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New York City: July 24, 2008. In an email dated July 17, 2008 addressed to James F. Coffin, President of ARMRIT, Leonard Lucey, ACR Legal Counsel and Senior Director indicated that the ACR MRI Accreditation Committee has recognized the Registry as a bonafide certifying body for MRI technologists who have satisfied its requirements and passed its computer-based examination.

The email communication from Lucey reads as follows: "we have completed our review and the MRI Accreditation Committee has approved ARMRIT certification as meeting the accreditation requirements for MR technologists. In the next couple of days we will make the change in our accreditation requirements posted on our web site. But as of now your certified MR techs are qualified under the accreditation program."

According to one ARMRIT certified technologist "this recognition levels the playing field in the hiring of MRI trained technologists and at the same time it helps alleviate the apparent shortage of such technologists especially in the private free standing sectors." The tech expressed thanks and appreciation to ARMRIT for its unrelenting interest and efforts on behalf of MRI technologists.

Another technologist was quoted as saying it gives "me more confidence now to go to interviews without having to defend my ARMRIT certified credentials."

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ARMRIT Third Annual Meeting to Be Held In Las Vegas, Nevada

Las Vegas, NV: July 22, 2008. The third annual meeting of the Registry will be held at the Stirling Club, which is the community club of the four Turnberry Towers on Paradise Road located just across the Las Vegas Hilton Hotel. The meeting dates are October 16-18, 2008 and a total of 16 CME credits are offered for this meeting. The names of featured speakers and their topics are on page 4.

This venue was chosen because of its excellent facilities, unique location, in that it is within walking distance to the Strip and at the same time away from the always vibrant and tempting atmosphere of a hotel casino. The in-house restaurant where the buffet style lunch and breakfast are to be served and cocktail reception are managed by the Charlie Trotter Group from Chicago.

The Registry, based on early registrants, expects to experience possibly the best turnout of all its meetings. The two day meeting with a 16-hour CME accreditation will feature 11 invited speakers. The topics as can be gleaned on page 4 are wide ranging and cover subjects of interest, not least of which are clinical applications of MRI procedures given by clinicians who use the modality.

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NEW ARMRIT APPROVED SCHOOLS

American Institute of Medical Sciences & Education, South Plainfield, NJ, www.aimsedu.com

Southwest Career Institute, El Paso, TX

www.swci-ep.com

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The acceptance and recognition of ARMRIT further implies that third party carriers will reimburse centers that employ the Registry's certified technologists without any proviso or qualification effective July 17, 2008.

Negotiations with the ACR principals commenced at a meeting in New York City on March 25, 2008 amongst the ACR principals represented by Leonard Lucey, Pamela Wilcox, ACR Assistant Executive Director and Krista Bush, ACR Director of Non-Breast Accreditation Programs and ARMRIT principals, namely James F Coffin, President, Wilfrido M. Sy, MD, Executive Director and Charles Fiore, Legal Counsel. Minutes of that meeting were taken, distributed to all concerned and were duly accepted by both sides as correct transcriptions (*interested ARMRIT techs may request in writing for a copy of the minutes if so desired*). It was three months later following the provision of additional data requested of ARMRIT that the ACR recognition was voted on unanimously. The recognition by the ACR is followed later by the listing of ARMRIT in its website (www.acr.org) as a bonafide certifying organization.

This momentous decision by the ACR was well received by the members of ARMRIT Board. Implications were discussed and the need to adhere to the standard of excellence already established by the Registry must be monitored and maintained. The full board expressed its deep appreciation to the ACR MRI Accreditation Committee and the ACR itself. W.M. Sy, MD, Executive Director

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ACR Principals to Attend Annual Meeting

Three members of the ACR accreditation committee, upon invitation to attend the Annual meeting have recently indicated that they will be happy to attend. Leonard Lucey, Legal Counsel and Senior Director of Quality & Safety, Theresa Branham, Program Manager of MR Accreditation, Dr. Joe Borelli, MR Accreditation Committee Chair, expressed acceptance of the Registry's invitation. This turns a new page in the interrelationship between the two independent organizations and is indeed a very welcome event.
ARMRIT Board of Directors

CME CREDITS are MANDATORY!

The Continuing Medical Education (CME) credit requirement for MRI Technologists certified by the ARMRIT is 12 credits biennially (2 years) or 6 credits per year. The CME lectures attended must be on subjects directly related to MRI and/or MRI patient care.

Failure to take the minimum required CME credits within the two year renewal period will lead to the downgrading of Registry status to probational status. Failure to show evidence for more than three calendar years will result in revocation of status. James F. Coffin, President

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New Technologist Qualification Requirements for ACR MRI Accreditation

The ACR Committee on MR Accreditation announces that technologists certified by the American Registry of MRI Technologists (ARMRIT) are now recognized as meeting the accreditation qualifications for MRI facilities accredited by the ACR.

For inquiries, call the ACR accreditation hotline at 800-770-0145 and choose MR/CT. The new MRI and cardiac MRI requirements can be found on the ACR Web site's [MRI accreditation page](#).

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Directions from Airport: 1: Start out going EAST on WAYNE NEWTON BLVD. <0.1 miles.
2: WAYNE NEWTON BLVD becomes S SWENSON ST. 1.7 miles.
3: Turn LEFT onto E NAPLES DR. <0.1 miles.
4: Turn RIGHT onto PARADISE RD. 2.2 miles to Turnberry Place

For Accommodations at Hilton Grand Vacations Club: Call Group Reservations at 1-877-651-4482 or email all reservation information to rentalreservationslv@hgvc.com and request the ARMRIT Group rate.

Program Schedule: Thursday Oct. 16 7pm – 9pm Cocktail Reception
Friday Oct. 17 7am – 5pm Lecture Series – Breakfast & Lunch Provided
Saturday Oct. 18 7am – 5pm Lecture Series – Breakfast & Lunch Provided

Accreditation: Approved by the AHRA for: **16 Category A**, ARRT continuing education credits – Reference LEC 2334

Lectures: “Abdominal MRI” Diagnostic & Treatment Modalities”, “Clinical Implications of CT vs. MRI”, “Contrast enhanced MRA/MRV-vs.-Non-Contrast enhanced MRA/MRV”, “Diffusion Tensor Imaging (DTI)”, “fMRI”, “MRI Imaging of the Breast”, “MR Spectroscopy: Is it really that much different from Imaging”, “An MR Evolution: From Clinical Healthcare to Research Imaging Environments”. “Introduction to the Principles of MR Spectroscopy”.

Speakers: Adeel Abbas, MS, ARMRIT, Alberto Cayton, MD, Francis Collini, MD, FACS, Stephen Dashnaw, BS, ARMRIT, Bradley Newcomer, PhD, Thomas Schrack, BS, ARMRIT, Robert L. Smith III, ARMRIT, R.T.(R)(MR), Tim Smith, ARMRIT, Tim Troncale, RT, ARMRIT, William Woodward, ARMRIT, Rehan Zaheer, ARMRIT

SPECIAL NEEDS: If you have any special needs or dietary requirements, please let us know so that we may do our best to accommodate you. Contact ARMRIT at 718-347-8690 or e-mail ARMRIT@msn.com

Cancellation Policy: A refund (less a \$75 administrative fee) will be made for any cancellations made in writing prior to September 1, 2008. No refunds after September 1, 2008.

Fill Out the Registration Form on Page 7 or Visit www.armrit.org and Register On-line Click on the Acteva Box.

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ARMRIT MRI TECHNOLOGIST EXAMINATION APPLICATION

PRINT CLEARLY - AN INCOMPLETE APPLICATION WILL BE RETURNED.

Name: _____ M or F ____ DOB: _____
Address: _____ E-Mail: _____
City: _____ State: ____ Zip Code: _____ Phone: _____
Soc. Sec. # _____ MRI Clinical Experience: (in years or hours) _____

MRI Employer or MRI Clinical Facility: _____
Address: _____ City: _____ State: ____ Zip Code: _____
Employer Phone: _____ Medical Director or Supervisor: _____

MRI School, Diplomas, Certificates: _____

MRI Equipment Experience (manufacturer, model, field strength, software): _____

Have you ever been convicted of a felony or Misdemeanor? (Circle one) YES or NO
If YES, submit details for review by the Board of Directors.

Signature of Applicant: _____ Date: _____

Payment Options: Check ___ Money Order ___ Make check or MO payable to: **ARMRIT**

Mail Application To: 8815 Commonwealth Blvd. **Fee:** (Non-refundable): \$300
Bellerose, NY 11426 Includes Study Guide for
First-Time Applicants Only!

Note: Do Not Send Certified!

Pay by Credit Card: (check one) MasterCard ____ Visa ____ American Express ____
Discover ____ ATM Card ____

Card Number: _____ Expiration Date: _____

Authorized Signature: _____

Valid as of: 08/01/08

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The Application and Examination Process

- 1) Fill out all areas of the ARMRIT MRI Technologist Examination Application completely.
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- 2) Pay the Application Fee (\$300) by check, money order or **credit card**.
- 3) Include all necessary documentation such as; resume (CV), diplomas, certificates, notarized and recommendation letters.
- 4) Evaluation of foreign education (**if applicable**).
- 5) Send all documentation to the: **ARMRIT**.
8815 Commonwealth Blvd.
Bellerose, NY 11426 **Note: Do Not Send Certified!**
- 6) Once all the above documentation is received and reviewed the Applicant will receive either an 'Application Review Letter' or a 'Letter of Authorization'.
- 7) An 'Application Review Letter' informs the Applicant to provide required documents that were not included in their application package. Once all required documents are received a 'Letter of Authorization' will be processed.
- 8) The 'Letter of Authorization' allows the Candidate to make an appointment with LaserGrade Computer Testing. An appointment must be made within *forty-five (45) days of the date of the Letter of Authorization. LaserGrade testing fees are separate from the Application Fee. **The first-time candidate must sit for all three (3) parts of the exam.**
- 9) Upon completion of the exam, immediately fax the result sheet to the ARMRIT office: 718-347-8691.
- 10) If all three sections are passed, an ARMRIT certificate and ID card will be processed and mailed to you.
- 11) If any or all sections were failed, a retake application and will be sent to you and must be filled out and sent to the Registry **with applicable fees** within thirty (30) days of the date of the LaserGrade result sheet.
- 12) The maximum attempts to pass all three sections are three (3). Failure to pass within three (3) attempts requires the candidate to enroll in a MRI review class or MRI program and start the application process over.

***A CANDIDATE WHO FAILS TO SIT WITHIN THE 45 DAY PERIOD MUST START THE APPLICATION PROCESS AGAIN!**

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THIRD ANNUAL MEETING REGISTRATION FORM

Name ARMRIT Certificate# / Non-ARMRIT

Address

City, State/Province, Zip/Postal Code, Country

Telephone Fax

E-mail

Emergency Contact Name and Telephone

Registration Fees:

May 1, 2008 – On site

ARMRIT Tech		\$225	\$
ARMRIT Tech	Oct. 17 Only!	\$150	\$
ARMRIT Tech	Oct. 18 Only!	\$150	\$
Non-ARMRIT		\$250	\$
Non-ARMRIT	Oct. 17 Only!	\$175	\$
Non-ARMRIT	Oct. 18 Only!	\$175	\$

Total \$ _____

Payment Options: Check ___ Money Order ___ Check or MO payable to: **ARMRIT**

Credit Card: (check one) MasterCard ___ Visa ___ American Express ___ Discover ___ ATM Card ___

Card Number: _____ Expiration Date: _____

Name of Cardholder (Print): _____

Authorized Signature: _____ Date: _____

Detach Page & Mail Registration Form To: 8815 Commonwealth Blvd. or Fax: 718-347-8691
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