



Dear SpRs

The American College of Radiology has taken the initiative to continue providing the four-week rad-path correlation course starting in January of 2011, after the last course is given at AFIP. The new AIRP rad-path course will be very similar to the AFIP course, with most of the faculty who taught at AFIP moving over to AIRP.

From January 2011 it will be the responsibility of each individual SpR to request and pay for the AIRP course in line with the time slot allocated with the Faculty of Radiologists timetable and after consultation with their individual hospital coordinator. While it is advised that SpRs take up the opportunity to attend this course, it is not a mandatory component of the curriculum.

The American College of Radiology (ACR) has launched the new website for the four-week radiologic pathology correlation course. The new ACR programme is the American Institute for Radiologic Pathology (AIRP) and the new website is www.AIRP.org.

The location of the new AIRP course will be the AFI Silver Theatre and Cultural Center in Silver Spring, MD. The Silver Theatre is less than two miles from Walter Reed Army Medical Center, so the accommodation that has been available in the past for AFIP attendees will still be viable for SpRs. The new location is a short walk from the Silver Spring Metro station.

Currently requested slots for AFIP courses from January 2011 must be paid by SpRs immediately otherwise AIRP cannot guarantee places. Individual payments for all future slots require payment once SpRs have confirmed a particular slot with their hospital coordinator and the Faculty.

SpRs can visit the new AIRP website at www.AIRP.org, and login using an ACR account to see the status of their slots and to learn more about the AIRP radiologic pathology correlation programmes. If SpRs do not have an ACR account, then once their AIRP slot is paid for, they will be able to access the AIRP programmes etc online.

SpRs can register for a slot and make an online payment by visiting www.AIRP.org and following the steps outlined below:

1. Use the "Log In" button at the top of the webpage and log in as an "Individual"
2. Complete the registration form as requested. The following details are required for completing the form:
Name of Programme: Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland
Programme Directors Name: Dr Ronan Browne
3. When choosing the fees section, please choose "Resident / Fellow"

Once the above registration is completed, you will be able to submit your details and make a payment online.

Yours sincerely

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