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Chris Kokkinos began his radiography career in 1994 after graduating from the RMIT University in Melbourne, Australia with a Bachelor of Applied Science (Medical Imaging). Following his graduation Chris worked in all areas of radiography until 1996 when he was first given the opportunity to train and work in MRI. The allure proved too much and since that time Chris has concentrated his efforts solely on MR. In 2001, Chris completed post graduate studies in MRI at the British Columbia Institute of Technology and later that same year was appointed MR Supervisor at the Royal Melbourne Hospital in Australia. In 2004, Chris attended the ISMRM/SMRT International meeting in Kyoto where he first became a member of the SMRT - he has been a member ever since. Along with his clinical work, Chris is also active in many research

areas. His first scientific abstract "*MRI Biomarkers for Quantifying Brain Tumour Perfusion*" was accepted as a poster submission at the ISMRM Annual Meeting in Toronto (2008). Since then, Chris has co-authored and presented five additional posters at ISMRM meetings in Stockholm (2010), Montreal (2011) and Melbourne (2012). In 2010, he was a co-author of a study looking at the white and gray matter changes in patients with Niemann-Pick disease published in the *Journal of Neurology*. Chris has been an invited speaker at many educational meetings for MR technologists, radiologists and MR nursing staff - presenting on a diverse range of clinical topics such as functional MRI, breast MRI, MR-guided breast biopsy techniques, MR enterography and MRI of the pelvis and abdomen. He has also served on the faculty of a number of local clinical MRI training courses, such as the Melbourne Advanced Neuro-Imaging symposium, the TNI Breast MRI Intensive Training course for Radiologists and the TNI Pelvis MRI Intensive Training course. In 2010, Chris was an invited speaker at the 19th Annual SMRT meeting in Stockholm where he presented "Techniques to Optimise Breast MRI and Breast Biopsy." Chris has experienced firsthand the benefits and positive influence that continuing education through organisations like the SMRT can have on MR technologists and understands the flow on effect that this has on our profession. He is in turn passionate about sharing his knowledge and sees the importance of keeping MR technologists up to date with MRI matters. Chris is honoured to have received this nomination to the SMRT Policy Board and hopes that his clinical and research experience together with his enthusiasm for continuing education in MR will allow him to make a valuable contribution to the board and membership of the organisation.