

2014 REPORT OF THE RSNA COMMITTEE ON INTERNATIONAL RADIOLOGY EDUCATION (CIRE)

The Committee on International Radiology Education (CIRE) held its annual in-person meeting during the 2013 RSNA Annual Meeting. Reports were heard from each of the CIRE subcommittees responsible for the five programs overseen by the committee. The committee sponsored two Refresher Course sessions (Table 1) at the 2013 RSNA Annual Meeting titled, *RSNA Educational Programs Around the World: An International Forum* and *Radiology in the Developing World: Mistakes Made, Lessons Learned, What's Next?* Also during RSNA 2013, the committee hosted its annual National Society Forum Breakfast. Attendees included past and current CIRE members, presidents and representatives of international societies and participants from the selected host countries for the 2014 International Visiting Professor (IVP) Program. Dr. Harris Cohen gave a presentation about his experience as a visiting professor as part of the 2013 IVP team to Kenya. Dr. Vladimir Cheremisin gave a presentation about the IVP visit to Russia from the point of view of the host society. Lastly, Dr. Nicolas Maza Tousaint presented on his experience as a Derek Harwood-Nash Fellow. The breakfast also served as a preliminary meeting forum for some of the 2014 IVP hosts and visiting professors.

In 2014, International Visiting Professor (IVP) teams traveled to Argentina, Brazil, South Africa, and Mexico (Table 2). The visit to Mexico was the sixth visit held in collaboration with the Sociedad Mexicana de Radiología e Imagen (SMRI). In October, 2014, the Committee hosted the first IVP webinar with the Royal College of Radiologists of Thailand. The webinar was a success with participation from five Thai hospitals and approximately 150 participants. The Board approved the following as 2015 IVP destinations: Bangladesh, Chile, Mexico, and Nicaragua. The 2015 Mexican IVP Program will be held in collaboration with the Federación Mexicana de Radiología e Imagen (FMRI). The Committee is grateful to Agfa Healthcare and Fujifilm Medical Systems, whose endowments help to support the RSNA IVP Program.

The 2014 RSNA Derek Harwood-Nash Fellows were Dr. Radhika Sridharan of Malaysia, Dr. Aruna Pallewatte of Sri Lanka and Dr. Callen Onyambu of Kenya. Dr. Sridharan completed her fellowship (musculoskeletal and breast imaging) at the University of Texas MD Anderson, Dr. Pallewatte completed his fellowship (neuroradiology) at Mount Sinai School of Medicine and Dr. Onyambu (musculoskeletal) at University of Maryland Medical Center. The Board approved the appointments of the 2015 fellows: Dr. Jimmy Okello of Uganda who will complete his fellowship (breast imaging) at Johns Hopkins Medical Center, Dr. Aruna Patil of India (musculoskeletal and MRI) will be at the University of Wisconsin, and Dr. Kamal Subedi of Nepal (musculoskeletal and abdominal imaging) will be at University Hospitals Case Medical Center.

The Introduction to Research for International Young Academics Program to be held during the 2014 RSNA Scientific Assembly and Annual Meeting had a total of 50 applications, among which 15 were selected (Table 3). Historically, the committee receives around 60 applications. In addition, both SMRI and FMRI designated a participant identified by independent selection processes. This program is closely connected to the RSNA Introduction to Academic Radiology Program for second-year radiology residents, with approximately 60% of the programming in joint sessions.

The Committee awarded gratis subscriptions to *Radiology* and/or *RadioGraphics*, to nineteen institutions in sixteen countries through the Education Materials and Journal Award Program. Donations of RSNA Education Materials were approved for two hospitals as well as made available to the satellite institutions associated with the IVP Program teaching institutions.

I would like to thank the RSNA Board of Directors and the Society's members for their continued support which helped reach 33 countries in 2014 through the various CIRE programs. Through this support, the Committee continues to offer assistance in enhancing radiology education in countries with comparatively limited resources, and to influence radiology education worldwide.

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Table 1

<u>2013 CIRE-sponsored Refresher Courses</u>
RSNA Educational Programs Around the World: An International Forum Introduction of the CIRE Programs <i>Teresita L. Angtuaco, MD, Little Rock, AR</i> Egypt: Derek Harwood-Nash Fellow, 2011 <i>Norran Said, MBBCh, MSC, Cairo, Egypt</i> Thailand: IVP Host Society Representative, 2010 <i>Chamaree Chuapetcharasopon, MD, Bangkok, Thailand</i> South Africa: Derek Harwood-Nash Fellow, 2007 <i>Savvas Andronikou, MBBS, Cape Town, South Africa</i> Nigeria: Derek Harwood-Nash Fellow, 2007 <i>Omolola M. Atalabi, MBBS, Ibadan, Nigeria</i>
Radiology in the Developing World: Mistakes Made, Lessons Learned, What's Next? RSNA Committee on International Radiology Education: How We Can Help <i>William W. Mayo-Smith, MD, Providence, RI</i> Political Challenges and Ethical Practices <i>Kristen K. Destigter, MD, Burlington, VT</i> Involving Radiologists on the Ground: Dealing with Competing Incentives <i>Marc D. Kohli, MD, Indianapolis, IN</i> Creating a Remote Digital Department: Funding Is the Easy Part <i>Jeffrey Brian Mendel, MD, West Newton, MA</i> Strategies For Sustainability and Scalability of Radiology in Developing Countries: Lessons Learned from RAD-AID's Radiology-Readiness Model <i>Daniel Joseph Mollura, MD, Chevy Chase, MD</i>

Table 2

<u>2014 International Visiting Professors</u>	
<u>To South Africa:</u> <i>Rebecca Lee Hulett, MD</i> Washington University School of Medicine <i>Anil Khosla, MD</i> St. Louis University Health Center	<u>To Mexico – SMRI:</u> <i>Ramon Sanchez, MD</i> University of Michigan Hospital and Health Systems <i>William M. Thompson, MD</i> University of New Mexico
<u>To Brazil:</u> <i>Emily Fox Conant, MD</i> Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania <i>Thomas W. Hash II, MD</i> Duke University Medical Center <i>Franz Joseph Wippold II, MD</i> Washington University Medical Center	<u>To Argentina:</u> <i>Suresh Mukherji, MD</i> Michigan State University <i>Mahesh Shetty, MD</i> Baylor College of Medicine, Women's Hospital of Texas <i>Stephen Zivin, MD</i> Northwest Community Hospital

Table 3

<u>2014 Introduction to Research for International Young Academics</u>	
Participant	Country
Daddy Mata-Mbemba, MD, PhD	Democratic republic of Congo (DRC)
Abraham Bezuidenhout, MBChB	South Africa
Maria Buzan, MD	Romania
Pablo Bachler Silva, MD	Chile
Chong Hyun Suh, MD	Republic of Korea
Sho Koyasu, MD	Japan
Gal Yaniv, MD, PhD	Israel
Mario Silva, MD	Italy
Lucia Fernandes, MD	Portugal
Mehmet Adin, MD	Turkey
Amy Sevaio, MBBCh	New Zealand
Sumit Gupta, PhD, FRCR	United Kingdom
Chirag Ahuja, MD	India
Maria Elena Laino	Italy
Mickaël Ohana, MD, MSc	France
Yesenia Lynn Voneida-Reyna, MD	Mexico FMRI (Selected by the Mexican Federation of Radiology and Imaging)
Laura Sanchez, MD	Mexico SMRI (Selected by the Mexican Society of Radiology and Imaging)