
■ PRESIDENT'S LETTER ■

Greetings

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We are pleased to announce that the 82nd Annual Meeting of the Japan Radiological Society will be held at PACIFICO Yokohama for four days from April 13 to 16, 2023. In cooperation with the 79th Annual Meeting of Japanese Society of Radiological Technology, the 125th Scientific Meeting of the Japan Society of Medical Physics, and the International Technical Exhibition of Medical Imaging (ITEM2023), we hope to provide the latest information on radiology to all attendees.

The outbreak of novel coronavirus infection (COVID-19) that occurred in December 2019 has repeatedly resurfaced over the past three years, and the 2023 Annual Meeting will be held under these circumstances. Therefore, we have decided to hold the meeting similar to last year, mainly focusing on the on-site meeting, but also using the web.

The theme of this year's event is "Be a Game Changer in Medicine with Radiology". As you know, a game changer is "an athlete who changes the course of a game" or "something innovative that has a big impact on things". We have two thoughts on this theme. The first is the desire to transform modern medicine for the better, starting with radiology. The second is that each of us who are engaged in radiology should be a change agent in medicine. Currently, artificial intelligence (AI) and robotics are being incorporated into medicine. AI is said to be particularly compatible with radiological imaging, and the Japan Radiological Society is working on this as an academic society. Personally, I hope that radiologists can become game changers in the field of medicine by mastering AI and robotics.

Here are some of the topics in this year's program. The joint special lecture of the three societies was given by Professor Yuji Ikeya of the University of Tokyo's Graduate School of Pharmaceutical Sciences. Professor Ikeya is an up-and-coming brain scientist who has written a number of popular books, including "The Over-evolved Brain" and "The Brain Has Strange Quirks". He has been giving lectures to students at Hiroshima University, and we expect to hear interesting topics on the brain, as well as exciting and energetic talks at the joint special lecture. In the joint symposium of the three societies in charge of JRS, we are planning to have famous professors from the fields of diagnostic radiology, imaging, IVR, and radiotherapy speak on what could be a game changer in the field of radiology. This symposium will provide the latest information on technologies and methods that will revolutionize the future of medicine. As for our own plans, we have prepared symposiums on "Next Generation Technologies in CT", "Latest Technologies in Abdominal MRI", and "Hands-on Liver MR Elastography". The image interpretation session, which has been held every year, will be held in such a way that all images can be viewed interactively by the general public.

We sincerely look forward to your participation in what we hope will be a productive conference.