



## **Filip De Ridder R.T.(MR), R.N., Brussels, Belgium**

Filip De Ridder R.T.(MR), R.N., Brussels, Belgium. Filip received his B.S. degree in Nursery in 1986. Additional courses were followed to become a Radiological Technologist at the end of the eighties. He began his career at the University Hospital of the Free University of Brussels, Belgium, in 1988. When his hospital installed the second MR scanner in Belgium, Filip was one of the first MRI technologists in his country. At the beginning he worked as a staff technologist and discovered his interests and passion for research in the field of MRI. Supplementary courses were followed in basics and advanced MRI techniques; in 1991 he became the Chief Technologist of the MRI department. Today, the University has 4 clinical MRI systems. During his career Filip coordinated more than a dozen research projects, has 19 publications in peer-reviewed international journals and more than 40 poster and oral presentations at international scientific meetings. It was in 1999 that he became involved with the SMRT. Quickly he recognized the importance of such an organization and was impressed by the mission of the SMRT, especially the worldwide educational platform for MR technologists. He attended his first annual meeting in Denver 2000 with an oral presentation. Since then he presented several oral and poster presentations on the next coming annual SMRT meetings. In 2005 he won the 1 Place clinical focus award at the Miami annual meeting. In 2006 he was very pleased to receive the 2 Place clinical focus award. At the Berlin annual meeting in 2007 he was an invited speaker. During the 2000 decennium he wrote four articles for the SMRT magazine: Signals. From 2007 till 2010 he was the chair of the Membership Committee at the Police Board. During that period he did a big effort to increase the amount of SMRT members. During the first two years of his chair he was able to increase the SMRT membership by 10%. Another big task at that moment was the reviewing and updating the Membership Application Form. His third mission was stimulating the Non-Voting members to become a Voting member. Filip is still grateful to his Membership Committee members for their help and support. After his police board period he was an active member of many committees; for example he served in 2009-2010 in the Bylaws-, Finance-, and Nomination committee. In 2011-2012 he was part of the Membership- and Finance committee. Last year he served in the Local Chapter Committee. During his police board period he started organizing local SMRT meetings in Belgium, the first ever SMRT meeting held in Belgium was in the spring of 2008 with an excellent turnover of 230 participants. This meeting was quickly followed by another meeting in the autumn of the same year. In 2009 he established a Regional Chapter, which is known as the SMRT Benelux Chapter. From 2009 till 2013 Filip was the Present of this BeNeLux Chapter and today he serves as the treasurer. In general, the BeNeLux chapter has an average of 150 participant's per annual meeting. In 2012 Filip became a member of a local Belgium organization which has the aim to coach MR technologists in the Middle East. As the SMRT is a global community he spreads the mission and benefits of the SMRT organization all over the Middle East. In 2013, he has been honoured as a Fellow of the Section. Today, he is very pleased to be nominated as a candidate, and due to his previous experience he knows the Policy SOP's. Filip very motivated to serve and work as a Policy Board member for the SMRT and his members.