

## Gold Coast ISRRT Congress in pictures

The Queensland Branch hosted the 2010 World Congress of the ISRRT on the Gold Coast.

Members of the AIR may not be aware that you are all individual associate members of the ISRRT. The support and enthusiasm shown by everyone throughout the Congress was incredibly satisfying for all involved. The Convening Committee, superbly led by Assoc Prof Pam Rowntree, who is also the ISRRT Councillor for Australia, did a magnificent job.

The years of preparation and hard work certainly paid off with delegates commenting on the quality of the papers, the presentations and the social and formal functions with equal delight and pleasure. The workload and commitment to the event is enormous and the AIR acknowledges with deep gratitude the efforts of all of the volunteers involved.

For the first time, the Institute's dedicated events team was fully present. This

represents a major transition for the profession in that in future this group will be able to take on much of the behind the scenes work on behalf of event convening committees, allowing them to concentrate on the scientific and social aspects of our conferences.

At an international event such as this, it was immensely pleasing to see and hear our team handling questions in a variety of languages. As well as English, AIR staff handled queries in Mandarin, German, French and Polish with ease.

There were many positive comments about the papers presented and the energy and full attendance throughout the Congress. More than 200 papers were presented and there were many associated meetings, both formal and informal.

We are aware that nine AIR member presenters have now been invited to take their presentation and paper overseas,

this is welcome recognition of the quality of our members' work.

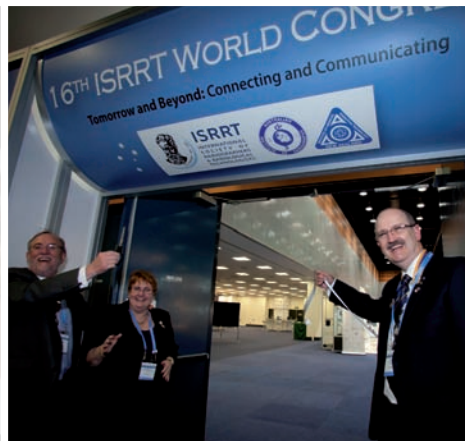
There are reports on the awards elsewhere in this issue, while the day-by-day photographs on this and the following pages tell the Congress story with greater impact than words. In total, more than 1100 registered, with 1080 attending the Gala Dinner.

At a time when some have questioned the relevance of the Institute – and indeed of professional associations – this conference answers that question emphatically. Only the professional associations, through their dedicated and enthusiastic volunteers can marshal the energy, the loyalty and the commitment to the profession to take on such a challenge so successfully.

Again, our thanks go to all involved. It was a great event! As the President of the Canadian Society, the next host country in 2012, confirmed, ...we lifted the bar.

### Opening ceremony

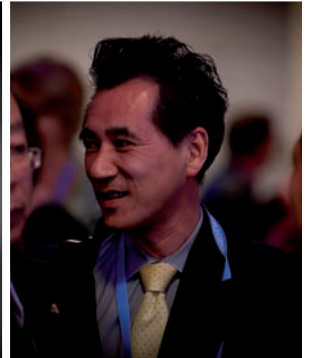




Welcome reception



### President's reception



### AIR awards



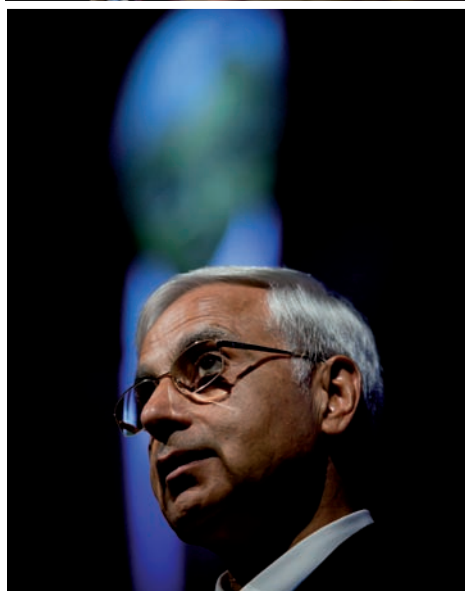
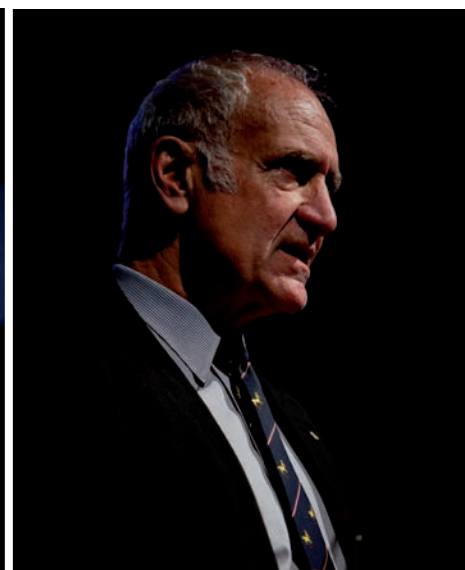
### Exhibition



### Gala dinner



## Plenary session



### Congratulations are extended to the following Prize and Award winners at the 16th ISRRT World Congress Gold Coast 9th–12th September 2010

#### Fellows

The highest category of Membership within the AIR is that of Fellow. Recipients of this award will have demonstrated an extensive knowledge of diagnostic imaging and/or radiation therapy.

Bronwyn Hilder (Tas)  
Judith Holt (Qld)  
Marilyn Zelesco (WA)

#### Nicholas Outterside Medallion

The Nicholas Outterside Medallion is awarded to members of the AIR who have made a significant contribution to the Institute over the years.

Elvie Haluszkiewicz (WA)  
Bruce Harvey (Vic)  
Marilyn Zelesco (WA)

#### Life Membership

Life Membership is awarded to retiring members of the AIR who have been members and have actively contributed to the Institute over the years.

John Ryan (Vic)

#### Varian Award

The Varian Award is presented to a radiation therapist member who has made a significant contribution to the field of Radiation Oncology.

Shane Dempsey (NSW)

#### AIR – Harold Anderson Memorial Student Prize – Diagnostic Imaging

Prize is awarded for the most applicable or most beneficial presentation presented by a Student Radiographer member in Diagnostic Imaging.

Gina Westhorpe (Vic)  
*Sonographic Assessment of Sexual Dimorphism in the Sail-tailed Water Dragon, Green Iguana, Frilled Lizard and Fijian Crested Iguana*

#### Varian Harold Anderson Memorial Student Prize – Radiation Therapy

Prize is awarded for the most applicable or most beneficial presentation presented by a Student member in Radiation Therapy.

Simon Van Niekerk(SA)  
*Tattooing, is there another way?*

### Closing ceremony

