International Meeting Affiliation Policy
Society of Interventional Radiology

SIR is a globally engaged society that supports the knowledge exchange of clinical skills, technical expertise, and practice experience in the unique specialty of interventional radiology. The following defines the current options for SIR’s international meeting affiliations. SIR will consider invitations and opportunities for international meeting engagement based on their relation to the mission of the Society, which is to improve patient care through image-guided therapy. SIR supports the growth and expansion of interventional radiology so that it becomes accessible to patients around the world.

International Collaborative Meeting
An International Collaborative meeting is one in which one or more international society(ies) invite SIR to collaborate with them on their national or local meeting. A member or members of the SIR International Steering Committee or SIR Leadership will represent SIR and provide input to the meeting program. Control of the program and responsibility for the arrangements will rest solely with the international host society(ies).

Requirements of International Collaborative Meetings:
SIR may designate specific IR leaders who have been invited to speak as SIR delegates or ambassadors, and may elect to cover some travel expenses of the official Society representative(s) based on prior approval and budget. The host organization will be requested to share in covering the travel expenses. SIR will have no other fiscal involvement in the meeting, and no SIR CME credit will be provided. When no host society is sponsoring the meeting, the request will be considered on a case by case basis by the International Steering Committee. This policy is intended to apply to international meetings outside the US and is not intended to apply to US based meetings that expand to international locations.

SIR must review and approve all marketing and promotion of International Collaborative meetings BEFORE publication and/or release of any materials. The SIR collaborative meeting graphic should be used with SIR’s prior approval. Other collaborative requests from the host society in relation to the meeting, or for future meetings, will be considered on a case-by-case basis by the International Steering Committee. It should not be anticipated or expected that SIR International Collaborative meeting agreements will be reciprocal in nature.

SIR will list the meeting in the International section of the SIR website, include it on the SIR Calendar, and in the calendar section of the SIR member newsletter, Guidewire.

Joint Symposia
International collaborative meetings are also eligible to solicit SIR’s participation in a joint symposia which is an educational session typically held before or during a conference or the annual meeting of the requesting organization. Topics and speakers are to be mutually agreed upon by both organizations. The goal is to providing IRs around the world with critical updates in the field of interventional radiology and an opportunity to share knowledge of regional diseases and treatment approaches.
Requirements of joint symposia:

- Host must satisfy requirements and adhere to promotion rules outlined in the SIR International Collaborative Meeting policy.
- Full or partial reimbursement by the host for US leaders/speakers is required; SIR may elect to cover some travel expenses based on prior approval and budget.
- Typically includes speakers from both SIR and the requesting organization.
- This could also take the form of a “{Host Meeting} Meets SIR” session of SIR’s choosing.

**International Invitational Meeting**

An International Invitational meeting is one held outside of the United States that has no formal affiliation with the SIR. Interventional Radiology leaders/speakers from the United States may be invited to participate by a host society either at their own expense or sponsored by the host society. SIR may designate specific IR leaders who have been invited to speak as SIR delegates or ambassadors. SIR will have no fiscal involvement in the meeting, and no SIR CME credit will be provided. When no host society exists, the request will be considered on a case by case basis by the International Steering Committee.

For all Invitational meetings, SIR will write an official letter acknowledging the meeting and recognizing it as an International Invitational Meeting. We will offer the host society the opportunity to republish the letter in their meeting materials and/or on their website. Additionally, upon request, we will offer the host society testimonial content from an SIR leader, which may also be used in their meeting materials and/or on their website.

SIR will list the meeting in the International section of the SIR website and include it on the SIR Calendar.

Approval: This policy has been approved by the Executive Council of the Society of Interventional radiology on _______.