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NEWS FROM THE ACC IMAGING COUNCIL

ACC Imaging Council Evolves Into a Section

A New Opportunity for Imagers

THE IMAGING COUNCIL OF THE AMERICAN COLLEGE OF CARDIOLOGY (ACC) WAS ESTABLISHED IN 2008 in order to facilitate communication between the ACC and cardiovascular imaging subspecialty societies including the American Society of Echocardiography (ASE), American Society of Nuclear Cardiology (ASNC), Society for Cardiovascular Magnetic Resonance (SCMR), Society of Cardiovascular Computed Tomography (SCCT), and the Society for Cardiovascular Angiography and Interventions (SCAI). Council membership is exclusive to appointees from the imaging societies themselves and from the ACC. Over the past 3 years, the Imaging Council has achieved its mission of improving communication between the ACC and these societies. However, there was a sense that something was missing, that imaging members of the ACC were not being adequately represented, nor were their voices being heard.

In the spring of this year, the Council began discussing the expansion of the Council into a Member Section, which would be open to ACC physician members who wished to designate themselves as imagers and join. After a great deal of deliberation, the Council decided to push forward with this concept and the establishment of the CV Imaging Member Section was subsequently approved by the College's Board of Trustees. Beginning this fall, for a nominal \$10 fee, ACC members can sign up as Section members when they renew their ACC dues*. The Section will be governed by the Council as per the present structure, consisting of appointed leaders of the imaging subspecialty societies and the ACC. This leadership structure will facilitate communication between imaging subspecialty societies and increase collaboration, thereby

preventing duplication of similar activities by separate entities. The adoption of the Member Section structure provides the imaging community a larger base and a stronger voice within the College.

What will the ACC CV Imaging Section do for you? We expect to hold a Section meeting at the ACC Annual Scientific Session on an annual basis, and depending on enthusiasm and attendance, this could expand to include the American Heart Association Annual Scientific Session in the future. The Section meeting will begin as an informational meeting for networking and discussion, but has the possibility of morphing into a more scientific session as well. At the Section meetings, we expect lively discussion of issues revolving around education, advocacy, and quality initiatives. Additional anticipated Section activities include providing input into the imaging track of the ACC meeting, as well as future submissions to *JACC: Cardiovascular Imaging*. Through the collection of Section dues, the Section will be able to raise funds to support its activities, which may include

*For more information or to join the CV Imaging Section, please call the ACC Resource Center at (202) 375-6000 x5603. Staff will be available to take your payment and enroll you in the Section.

funding imaging travel awards to Fellows in Training, as well as support for Section and work group meetings. The presence and strength in numbers that we expect the Sec

tion will bring will facilitate the multimodality approach to imaging that is the future of our subspecialty, as well as shape the voice of imaging within the ACC. Please

consider joining the Section and adding your voice to that of other imagers.

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the ACC Imaging Council