

2015 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 2014 RSNA Annual Meeting. Reports were heard from each of the CIRE subcommittees responsible for the four programs overseen by the committee. The committee sponsored a Refresher Course session (Table 1) at the 2014 RSNA Annual Meeting titled, *Radiology Education in Developing Nations: A Focus on Needs and Support in Latin America and Asia Oceania Regions*. Also during RSNA 2014, 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 2015 International Visiting Professor (IVP) Program. Dr. Steven Zivin gave a presentation about his experience as a visiting professor as part of the 2014 IVP team to Argentina. Dr. Henrique Carrete Junior gave a presentation about the IVP visit to Brazil from the point of view of the host society. Lastly, Dr. Callen Onyambu presented on her experience as a Derek Harwood-Nash Fellow and Dr. Claudio Silva presented on his experience as an IRIYA participant. The breakfast also served as a preliminary meeting forum for some of the 2015 IVP hosts and visiting professors.

In 2015, International Visiting Professor (IVP) teams traveled to Chile, Mexico, and Nicaragua (Table 2). The visit to Mexico was the sixth visit held in collaboration with the Federación Mexicana de Radiología e Imagen (FMRI). The Board approved the following as 2016 in-person destinations: Ghana, Mexico, Mongolia, and the Philippines. In addition IVP webinars will be held with the national societies in Algeria, Lebanon. Collaborations with the Bangladesh and Tunisian societies were originally approved as in-person visits, but were canceled in light of global travel warnings and security concerns for the IVP team. Webinar opportunities are being considered in place of in-person visits. The 2016 Mexican IVP Program will be held in collaboration with the Sociedad Mexicana de Radiología e Imagen (SMRI). The Committee is grateful to Agfa Healthcare and Fujifilm Medical Systems, whose endowments help to support the RSNA IVP Program.

The 2015 RSNA Derek Harwood-Nash Fellows were Dr. Jimmy Okello of Uganda, Dr. Aruna Patil of India, and Dr. Kamal Subedi of Nepal. Dr. Okello completed his fellowship (breast imaging) at Johns Hopkins Medical Center, Dr. Patil completed her fellowship (musculoskeletal and MRI) at the University of Wisconsin Hospital, and Dr. Subedi (musculoskeletal and abdominal imaging) at University Hospitals Case Medical Center. The Board approved the appointments of three 2016 fellows: Dr. Wai Wai Htun of Myanmar who will complete her fellowship (CT and MRI) at the Lahey Hospital & Medical Center, Dr. Abraham Inikori of Nigeria (body imaging) will be at the University of Virginia, and Dr. Sniya Sudhakar of India (pediatric neuroradiology) will be at the University of Toronto.

The Introduction to Research for International Young Academics Program to be held during the 2015 RSNA Scientific Assembly and Annual Meeting had a total of 62 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 fourteen institutions in twelve countries through the Education Materials and Journal Award Program. Donations of RSNA Education Materials were approved for four 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 29 countries in 2015 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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Chair, Committee on International Radiology Education

Table 1

<u>2015 CIRE-sponsored Refresher Course</u>
Radiology Education in Developing Nations: A Focus on Needs and Support in Latin America and Asia Oceania Regions
<p>Introduction of the CIRE Programs <i>Teresita L. Angtuaco, MD, Little Rock, AR</i></p>
<p>Educational Needs in Latin America <i>Manoel Rocha, MD, PhD, Brazil</i></p>
<p>Available Educational Support in Latin America <i>Gloria Soto Giordani, MD, Chile</i></p>
<p>Educational Needs in Asia/Oceania <i>Chamaree Chuapetcharasopon, Thailand</i></p>
<p>Available Educational Support in Asia/Oceania <i>Jeong Min Lee, MD, Republic of Korea</i></p>
<p>Response from RSNA <i>Teresita L. Angtuaco, MD</i></p>
<p>Question & Answer</p>

Table 2

<u>2015 International Visiting Professors</u>	
<u>To Nicaragua:</u> <i>Anthony E. Hanbidge, MBCh</i> University of Toronto <i>Ken L. Schreibman, PhD, MD</i> University of Wisconsin, Madison	<u>To Mexico – FMRI:</u> <i>Dushyant V. Sahani, MD</i> Massachusetts General Hospital <i>Thomas C. Winter III, MD</i> University of Utah School of Medicine
<u>To Chile:</u> <i>Abid Irshad, MBBS</i> Medical University of South Carolina <i>J. Bayne Selby Jr, MD</i> Medical University of South Carolina <i>Evan C. Unger, MD</i> University of Arizona HSC	

Table 3

<u>2015 Introduction to Research for International Young Academics</u>	
Participant	Country
Maxim Avanesov, MD	Germany
Sonja Butorac, MD	Albania
Hyun Jung Koo, MD, PhD	Korea
Ngozi Dim, MBBS, MPH	Nigeria
Tobias Granberg, MD	Sweden
Gabriela Longo, MD	Brazil
Joao Lopes Dias, MD	Portugal
James MacKay, MC Bchir	United Kingdom
Vivian Park, MD	Korea
Nadya Pyatigorskaya, MD	France
Pablo Rodriguez Carnero, MD	Spain
Gregory Tarr, MB ChB, PhD	New Zealand
Phey Ming Yeap, MBChB, MRCP	United Kingdom
Eugenio Zalaquett, MD	Chile
Jing Zhao, MD	China
Nestor Rangel, MD	Mexico FMRI <i>(Selected by the Mexican Federation of Radiology and Imaging)</i>
Jesus Burboa Noriega, MD	Mexico SMRI <i>(Selected by the Mexican Society of Radiology and Imaging)</i>