



Signa Koshien Meeting Accepted Wider Range of Field Strength

Record Users From Every Region in Japan Attended



More than 200 Signa® users from every region in Japan attended the third Signa Koshien meeting, held at the Tokyo Midtown Hall on December 8, 2007. The event was open to a wider range of field strength, between 0.2T and 3.0T, than the previous year.

A record number of GE MR users enjoyed the excitement. The meeting featured 13 presentations from six geographic regions – four more than last year.

The presentations focused on topics such as:

- Scan protocol optimization for better MRA/3D image quality;
- Scan technique for challenging anatomical areas while maintaining patient comfort;
- Scan know-how, available to all Signa users; and
- Users' enthusiasm to maximize the performance of Signa.

Users competed for image quality, creativeness and clinical utility. Three awards were given:

1. Gold: Masaki Kobayashi, RT, Nagano Municipal Hospital, "Biliary Tract Imaging using Gate Free 3D FatSat Fiesta."
2. Silver: Akihisa Iitsuka, RT, Izumi-sano Hospital, "MR Angiography Imaging Technique."
3. Bronze: Kenichi Hirano, RT, Yokohama Sakae Kyosai Hospital, "Acute Stroke Imaging Technique by Three Contrast Long TE SPGR."

Additionally, Masato Kobahashi, RT, Nagano Municipal Hospital, presented "Body Diffusion Imaging Techniques" – which has applications in both 1.5T and 3.0T. He offered tips and technical explanations to achieve outstanding 3.0T whole-body diffusion images.

The presentations are available on the Signa Users Meeting Web site, http://gecommunity.on.arena.ne.jp/signa-l_entrance/. ■