programs nationally and internationally and have organized many international congresses, workshops, and symposia, particularly on ultrasound and imaging of the liver, breast, emergency, and critical care.



I have been awarded more than 42 honors internationally or domestically. I am an honorary member of the European Society of Radiology (ESR), the Japanese Society of Radiology, the Japanese Society of Ultrasound in Medicine, the Korean Society of Ultrasound in Medicine, the Korean Society of Radiology, and an honorary fellow of the American Institute of Ultrasound in Medicine (AIUM). I am a Gold Medallist of the Asian Society of Abdominal Radiology (ASAR), honorary speaker of the Society of Abdominal Radiology (SAR), honorary president of the Asian Congress of Tumour Ablation ACTA-Taipei, Former President of Asian Breast Association, honorary president of the World Interactive Network Focused on Critical Ultrasound (WINFOCUS) and World Congress of Ultrasound in Emergency and Critical Care.



I have three children, a son and two daughters. All got married and all are physicians. The eldest daughter is a radiologist, the son is a hospitalist, and the youngest is a psychiatrist. They live in San Francisco, Boston, and Pittsburgh, respectively. My wife Mei and I are now grandparents of two lovely grandsons and two beautiful granddaughters. I love painting, hiking, reading, and teaching, and I love my family, students, and colleagues. I always enjoy working with all my friends at AOSR and AOSOR.

# Getting to Know your AOSOR Youth Club Alumni

## – Dr. Nicole Kessa Wee

*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 Dr Nicole Kessa Wee. Dr Wee is a consultant abdominal radiologist, at Tan Tock Seng Hospital, National Healthcare Group, Singapore. She has completed her subspecialty fellowship training in Genitourinary Imaging at both Samsung Medical Centre and Seoul National University Hospital. She enjoys teaching, is dedicated to radiology learning and is an adjunct lecturer at both the National University of Singapore Yong Loo Lin School of Medicine, and Nanyang Technological University Lee Kong Chian School of Medicine.*



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

I attended the 7th AOSOR Youth Club in Seoul, South, Korea in September 2023, where I met the most wonderful, fun-loving fellow radiologists, and we made some great memories during the time spent together.



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

It was an insightful experience to learn from the leaders of AOSR, while mingling with other fellow radiologists from the AOSR societies. It was eye-opening to appreciate the cultural differences, learn about the varied experiences, while discussing some common ideals and values that we share, in hopes of helping our societies progress both individually and regionally.

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We were also able to work very well together, and a bunch of us even came together after the YC to host the inaugural AOSOR youth club webinar in 2024, by the YC alumni for the AOSR-wide audience. I loved that we all came from different countries, but shared common goals, were able to brainstorm and share ideas together, discuss the differences, and most importantly - make those ideas become reality.

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

I am currently serving as an executive committee member of the Singapore Radiological Society, on the Emerging Trends committee for the Asian Oceanian Society of Radiology, and the Social Chair for the upcoming Singapore Congress for Radiology 2026.

**How has the AOSOR YC helped prepare you for volunteering to serve in the Asian-Oceanian region?**

With the insights I gained from the AOSOR YC 2023, I find the life skills learnt very transferable and applicable to the committees I serve in, not just in terms of contributing to my society and maintaining inter-society relationships, but also when organising conferences.

I am grateful for the opportunities given by the AOSR to serve in the Emerging Trends committee, for the AOSOR YC for the skills learnt that are so transferable and applicable. There has always been no lack of support and invaluable mentorship, and good communication platforms that allow us take whatever ideas we have, no matter how small, to fruition. The experiences and camaraderie shared during the 7th AOSOR YC will always remain dear to me.



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

I used to content myself with clinical and research work at the local hospital level, but the AOSOR YC has been eye-opening, teaching me to look selflessly beyond myself and learn from others, to appreciate the cultural differences and the fact that yet, we still hold common ideals and common goals to work towards. We should aim to go beyond just radiology work, but also foster good inter-society relationships with strong teamwork, under the appropriate mentorship. As my mentor back in Singapore would say, "If you want to go fast, go alone. If you want to go far, go together!" The only way for radiology to advance as a specialty would always be through the sharing of ideas, inter-country and inter-institutional collaboration and more.



I would strongly recommend the AOSOR YC as the stepping-stone for young radiologists who are aspiring to be leaders who serve in radiology societies in Asia-Oceania, because it is a safe space that allows you to learn. Also, you get to make some really wonderful international friends, always generous and ready to host you when you visit their countries, and you can definitely do the same for them too!

## The Asian Oceanian School of Radiology Youth Club (AOSOR YC) – Fukuoka, 16 – 18 October 2024

*Dr Alta Lai  
AOSOR Administrative Board Member*

The AOSOR Youth Club, celebrated its 8th anniversary, from October 16 to 18, 2024, in the charming city of Fukuoka, Japan, under the gracious hosting of the Japan Radiological Society (JRS). This initiative aimed to nurture future leaders within the Asian Oceanian Society of Radiology (AOSR) through a rich blend of educational, social, and academic programs.



Participants from diverse regions, including Bangladesh, Chinese Taipei, Hong Kong SAR, India, Indonesia, Japan, Kazakhstan, Korea, Malaysia, Macao SAR, Mongolia, Nepal, Pakistan, Singapore, Sri Lanka, Thailand, and Uzbekistan, came together to engage in a few days of activities.



*Director's Dinner Group Photo*

The event kicked off with a delightful Welcome Dinner on Wednesday evening. This gathering served as a wonderful icebreaker, allowing participants to forge new friendships and embark on professional connections that would enrich their experience throughout the event. We are also pleased and honored to have a few additional prestigious guests, Prof. Joseph Lee, Dr. Danny Cho and Dr. Chui-Mei Tiu to join us. The atmosphere was warm and inviting, fostering an environment where everyone felt welcomed and valued.

On Thursday morning, Prof. Noriyuki Tomiyama delivered heartfelt welcoming remarks that set the tone for rest of the event. Local organizers Dr. Yoshiyuki Watanabe, Dr. Masahiro Yanagawa and their team played pivotal roles in ensuring everything ran smoothly. Their meticulous planning and coordination were evident throughout the event, with creative contributions from Dr. Toru Honda in his professional T-shirt design and photography. The rest of the day was filled with engaging classes organized by the JRS that focused on General Leadership. Participants explored essential topics through scenario-based workshops that emphasized key leadership skills, such as effective coaching.



The Thursday evening featured a joint Co-director's dinner alongside the chairman's banquet, complete with entertaining performances that added a festive touch to the gathering.

As Friday arrived, AOSOR hosted classes covering various critical topics led by speakers. Participants learned about Academic and Society Member Management from Dr. Evelyn Ho, Finance Management from Dr. Chamaree Chuapetcharasopon, Perspectives and Preparation in Radiology from Prof. Yi Hong Chou, Trends of Radiology in Asia Oceania from Dr. Charles Goh, Risk Management from Dr. Alta Lai, and Inter-Society Relationships from Dr. Jong Min Lee. These sessions were designed to deepen the participants' understanding to radiological societies and their operations as they prepared to make significant contributions within their societies.



### List of Trainees who attended the AOSOR Youth Club

The event concluded with an intimate Director's Dinner at a local brewery where participants enjoyed singing, good food and beverages and fun mingling opportunities that fostered deeper social bonds.

The AOSOR Youth Club 2024 was not just a successful gathering focused on leadership education. It was also a celebration of collaboration among young professionals in radiology throughout Asia and Oceania. The diversity of attendees enriched conversations and promoted understanding among future leaders in radiology.

Name	Society	Region
Most Razina Jubaida	BSRI	Bangladesh
Chih-Hong Wu	CTSR	Chinese Taipei
Leung Ho Sang	HKCR	Hong Kong SAR
Sushen Kumar K.	IRIA	India
Lorens Prasiddha	ISR/PDSRI	Indonesia
Yuzo Yamasaki	JRS	Japan
Alisher Dauytov	RSK	Kazakhstan
Kyongmin Sarah Beck	KSR	Korea
Noor Khairiah A. Karim	COR, AMM	Malaysia
Si Wai Tat	MRA	Macao SAR
Gankhuyag Erdenebal	MSR	Mongolia
Krishna Budhathoki	NRA	Nepal
Amna Khalid	RSP	Pakistan
Shawn Kok	SRS	Singapore
Mihiri Chami Wettasinghe	SLCR	Sri Lanka
Nutcha Pinjaroen	RST	Thailand
Lalita Yunusova	URS	Uzbekistan

# AsiaSafe Leads the Way on MR Safety in a Series of Webinars 2024 (June, July, September)

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Immediate Past President, AOSR  
AsiaSafer

AsiaSafe is pioneering MR safety through a series of informative webinars held in 2024. These sessions are designed to advance knowledge and best practices in the field.



## Webinar Topics and Speakers

### 15 June 2024: Imaging Patients with Implants and Sources of Local SAR in Imaging

- Professor Anthony Liu, Department of Imaging Physics, University of Texas, MD Anderson Cancer Center
- Dr Sukhoon Oh, Senior Researcher, Korea Basic Science Institution, Chungbuk, South Korea

### 24 July 2024: MR Safety Board – Roles & Responsibilities, The Way Forward

- Dr Tamara Razon Cuenza, AOSR MR Safety Ambassador and Board Member of the CTMRI Society of the Philippines
- Dr Hemant Patel, AOSR Honorary Treasurer and ISR Council Member, from Ahmedabad, India

## Supporting Leadership

Our AOSR President, Professor Noriyuki Tomiyama, supported all webinars with his opening remarks and moderated the first two sessions. AsiaSafe Chair, Emeritus Professor Kwan Hoong Ng, also played a key role by moderating some sessions and giving opening remarks. The July webinar was moderated by Dr Rijo Mathew, our AOSR MR Safety Ambassador from India, while the final session was co-moderated by Dr Mathew and Associate Professor Nucharin Supakul from Indiana School of Medicine, USA. Both are active members of the AsiaSafe committee.



## Audience Engagement

Each webinar received a robust registrations with 97, 197 and 133 live attendees for the June, July, and September sessions respectively.

These successful events highlight AsiaSafe's commitment to enhancing MR safety through education and collaboration. We look forward to more such initiatives in the future.



If you missed any of our MR Safety Webinars – access them at <https://www.youtube.com/@aosr>

# Report on the AsiaSafe-IAEA Webinar: 20 Aug 2024

*Dr Evelyn Ho, MBBS, MMED  
Immediate Past President, AOSR  
AsiaSafer*

## Introduction

The AsiaSafe-IAEA webinar, on 20th August 2024, was a noteworthy event in the domain of nuclear medicine and radiopharmaceuticals. The session was moderated by Professor Kwan Hoong Ng and featured welcome addresses from esteemed individuals: Professor Noriyuki Tomiyama, President of the Asian Oceanian Society of Radiology (AOSR), and Dr. Ola Holmberg, Head of the Radiation Protection of Patients Unit at the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) in Vienna, Austria.

## Welcome Messages

Professor Noriyuki Tomiyama inaugurated the webinar with a welcome address, underscoring the significance of continual education and collaboration in the field of radiology. He highlighted the advancements and the pivotal role that webinars such as this play in disseminating knowledge and fostering international cooperation.

Following Professor Tomiyama, Dr. Ola Holmberg addressed the participants, emphasizing the IAEA's commitment to patient safety and the importance of radiation protection in medical procedures. Dr. Holmberg's discourse set the tone for the webinar, reinforcing the critical relevance of the topics to be discussed.



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## Speakers and Presentations

The webinar featured two distinguished speakers who delivered insightful presentations on their respective areas of expertise.

### Dr. John B.T. Kung

Dr. John B.T. Kung, Consultant in Charge at the Nuclear Medicine Unit and Hospital Authority Clinical PET Centre, Queen Elizabeth Hospital, Hong Kong, delivered a presentation entitled "Advancements in Theranostics using Unsealed Radiopharmaceuticals for Neuroendocrine Tumours: Experiences from a Local Perspective." His presentation elucidated the practical applications and benefits of these advancements from a local perspective.

### Dr. Julia Brosch-Lenz

Dr. Julia Brosch-Lenz, a Medical Physics Expert from the Institute of Nuclear Medicine, Bethesda, Maryland, USA, presented on the topic "Medical Physicist's Perspective: Radiation Protection in the New Era of Radiopharmaceutical Therapies." Dr. Brosch-Lenz gave her outlook on rapidly evolving nuclear medicine theranostics with new technology and radiopharmaceuticals (specially targeted alpha therapies) being constantly developed. Her presentation encompassed the guidelines, best practices, and challenges faced in this rapidly advancing field, emphasizing the paramount importance of maintaining high standards of radiation safety. Radiation protection for the patient, employees and environment were presented.

## Participation and Engagement

The webinar witnessed impressive participation, with 115 registrants from 21 countries, reflecting the global interest in the topics discussed. During the live event, 34 participants from 12 countries attended, indicating robust engagement from the international community with a lively Q & A session.

## Feedback

The feedback received from the participants was overwhelmingly positive. Attendees unanimously agreed on the usefulness of the webinar, commending the relevance and clarity of the presentations. The majority of participants concurred that the speakers effectively conveyed the subjects and made the complex topics comprehensible. This positive feedback underscores the success of the webinar in achieving its educational objectives and highlights the high level of satisfaction among the participants.

## Conclusion

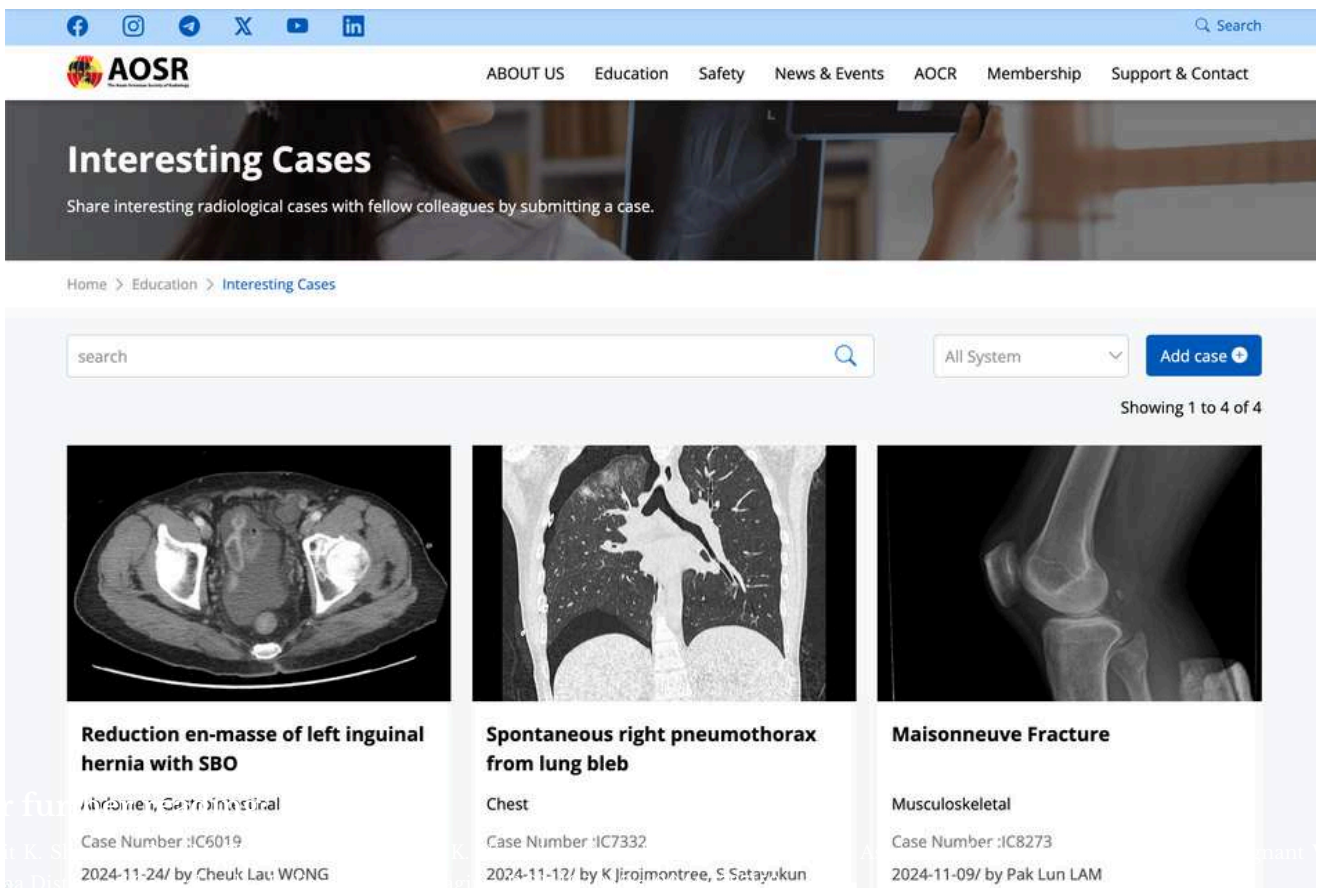
The AsiaSafe-IAEA webinar held on 20th August 2024 was a resounding success, bringing together experts and participants from around the world to deliberate on critical advancements in nuclear medicine and radiopharmaceuticals. The event provided a valuable platform for knowledge sharing and international collaboration, contributing to the ongoing efforts to enhance patient safety and outcomes in the field of radiology and nuclear medicine.

The organizers extend their gratitude to the speakers, participants, and all those involved in making this webinar a significant and impactful event. The insights gained and the connections established during this webinar will undoubtedly contribute to the continued advancement and innovation in the field of nuclear medicine.

The success of this webinar also sets a precedent for future events, encouraging more such initiatives that foster global collaboration and knowledge dissemination. The AsiaSafe-IAEA partnership looks forward to organizing more webinars and conferences that address the evolving challenges and opportunities in the field, aiming to enhance the quality of healthcare and patient safety worldwide.

Watch Dr Julia Brosch-Lenz's talk on AOSR youtube:  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VpOJTq5IWIY>

## Second phase of AOSR website is Live Submit Interesting Cases and get recognised!



The second phase of AOSR website is now live with much more functionality, content and features. As an educational initiative, we are now calling for interesting cases to be submitted to the website. The contributor would be recognised by the AOSR with a Certificate of Appreciation. Submit your case here: <https://www.theaosr.org/index.php?route=case/case/step1>

# #AOSR PhotoSnaps at #RSNA 2024



AOSR-RSNA 2024 Joint Symposium on Acute Abdomen:  
Group photo of moderators and speakers with 2 AOSR councilors

RSNA Honorary Member recipient Dr. Steven Wong celebrates with his team from Sengkang Hospital, Singapore



Dr. Charles Goh (2nd from left) is a Member of RSNA Sustainability Taskforce

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Dr. Kevin Fung presenting on Research Tips and Tools by Radiographics Trainee Editorial Board (RG Team)



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