

## ASEAN Movement in Radiology

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# Many good reasons to attend “The 21st Asian Oceanian Congress of Radiology (AOCR)” in Bangkok, Thailand

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**Congress Title:**

The 21<sup>st</sup> AOCR and 59<sup>th</sup> RST-RCRT Congress

**Congress Theme:**

Redefining the possibilities in medical imaging

**Date:** 9-12 February 2023

**Congress Venue:** Centara Grand & Bangkok Convention Centre at CentralWorld

**Website:** [www.aocr2023.com](http://www.aocr2023.com)

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**Hosts:**

The Radiological Society of Thailand (RST)/  
The Royal College of Radiologists of Thailand (RCRT)

**Remark:**

2023 will celebrate the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of RST

**Why Thailand:**

- Strategic location in Southeast Asia
- 1<sup>st</sup> Asian holiday destination 2021
- 5<sup>th</sup> conference destination in Asia 2019
- Top 5 countries in the world with “ The hospitable host DNA”
- Thai Visa is exempted for 64 countries while the other 18 countries can apply for “Visa on Arrival”
- Easy and safe to get around the country as shops, restaurants, and convenient stores are mostly open 24/7
- Tourist service center can be found in many places of attractions throughout the country
- Hotline 1155 for any enquiries related to foreign visitors to Thailand
- Thailand’s response to the COVID-19 pandemic revealed the strength of its healthcare capacity

**Why Bangkok:**

- A bustling metropolis that truly represents Thai uniqueness
- Most Visited City in the world
- A gateway to the Kingdom of Thailand
- A knowledge hub of the country
- UNESCO Creative City of Design
- Ranked 13<sup>th</sup> among healthiest cities worldwide
- Smart city development amidst rich Thai culture and its age-old charm
- An important aviation hub with 2 international airports served by over 80 airlines linking 170 cities worldwide
- Only takes 40 minutes from the airport to downtown by car with the 35 USD airport limo rate or 10 USD taxi rate
- It is convenient and safe getting around Bangkok by BTS sky train and MRT underground. There is also a major bus network crisscrossing the city. Grab Taxi is also a popular option nowadays in metropolis area.



**Organizing Chairman:**  
Assistant Professor Jarturon Tantivatana, M.D.  
President, The Radiological Society of Thailand

### **Welcome Message:**

Dear colleagues,

On behalf of the Organizing Committee, we are pleased to invite you to the 21<sup>st</sup> Asian Oceanian Congress of Radiology (AOCR 2023) which will be held in conjunction with the 59th Annual Scientific Meeting of the Royal College of Radiologists of Thailand and the Radiological Society of Thailand, in Bangkok, Thailand.

The AOCR 2023 will be held at the Centara Grand and Bangkok Convention Center from February 9-12, 2023 under the theme “Redefining the Possibilities in Medical Imaging”. The venue is sitting in the heart of Bangkok with astounding surroundings, full facilities, convenient traveling and cozy accommodation.

Participants will have good chances to participate in on-site events again after a few years of pandemic restrictions and meet other international colleagues face to face in warm Thai hospitality. There will be many interesting radiology scientific sessions including diagnostic imaging, interventional radiology, application of artificial intelligence, radiation safety and evolving practice standards.

We look forward to welcoming you and appreciate your participation in the AOCR 2023.

Best wishes and see you in Bangkok.



**Scientific Chairman:**

Associated Professor Wiwatana Tanomkiat, M.D.  
President, The Royal College of Radiologists of Thailand

**Welcome Message:**

It is time to redefine the possibilities of medical imaging!

Challenges and opportunities are inevitably embedded to a crisis depending on which perspective we look at. During a couple of years of drowning in the COVID-19 pandemic, some existing concepts, means, work flows and tools failed to respond timely and effectively. Governments, industries, private sectors, and non-profit organizations have exerted all their efforts and resources to sustain the citizens' livelihood by ensuring the smallest rate of morbidities and mortalities of the people to their full potential. New products and innovations were introduced and accepted at an unprecedented speed. Apparently, imaging, and related informative technological systems, serving as an important part in health industries, plays an indispensable role in triaging, diagnosing and caring for the COVID-19 patients.

While the COVID-19 pandemic is still on-going, new knowledge and experiences are increasingly obtained. It is time to talk and share on the issue. The 21st AOCR in Bangkok, Thailand will provide the best opportunity in a friendly atmosphere for scientists, technologists and radiologists to share what they have acquired, what we should adopt and how we can adapt to improve our facilities in caring not only for COVID-19 patients but also patients inflicted with other diseases that threaten the health of people and burden the countries in Asia-Oceania.

Bangkok, the charming capital of Thailand, always hospitably invites people from around the world to experience the unique culture, world-class cuisine, and heartfelt hospitality in her almost 250-year-old history. Her beauty is at the peak in February when the weather is kind and the sun is warm. On behalf of the scientific committee, I encourage new technologies to be exhibited, new knowledge to be presented, and new relationships to be formed during 9-12 February 2023 in the 21<sup>st</sup> AOCR, Bangkok, Thailand. Again, I am certain that the 21<sup>st</sup> AOCR will provide the best time and place to redefine the possibilities of medical imaging in the future.



**Scientific Committee:**

Assistant Professor Theerapol Panyaping, M.D.

Assistant Professor Napapong Pongnapang, Ph.D



**Trade and Exhibition:**

Alongkorn Kiatdilokrat, M.D.



**Social Program:**

Associate Professor Dittapong Songsaeng, M.D.

Associate Professor Pittaya Dankulchai, M.D.

**Supportive organizations:**



- Nuclear Medicine Society of Thailand
- The Thai Medical Physicist Society
- The Thai Society of Radiological Technologists
- The Thai Society of Vascular and Interventional Radiology
- Thailand Convention and Exhibition Bureau
- Thailand Incentive and Convention Association
- Thai Hotels Association