

Regarding FASORS. I

I have read the comments of Dr. Henry N. Wagner, Jr. published in the June 1979 issue (1) of the *Journal* and I was particularly struck by the importance of his suggestion that a Federation of American Societies of Radiological Sciences be formed. I would strongly urge that such an approach be given serious consideration by all of the societies involved in imaging. As you are well aware, there is virtually no radiologic science representation on the councils of the National Institutes of Health and very little on the study sections outside of the Radiation Study Section at this time. One result has been that the single institute delegated by the congress to be responsible for the development of the radiological sciences, namely the National Institute of General Science, has never developed an inventory or a glossary of research in the radiologic sciences, or organized a conference to look to the future. Worse yet, it has failed to develop a creative programmatic approach to research and development in the imaging sciences. To my knowledge, NIGMNS has never used the RFP or RFA mechanism so commonly employed by all other institutes in those areas that are fertile grounds for new developments.

Aside from providing a vehicle for exchanging ideas among the various imaging disciplines, such a federation could mount a powerful and coordinated attack on government and would represent a far broader constituency than any of the single societies is able to do today. It could enlarge the Washington representation of the imaging disciplines, make certain that the Senate and the House heard from us systematically, and join with Don Fredrickson in exploring some of the problems that confront the radiologic sciences today.

There has to be a starting point for such a venture, and perhaps the Society of Nuclear Medicine might take the lead. Meanwhile,

you may be certain that I will communicate with my colleagues in other areas of imaging and indicate my own convictions in this matter.

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REFERENCE

1. Wagner HN, Jr: Time for a FASORS? *J Nucl Med* 20:581-582, 1979

Regarding FASORS. II

I would like to join Dr. Herbert Abrams in enthusiastically endorsing Dr. Henry Wagner's letter. Dr. Wagner's proposal that a Federation of American Societies of Radiological Sciences be formed is of tremendous importance at this particular time. There is a need for the NIH and the government to deal with a united group of radiologic imagers. Such an organization is needed not only for research grants and for equitable consideration when legislative proposals are made, but also to ensure that there are career development awards and young investigators awards for people entering radiologic imaging. In words so often repeated but still quoteable "If we don't hang together, we will be hanged separately".

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