Dear OCSMRM members,

It was an extraordinary experience for me to serve as President of the Overseas Chinese Society for Magnetic Resonance in Medicine (OCSMRM) in the term of 2013-2014. As a veteran member of the society, I have witnessed the rapid growth and outstanding achievement of the society in the past two decades, owing to the great effort of the members and leaders in the society. I also fully understand the potential opportunities and challenges facing the society moving towards the future. In the past term (2013-2014), the OCSMRM had focused on a few goals to:

1) Enhance the visibility and reputation of our societies through outstanding scientific and clinical contributions to the MRI field;
2) Promote collaborations between scholars from different regions in the world, taking advantages of complementary resources;
3) Foster career developments of young scholars (e.g. postdoctoral fellows and junior faculty members) in our societies.

To achieve these goals, we have co-organized a joint annual meeting in Hangzhou, China, with the Chinese Society for Magnetic Resonance in Medicine (CSMRM), to present latest advances in MR research and clinical application. This meeting was support by the International Society for Magnetic Resonance in Medicine (ISMRM) and attracted about 1000 attendants. We also organized, with CSMRM, a professional gathering in Milan, Italy, to present achievements of our society members and promote exchanges between academia and industry (about 400 attendants). Additionally, we established the society membership registration (including full and student members) and carried out successfully an election for OCSMRM Secretary followed the society bylaws.

I am extremely grateful for the generous support from OCSMRM Board of Trustees, industrial sponsors, and all society members during my term. And I am confident that our society will have a brighter future under the new leadership.

Sincerely,

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Past President of OCSMRM