



## INTERNATIONAL REGIONAL COMMITTEE UPDATE

With the growing interest of cardiovascular computed tomography around the world, international membership in the Society of Cardiovascular Computed Tomography (SCCT) has been increasing annually. As the number of SCCT members in a particular country or region grows to a certain size, it becomes feasible for those members to be able to establish an International Regional Committee (IRC) of SCCT. The Board of Directors recognizes this and actively encourages the formation of International Regional Committees for the mutual benefit for the local members in those regions and SCCT. IRCS are committees set up to promote cardiovascular CT and the objectives of SCCT in a certain region.

### **Brazil IRC**

The 2nd Annual Scientific Meeting was successfully held on August 23-25 in Natal in conjunction with the Fifth National Cardiac Radiology Conference. There were 140 attendees.

### **Canada IRC**

Canada will be highlighted at SCCT's 8th Annual Scientific Meeting (**SCCT2013**) to be held in Montreal, Canada, on July 11–14, 2013. SCCT will offer many opportunities throughout the meeting to see the new and exciting initiatives, science, and research from Canada and its IRC. The Canada IRC is in preparation for the main highlight session, "Canada Presents."

### **Japan IRC**

The 6th Annual Meeting of Japan Regional Committee (6th SCCT Japan Forum) was successfully held at Tokyo Conference Center Shinagawa, Tokyo on September 8, 2012. The meeting had 275 attendees (145 cardiologists and radiologists, 94 technicians, 36 industrial persons) and there was productive dialogue throughout the conference. The program featured high quality talks and discussions including Symposium, Special Lecture, Invited Lectures, Poster Discussion, Workshop, and Reports from SCCT Japan Board Members. Click [here](#) to see a full report.

### **Middle East IRC**

SCCT is pleased to co-sponsor the Cardiac CT Workshop at the 3rd Annual Emirates Cardiac Society Congress on November 1, 2012. This meeting will take place at the Grand Hyatt Dubai in the United Arab Emirates. Click [here](#) to learn more.

### **United Kingdom IRC**

SCCT is pleased to announce the official formation of a United Kingdom IRC group.

UK International Regional Committee Members

- **Ed Nicol, MD, FSCCT - Chair**
- **Stephen Harden, MD - Co-chair**
- **Roger Bury, MD**
- **Charles Peebles, MD**
- **Gareth Morgan Hughes, MD**
- **Simon Padley, MD**
- **Jim Stirrup, MD**

The UK IRC will hold its first meeting “Advanced Cardiovascular Imaging – CT” on December 5, 2012 in conjunction with the meeting of the Royal Society of Medicine.