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Society of Interventional Radiology Announces 2011–12 Executive Council Members

***Timothy P. Murphy, M.D., FSIR, Begins Term as SIR President; New Officers Take Office
During SIR's 36th Annual Scientific Meeting in Chicago***

CHICAGO, Ill.—Timothy P. Murphy, M.D., FSIR, director of the Vascular Disease Research Center at Rhode Island Hospital in Providence, assumed office as the 2011–12 president of the Society of Interventional Radiology during its 36th Annual Scientific Meeting in Chicago, Ill. SIR, a national organization of 4,700 doctors, scientists and allied health professionals dedicated to improving health care through minimally invasive treatments, also introduced a new slate of officers.

“There is no question that interventional radiology continues to revolutionize modern medicine,” said Murphy. “The 2011–12 Executive Council members will provide support and momentum for SIR members engaged in state-of-the-art research, clinical trials and studies that may lead to treatments that could become the new paradigm for patient care,” he added. “Interventional radiology’s high-quality, minimally invasive treatments ensure patients a better quality of life with less recuperation, less time away from work and excellent outcomes in many disease states,” stated Murphy.

Murphy, who holds a patent for a stent graft system, is widely published and has authored and co-authored numerous scientific articles that have appeared in medical journals, including SIR’s flagship publication, the *Journal of Vascular and Interventional Radiology*. He has contributed to pieces on angiography, cardiovascular care, stenting and deep vein thrombosis, among many others. Murphy has been active within SIR on numerous committees and has written many times for SIR on the logistics of clinical practice. He has served as a distinguished reviewer and associate editor for *JVIR*.

SIR’s 2011–12 officers include

- President-elect **Marshall Hicks**, M.D., FSIR, University of Texas M.D. Anderson Cancer Center, Houston;
- Secretary **Scott C. Goodwin**, M.D., FSIR, University of California Irvine Medical Center, Orange, Calif.;
- Treasurer **Charles E. Ray, Jr.**, M.D., FSIR, University of Colorado, Denver, Colo.; and
- Immediate Past President **James F. Benenati**, M.D., FSIR, Baptist Cardiac and Vascular Institute, Miami, Fla.

Executive Council councilors include **George A. Fueredi**, M.D., FSIR, Great Lakes Radiologists, Lake Geneva, Wis., health policy and economics; **Gordon McLennan**, M.D., FSIR, Cleveland Clinic, Cleveland, Ohio, SIR Foundation chair; **Mahmood K. Razavi**, M.D., St. Joseph Vascular Institute, Orange, Calif., Annual Scientific Meeting; **Daniel Siragusa**, M.D., Shands Jacksonville, Jacksonville, Fla., graduate medical education; **Brian Funaki**, M.D., FSIR, University of Chicago, Chicago, Ill., post-graduate medical education; **Matthew S. Johnson**, M.D., FSIR, Indiana University School of Medicine, Indianapolis, member services; and **Sanjoy Kundu**, M.D., FSIR, Vein Institute of Toronto, Toronto, Ontario, Canada, standards.

Councilors-at-large include **Suresh Vedantham**, M.D., FSIR, Mallinckrodt Institute of Radiology, Saint Louis, Mo.; **R. Torrance Andrews**, M.D., FSIR, Swedish Medical Center, First Hill Campus and Seattle Radiologists, Seattle, Wash.; and **Jeff H. Geschwind**, M.D., FSIR, Johns Hopkins Hospital, Baltimore, Md. Ex officio members include **John D. Fulco**, M.D., FSIR, Schenectady Radiologists P.C., Schenectady, N.Y., AMA delegate, and **Ziv J Haskal**, M.D., FSIR, University of Maryland School of

Medicine and University of Maryland Medical Center, Baltimore; Journal of Vascular and Interventional Radiology editor.

More information about the Society of Interventional Radiology, interventional radiologists and how to find an interventional radiologist in your area can be found online at www.SIRweb.org.

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About the Society of Interventional Radiology

Interventional radiologists are physicians who specialize in minimally invasive, targeted treatments. They offer the most in-depth knowledge of the least invasive treatments available coupled with diagnostic and clinical experience across all specialties. They use X-ray, MRI and other imaging to advance a catheter in the body, such as in an artery, to treat at the source of the disease internally. As the inventors of angioplasty and the catheter-delivered stent, which were first used in the legs to treat peripheral arterial disease, interventional radiologists pioneered minimally invasive modern medicine. Today, interventional oncology is a growing specialty area of interventional radiology. Interventional radiologists can deliver treatments for cancer directly to the tumor without significant side effects or damage to nearby normal tissue.

Many conditions that once required surgery can be treated less invasively by interventional radiologists. Interventional radiology treatments offer less risk, less pain and less recovery time compared to open surgery. Visit www.SIRweb.org.

The Society of Interventional Radiology is holding its 36th Annual Scientific Meeting March 26–31 at McCormick Place (West Building) in Chicago, Ill. The theme of the meeting is “IR Rising: Leading Image-guided Medicine,” chosen to reflect interventional radiology’s continued revolutionizing of modern medicine.

Local interviews and photos are available by contacting SIR’s communications department staff: Ellen Acconcia, SIR communications manager/practice areas, eacconcia@SIRweb.org, (703) 460-5582, or Maryann Verrillo, SIR director of communications and public relations, mverrillo@SIRweb.org, (703) 460-5572.