

SCIENTIFIC DISPLAY  
Competition Rules

I. AWARDS

First, second, third place and honorable mention awards will be offered in both graduate and student technologists categories. Awards will be made at the discretion of the judges.

II. ELIGIBILITY

- A. Graduate technologist category: Only members of the Missouri Society of Radiologic Technologists (MSRT) are eligible to compete. Student members may be designated as co-exhibitors if they have made a significant but secondary contribution to the work.
- B. Student technologist category: Only student members of the MSRT are eligible to compete. The exhibit must be the sole work of the student member(s).
- C. Displays which have previously been displayed at any other state and/or national radiological or technologist meeting will not be considered for an award. However, they may be displayed on a non-competitive basis.
- D. Displays must be an original presentation of the exhibitor(s).
  - 1. Evidence of plagiarism will constitute immediate disqualification.
  - 2. Copyrighted images and/or copies of images from books, journals, websites, etc. must be documented
  - 3. References may be included on the image, a separate sheet of paper, a portion of the display, or the reverse of the display.
- E. The president of the MSRT, the display chairman and the display judges are not eligible to compete.
- F. Material contributions by secondary sources for purposes of a display must be so noted.
- G. Only one display entry per contestant.

III. RULES FOR PRESENTATION OF DISPLAY

- A. Subject Matter
  - 1. Subject matter will be chosen by the contestant
  - 2. The subject matter must be pertinent to the science and/or practice of radiologic technology. For this purpose the term radiologic technology shall include all those modalities employed in the field of radiology for the diagnosis and/or treatment of disease.
  - 3. Subject matter should be of educational and/or practical value to other technologists.
- B. Mechanics
  - 1. All applications for displays must be sent by CERTIFIED MAIL and shall be POSTMARKED NO LATER THAN FEBRUARY 14. IF THIS DATE FALLS ON A SUNDAY THE DATE WILL EXTEND TO THE FOLLOWING MONDAY. PROOF OF CURRENT MSRT MEMBERSHIP or membership application and fees MUST accompany the exhibit application.
  - 2. **The title submitted on the application must appear on the display word for word. If not, the display will be disqualified from competition.**
  - 3. The MSRT will provide exhibit space for each display.
  - 4. Displays submitted for competition must not show any images or any markings on either side which could identify the contestant, patients, or institution in any way.
  - 5. Exhibit space will be assigned by the display chairman. A card displaying the name of the contestant and place of employment or training will be added to the display after judging is complete.
  - 6. No view boxes or any type of illuminator will be allowed in the display area. Available room light only may be used in the display. Electrical devices are prohibited.

7. Displays must be set up and taken down according to the rules for the conference. Displays must be set up by 8:00 p.m. on the first day of registration. Displays must remain on display until two (2) hours after the announcement of the winners. Displays must be down and removed from the display area by 5:00 p.m. the day following the award of ribbons. The display chairman may grant exceptions to this rule under unusual circumstances, such as emergencies.
8. Exhibits are limited in size to 72" long and 18" deep. Poster style displays are prohibited.

#### IV. JUDGING AND AWARDING OF PRIZES

- A. Three judges will be selected by the display chairman with the approval of the president of the MSRT.
- B. All protests regarding eligibility and/or rule violations must be lodged with the display chairman in writing and will be resolved prior to judging. No protests will be heard after judging is complete.
- C. Awards shall be made only to those displays receiving a minimum score of seventy-five (75) on a scale of one hundred (100) points from the average of the judges' scores.
- D. Results of judging shall be made known at the direction to the MSRT Board of Directors.
- E. Awarding of prizes shall be made at the banquet.
- F. Prizes will be decided on a yearly basis by the MSRT Board of Directors.
- G. Judging shall use the following scale:

CRITERIA	POINT VALUE
1. EDUCATIONAL VALUE	0 - 40
a. Contribution to higher standards.	
b. Illustration of new or unusual technology or practice.	
c. Treatment of current technology or practice from a historical perspective.	
d. Value to technologist with little experience or limited facilities.	
2. ORIGINALITY	0 - 20
a. Development of a new technique or idea.	
b. Improvement of existing methods or practices.	
c. Evidence of original investigative effort.	
d. Originality of display concept.	
3. PRACTICAL VALUE	0 - 20
a. Can information be used by most technologists to whom the display applies?	
b. Ease of application under current state-of-the-art.	
c. Will the display concept improve practice or standards as it is applied?	
4. TECHNICAL QUALITY AND PRESENTATION	0 - 20
a. Organization: Is material orderly and place in logical sequence?	
b. Visual Material: Do visual materials effectively promote understanding of the display?	
c. Text: Is the text neat, clear, easy to read and free from error?	
d. Esthetic appeal: Overall appearance and neatness of models, illustrations and graphics.	

#### V. DEADLINE

Only applications sent **CERTIFIED** mail and postmarked by **Monday, February 15, 2010** will be accepted. Applications postmarked after this date will be returned to the sender. **NO EXCEPTIONS WILL BE MADE!**

