

Message from the chairman

Japan Industries Association of Radiological Systems (JIRA) was founded in 1924 as a small association established by only seven companies including manufacturers, importers and sellers of X-ray equipment. Since then, JIRA has continued its growth in the development of medical care in the field of radiology in Japan, and today (as of May 2007) it is comprised of 164 member companies that supply radiological equipment and medical imaging systems.

Since its foundation, JIRA has been the official core organization in the field of radiology, promoting standardization of the industry, addressing the regulatory and safety issues extensively, and contributing to people's health and welfare. Moreover, JIRA has promoted the industry by sponsoring exhibitions and other events, and supporting medical advances from various aspects.



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In recent years, diagnostic imaging equipment and medical information systems have progressed rapidly against the background of innovation of computer technology. On the other hand, the environment surrounding the industry has become borderless in the worldwide scale. As a result, the standards and regulatory affairs are expected to be harmonized globally. Under these circumstances, JIRA has joined the international congress of the Diagnostic Imaging and Therapy Systems Trade Association (DITTA), which consists of the related industries in Japan, United States, Europe and Canada. JIRA has also joined the Asian Congress including China, and other global activities.

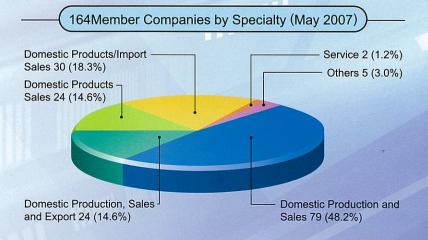
One of the urgent issues in the 21st century is how to cope with the rapid aging of society. From now on, the mission of JIRA will drastically expand in its scope of activities related to the medical device and service. The scope should range from the prevention of diseases and health management through the early detection and diagnosis to the therapy of diseases. JIRA is committed to continuing progress together with you, aiming at the realization of a healthier society.

JIRA for the members

JIRA represents the radiological, electromedical and healthcare IT industry in Japan. As such, our members play a driving role in developing the future of healthcare both in Japan and worldwide. JIRA is committed to supporting its members and communicating with its partners in Japan and overseas through the activity of JIRA's organization.

♦JIRA provides leadership for the medical technology industry on the industrial standard, legislative and regulatory matters at both the national referred as JIS(Japanese Industrial Standard) and international levels such as IEC and as well as WEEE/RoHS issues and GHTF activity.

♦For the implementation of compliance with laws, JIRA has issued a Manifesto and adopted the voluntary Code of Ethics as well as the provision of the norm and seminar to the member companies.



JIRA Divisions and Committees

JIRA organization is comprised of the following major Division and Committee. Specific section objectives are identified below each section name.

Policy Planning and Administration Council

The Council is comprised of the six Division Managers and other members at large. It prepares the position on the objectives of each Division and Committee that will be reviewed by the entire Board for the annual Activity of JIRA.

Medical Imaging System Division

Facilitates an ongoing dialogue with national and international agencies on the issue of medical information standardization for JIRA members.

Standardization Division

Develops and updates JIS standards based on the amendment of IEC standards. Eleven major working groups interact with international and national level for the authorization and prevalence.

Regulation and Safety Division

Attains the PAL to JIRA members and interacts international harmonization of regulatory issues. And implements GVP(Good Vigilance Practice) to ensure safety.

Economy Division

Concerning the medical service remunerations and medical insurance system, makes proposals focused on the reasonable estimation system of medical imaging and diagnosis to the government.

International Division

For global harmonization of medical device regulations and trade, promotes the better communication/cooperation with COCIR, EFC, NEMA and Asian parties, and informs its movements to JIRA members timely.

Related Apparatus and Accessory Division

This division is composed of mainly manufacturers of medical device apparatus and accessory, and aims to assist in the sound management of member companies.

Public Relations Committee

To develop the presence of JIRA and its medical system industry among domestic and overseas, manages all JIRA public relation matters.

Survey and Research Committee

Compiles JIRA Statistics regarding the production, export, import and domestic market of medical imaging systems. Regularly surveys and analyzes the data of installed base and usage.

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Academia Relations Committee

Performs joint research with JSRT, and collaborate with regard to academic activities in order to harmonize medical science and engineering.

Exhibition Committee

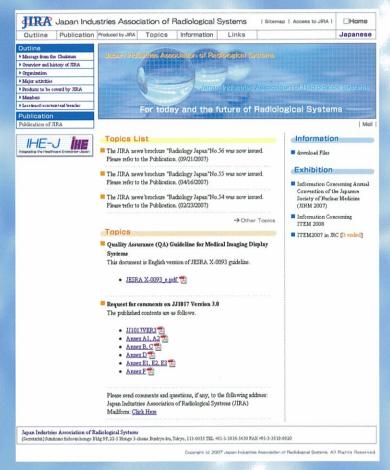
Manages the four exhibitions associated with

- The International Technical Exhibition of Medical Imaging
- 2. The Japanese Society for MR in Medicine
- 3. The Japanese Society of NM
- The Japanese Society for Therapeutic Radiology and Oncology

Education/Training Committee

Holds lectures regarding the activity of each division of JIRA and seminars on PAL both of Japan and of Asia.

And organizes the meeting related with new technology, and facilitates the tours to advanced facilities.



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