

ISRRT COMMITTED TO RAISING THE PROFILE OF RADIOGRAPHERS WORLDWIDE

Radiographers play an essential role in the delivery of clinical care to patients. This was the message **Robert George**, president of the international Society of Radiographers and Radiological Technologists (ISRRT), delivered at the biennial meeting of the International Society of Radiology (ISR), held in Cape Town in September.

The professional group with most operational responsibility for radiation safety is the radiographers. Similarly, quality in diagnostic radiology requires good images with reasonable patient doses. Image quality and patient dose are easy to be measured, to be reported, and to be audited.

"Radiographers are an essential part of the team looking after patients. The role they play is sometimes underestimated and one of the goals of the ISRRT is to increase understanding and acceptance of the important functions they perform," said Robert George.

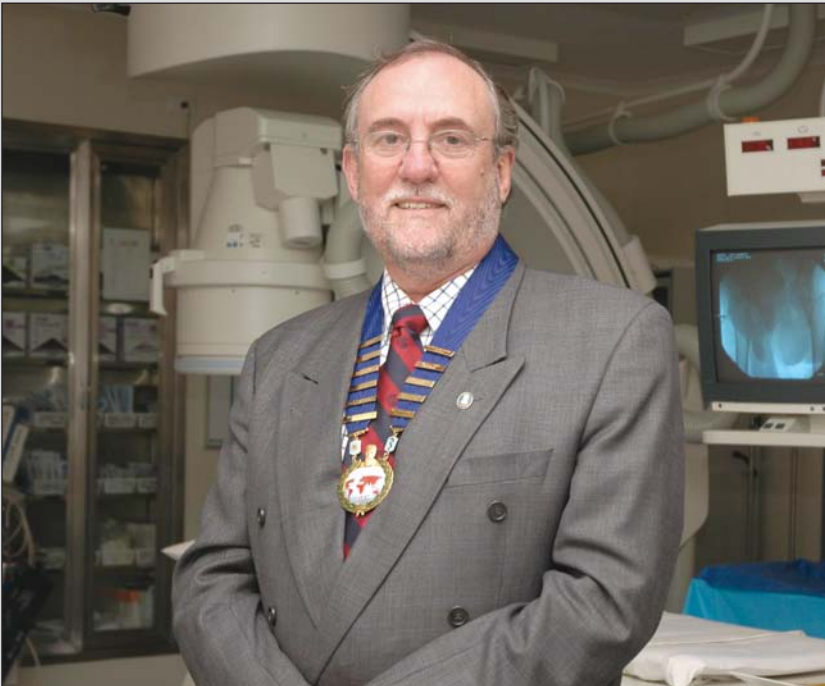
He added that the ISRRT understood the international scene and this enabled them to offer support to radiography societies in developing nations. Many nations, including those in South America, the Pacific region, and Eastern Europe, faced the same challenges and frustrations as radiographers in South Africa with regard to lack of equipment, lack of basic training and education, and lack of funding.

"The ISRRT has produced a comprehensive document on basic guidelines and standards that all countries can use as a template when developing policy and working with government health departments. This can be adapted to conform to local circumstances whilst ensuring that international standards of care are adhered to," said Robert George.

The ISRRT also assists member nations with basic education and training by using a mixture of the organisation's own infrastructure, local resources and outside resources as appropriate.

"We're also determined to help radiographers globally attain international standards of quality control and healthcare delivery. The focus of basic education is radiation protection, quality control and the introduction of and training on new technology," he added.

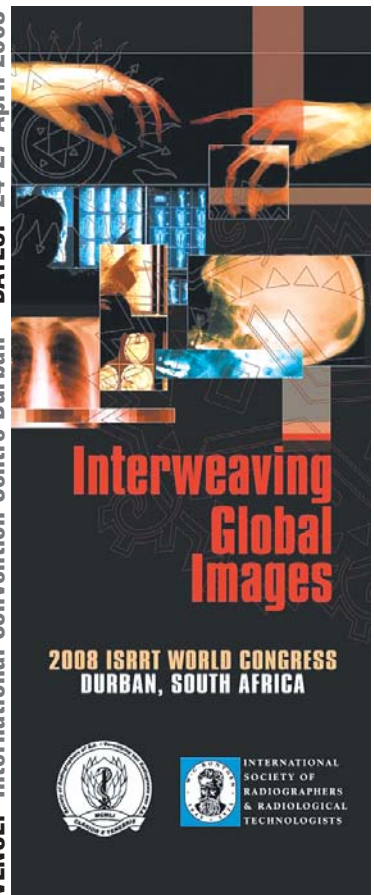
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