



## **James J. Stuppino, B.S., R.T.(R)(MR)**

Jim has been a member and actively involved in the SMRT since 1996. He is currently a member of the SMRT Policy Board and was chosen by the SMRT President to serve as the Executive Member for 2013/2014 & 2014/2015. One of his responsibilities as Executive Member is to plan the ISMRM/SMRT Joint forum and the 2014 topic was on PET/MRI. The 2015 topic is still in discussion. He was instrumental in helping the SMRT.org web address to aid in developing better name recognition and a stronger web presence. He also served as a member of the SMRT Policy Board from 2001 to 2004 and was the Program Chair for the Thirteenth Annual SMRT Meeting in Kyoto, Japan. While on the Policy Board, he served as the

2004 Regionals Committee Chair and served on the RCEEM Ad-Hoc Committee, Education Committee and 2005 & 2006 Program committees. He was elected the technologist representative on the MRI Sub-committee from the Joint Review Committee on Education in Radiologic Technology (JRCERT). The committee is responsible for review of program accreditation materials and makes accreditation recommendations to the full Board of Directors. Jim currently lectures at, International, Regional and Local chapter meetings for the SMRT and other prestigious organizations on all current topics dealing with Human & Veterinary MRI.

Jim currently is President and CEO of AnimalScan, LLC & Vice President of Warren Radiology MRI, LLC. Jim received his Bachelor of Science degree with a minor in management from College Misericordia in 1990. While attending College Misericordia he received the Rho Tau Scholarship award for clinical excellence and was elected to the Phi Sigma Beta and Kappa Gamma Phi National Honor Societies. He was also elected to Who's Who among students in American Colleges and Universities. As president & CEO, Mr. Stuppino directly oversees all facility financial & business operations. He was actively involved with Siemens Medical Systems testing new hardware and software on both Open and High Field MR Systems. He co-authored multiple research projects. One entitled "MR Imaging of Exercise Skeletal Muscle: An Atlas of Functional Anatomy", won a cum laude award at the Radiologic Society of North America and was then published in the CMRS newsletter. It also won an award at the Pennsylvania Radiologic Society. The August 1, 2001 Journal of Cancer published another of Jim's research projects entitled, "Improved Accuracy in Differentiating Malignant from Benign Mammographic Abnormalities." Currently he and his company are working with the Marine Mammal Center in California to provide MR Imaging of the California Sea Lions for detection of Domoic Acid Toxicity. Jim has been actively involved in technologist education and lecturing. He has been an adjunct professor at College Misericordia in Dallas, PA and Northampton Community College in Bethlehem, PA teaching courses on preparation for the ARRT MRI Boards.

Mr. Stuppino has seen a decline in outpatient human imaging over the past eight years with the introduction of the 2006 Deficit Reduction Act. Mr. Stuppino's expertise and knowledge of developing and operating human imaging centers led to the purchase and development of the first AnimalScan facility in January 2008. The facility was an instant success. Breaking projections in the third month of operations. It solidified his goal of developing a network of AnimalScan facilities across the country. Not more than 6 months later he was approached by Proctor & Gamble to purchase The IAM's PET Imaging centers. The facilities were close to bankruptcy and within 16 months time he turned all the centers around to be highly profitable and without any debt. AnimalScan continues to flourish adding 3-4 new facilities per year.

If elected President of the SMRT, Jim would focus on enhancing the tremendous growth potential of the SMRT and helping develop more exciting educational opportunities on both the web and international meetings. Plus maximizing the educational benefits of technologist members while striving to keep costs lower than other educational organizations.