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- Bone Densitometry Course
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- Pediatric Bone Densitometry Course
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Other Related Bone Meetings

**IOF - 3rd Asia-Pacific Osteoporosis Meeting**
- December 13-16, 2012

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*Distal Forearm Fractures and Inheritance of Bone Mass*

**Just Released Articles - Vol 15 | No. 4 | October - December 2012**

Estimation of Bone Strength Parameters and Response to Treatment Using Peripheral Quantitative Computed Tomography

The Importance of Absolute Bone Mineral Density in the Assessment of Antiresorptive Agents Used for the Prevention of Osteoporotic Fractures

Radiograph- Based Study of Gender-Specific Vertebral Area Gain in Healthy Children and Adolescents as a Function of Age, Height, and Weight

Read more...

**Membership**

**2013 ISCD Award Nominations**

Each year ISCD recognizes members for their service to the ISCD and to the field. These awards are presented annually during the ISCD Annual Meeting. This years awards will be presented at the ISCD's 19th Annual Meeting in Tampa, FL, USA - March 20-23, 2013.

To review the nominations process and eligibility requirements click here. Submit your nomination today and recognize a colleague's service to the ISCD and to the field of densitometry!

**Become a Volunteer Today!**

Volunteers are vital to any professional society. They are the talent and workforce that drives its programs and activities. ISCD values its volunteers. If you want to be involved on a committee or task force, please complete our Volunteer Interest Form.
## Education

ISCD’s 19<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting and the Position Development Conference is scheduled for March 20 – 23, 2013. **Be sure to register early, starting November 15, 2012!**

The Program Chairs, Christine Simonelli and Lisa King, have been hard at work confirming our 2013 presenters.

The following is a sneak peek of their plans for the plenary speakers:
- Margery Gass *“Women’s Health Initiative - A Decade Later”*
- John Bilezikian, Aliya Khan and Natalie Cusano – *“Hyperparathyroidism”*
- Paul Miller – *“Top Ten Publications in Bone”*

We are anticipating approximately 20 hours of CME/CE hours for this meeting. For more information, check out the [Annual Meeting website](#).

The Exhibit and Networking Center is now accepting applications for Exhibitors and Sponsors at the Annual Meeting. Information regarding this can also be found on the [Annual Meeting website](#).

Once again, we are offering a new look to the floor plan and other ideas to encourage attendees to visit the exhibits during the Annual Meeting. Please contact Sue Alexander ([salexander@iscd.org](mailto:salexander@iscd.org)) for more information.

**Coming soon…2013 Schedule for ISCD courses.**

**Call for Peer Reviewers for CME** Click here and become a reviewer today!

## Online Education

**E-Learning credits now available to ISCD members!**

ISCD is providing on-line continuing education opportunities, at no cost, to members.

Currently available are select sessions from the 2010 Annual Meeting (available only for CE credit).

[Check it out](#)! 

## Accreditation
Precision and LSC Values for Facility Accreditation

Are you careful to reproduce the same positioning and ROI placement for a patient's baseline and follow-up scans? Do all of your DXA technologists perform short-term in-vivo precision assessments to measure their reproducibility?

These are some of the questions found on the self-assessment Standard Operating Procedure Worksheet, FAP 1140. ISCD DXA Facility Accreditation emphasizes the importance of precision and reproducibility - performing scans in a consistent manner. Read more...

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Certification

CDT® Status in the United States

Changes in many state regulations and third-party reimbursement requirements have made it mandatory that technologist certification programs be fully accredited in the United States. ISCD has an accredited certification, the Certified Bone Densitometry Technologist (CBDT®), and it replaces the non-accredited CDT® credential. CDT® in the US will no longer be recognized after December 31, 2012. Read more...

Friday, November 30th is your last chance to register for the January Testing Window. Submit your applications today!

Advocacy and Public Policy

Medicare Cuts to DXA

During the past few months, ISCD has continued to visit key Congressional offices to stress the urgency of addressing the inadequate and unsustainable reimbursement for DXA. At the same time, ISCD focused our grassroots efforts on those key Congressional offices, pairing our in person visits with your constituent emails and calls. With your help, we have generated new co-sponsors for the DXA bill, S. 1096 and HR 2020, demonstrating even greater support for the DXA issue. Special thanks to everyone in Illinois, Michigan, Montana, Ohio, Iowa, Washington, Maryland, Rhode Island, Louisiana, and Indiana, who participated in our grassroots advocacy efforts in the last few weeks. read more...