



SOCIETY OF  
**CARDIOVASCULAR**  
COMPUTED TOMOGRAPHY

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**SOCIETY OF CARDIOVASCULAR COMPUTED TOMOGRAPHY  
(SCCT) ANNOUNCES NEW LEADERSHIP**

Vienna, VA (July 28, 2014) - The Society of Cardiovascular Computed Tomography (SCCT) announces the election of Ricardo C. Cury, MD, FSCCT as its new president and Jonathon A. Leipsic, MD, FSCCT as president-elect of the society. Suhny Abbara, MD, FSCCT is joining the executive committee as secretary, and Wm. Guy Weigold, MD, FSCCT is joining as treasurer. The announcement was made in during the society's 9th Annual Scientific Meeting in San Diego, California.

Dr. Ricardo Cury is a non-invasive cardiovascular radiologist (CT, MRI and Nuclear Cardiology) and is the Director of Cardiac Imaging of Baptist Hospital of Miami and Baptist Cardiac & Vascular Institute. He is a clinical associate professor of Florida International University. He is the author of more than 100 original scientific publications in major Radiology and Cardiology journals and over 200 abstracts, book chapters, case reports or invited presentations. He has been principal investigator in four research grants. He is an associate editor of the Journal of Cardiovascular CT and also reviewer of several journals such as *Circulation*, *JACC*, and others. His research interests include application of Cardiac CT and MRI in patients with acute chest pain in the emergency department; application of stress perfusion CT and MRI; quantification of coronary artery stenosis and plaque with coronary CTA and in-vivo atherosclerotic plaque imaging with CT, MRI, IVUS and PET.

Dr. Jonathon Leipsic is the Chairman of the Department of Radiology for Providence Health Care and the Vice Chairman of Research for the UBC Department of Radiology. He is the Assistant Professor of Radiology and is also appointed in the Division of Cardiology with the University of British Columbia. He acts as the co-director of Advanced Cardiac Imaging for the Providence Health Care Heart Center at St. Paul's Hospital. Dr. Leipsic is actively involved in cardiac CT and MR research with prior involvement in a multi-center trial evaluating coronary CT angiography vs. QCA. Dr. Leipsic has over

70 peer reviewed manuscripts in press or in print and over 125 scientific abstracts. These include, but are not limited to, diagnostic performance and radiation reduction as well as CT to guide minimally invasive valve intervention. He also chairs the Canadian International Regional Committee for the SCCT. Dr Leipsic serves as a reviewer for numerous cardiac imaging journals and is also the director for the Advanced Cardiac Imaging fellowship at the Heart Center at St. Paul's Hospital in Vancouver.

The remainder of the executive committee is as follows:

Immediate Past President - J. Jeffrey Carr, MD, MSc, FSCCT. Professor of Radiology, Biomedical Informatics & Cardiovascular Medicine at Vanderbilt University Medical Center

Vice President - Leslee J. Shaw, PhD. Professor of Medicine, Division of Cardiology, co-director of the Clinical Cardiovascular Research Institute at the Emory University School of Medicine

Treasurer - Wm Guy. Weigold, MD, FSCCT. Director, Cardiac CT, MedStar Washington Hospital Center

Secretary - Suhny Abbara, MD, FSCCT. Professor of Radiology, Radology Department, UTSW Medical Center.

Member Liaison - Stephan Achenbach, MD, FSCCT. Professor of Medicine, Department of Cardiology, University of Erlangen, Germany

**About the Society of Cardiovascular Computed Tomography**

(SCCT) is the professional society devoted exclusively to cardiovascular computed tomography (CCT). It is acknowledged and recognized as the representative and advocate for research, education, and clinical excellence in the use of cardiovascular computed tomography. For more information on the Society's Mission and Goals, please visit the SCCT Website at: [www.SCCT.org](http://www.SCCT.org).

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