

International College of Radiology

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The International College of Radiology (ICR) is the international body representing the national societies of Europe, North and South America, Middle East and Africa, Asia and Australasia. Its major function in recent years is education, particularly at the registrar level. The emphasis is on developing countries where interest in radiology is growing rapidly. Regions where there has been rapid growth in radiology include China, India, South America and Africa.

The Radiological Society of South Africa is currently bidding to hold this prestigious international meeting in the year 2002, probably in Cape Town. It will be a great honour for the society to host this meeting at a time when there is rapid change in health care and improved economic growth in many sub-Saharan countries. The meeting will also cement relationships with radiologists in other countries of Africa especially the Francophone and Arab countries.

Many of the health care problems facing South Africa are similar to those of other developing countries and by interacting with radiologists at a national level or through organizations such as the WHO and the ICR we can learn from other countries' successes and mistakes.