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Previewing the SIR 2022 Annual Scientific Meeting

The SIR 2022 Annual Scientific Meeting in Boston is drawing near, and Annual Meeting Chair Nadine Abi-Jaoudeh, MD, FSIR spoke with us to share some of this year's highlights. As the first in-person annual meeting in three years, this year's gathering emphasizes collaboration, with expanded hands-on workshops and discussion-based sessions designed to facilitate interaction between attendees. This type of programming also encourages the networking and spontaneous conversations that make the annual meeting such a valuable resource.

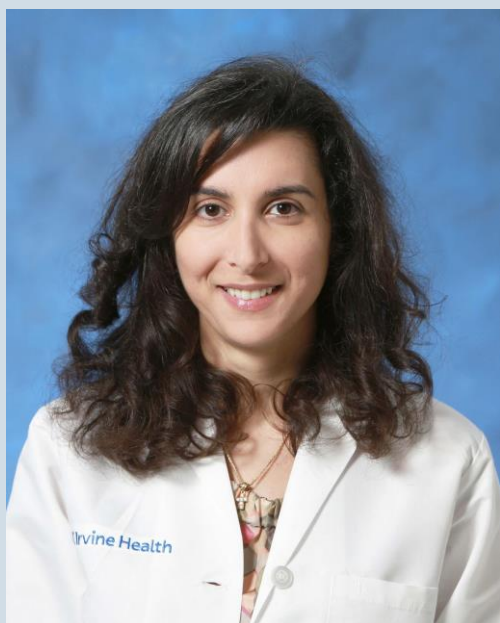
In planning the meeting, the committee has also been focused on encouraging diversity, both by seeking out diverse representation among speakers and by expanding special interest programming from SIR's sections, including the Underrepresented Minorities Section (URM) and Women in IR (WIR) Section. Additionally, nonphysician programming has increased, with targeted pathways for our PA, NP and PhD colleagues.

Attendees can expect to see highly innovative scientific program this year. The Annual Meeting Committee received a record-breaking number of submissions for abstracts and sessions, exceeding pre-pandemic levels! The use of metrics to evaluate outcomes of current treatment strategies is another main topic of the scientific program. These scientific topics will be reflected at the expo, as well.

And finally, look forward to a renewed favorite as well as an exciting new addition to the agenda! This year will feature the much-anticipated return of the film panel and the introduction of wellness sessions, with the goal of providing time and activities that encourage attendees to take a moment to relax and focus on self-care.

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Spotlight: Nadine Abi-Jaoudeh, MD, FSIR



Nadine Abi-Jaoudeh, MD, FSIR is chief of interventional radiology and director of clinical research at University of California Irvine Health. She completed her medical degree at the University of Montreal Medical School in Montreal, Québec. She then completed her internship and diagnostic radiology residency at the University of Laval Medical School in Québec City, and her fellowship training in interventional radiology at the University of Virginia School of Medicine in Charlottesville, Va. Out of fellowship, she joined the NIH as a staff clinician in the clinical center where she served as a principal investigator on several translation clinical protocols prior to relocating to the West Coast. She is a member of the Royal Canadian College of Radiology, a Fellow of SIR, deputy editor of the *Journal of Vascular and Interventional Radiology*, chair of the SIR Foundation's clinical trials and registry

division and is currently serving as this year's SIR Annual Meeting Chair. She describes some of her most influential mentors as her teachers but also her own colleagues and finds solace in that camaraderie. As chief of a busy department, she gives the following advice: "Do not underestimate the politics," and "do not respond quickly to anything that elicits a lot of emotion." As this year's annual meeting chair, she is most excited to see her colleagues, emphasizing that a lot of this year's programming centers around the meeting being in-person.

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Updates to the Pregnancy Toolkit

The SIR Pregnancy Toolkit has recently been updated, featuring two new Perspectives pages. One features the personal experiences of women who have had children during training, touching on issues related to pregnancy and early parenthood. The second highlights topics related to work-life balance as a parent, sharing the various aspects of the day-to-day lives of different women.

InspIRED Women: Women in IR's program at the 2022 SIR Annual Scientific Meeting

Join us in Boston on June 12 for an exciting Women in IR program! Paula Novelli, MD, FSIR, has planned an exciting interactive program this year with sessions that are relevant to women at all career stages. Opening with a session on developing tools for resiliency in the IR suite, the program will focus on the unique needs of women physicians and the situational stresses we face. The next session will explore how gender affects our role in the workplace from the perspective of both female and male bosses and the uniquely female role of being a leader and friend in the IR suite. We will also discuss how to handle issues surrounding inequity and harassment in the workplace. Following these two didactic sessions, a workshop on interviewing for success and building your personal brand will provide tools for IRs in both academic and private practice settings to grow their career. The final session shifts gears to the necessity of industry partners, providing practical advice on industry funded trials and showing how this partnership with industry leads to better patient care.

An annual favorite returns on Monday, June 13: the Women in IR InspIRED Lecture and Luncheon. Dean of the University of Virginia Medical School, Melina Kibbe, MD, FACS, FAHA will join us to present "Pathways to leadership for women in academic medicine: strategies to overcome real and perceived barriers." Additionally, the Women in IR Champion Award will be presented during the luncheon. We hope to see you all there!

Upcoming events

June 11–16: SIR 2022 Annual
Scientific Meeting

June 12: SIR Foundation Gala

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