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Anne C. Roberts, M.D., Travels to Nigeria through International Education Program

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OAK BROOK, Ill. (June 16, 2008) - Anne C. Roberts, M.D., from University of California San Diego (UCSD) Thornton Hospital, will bring her medical expertise to Nigeria as part of the International Visiting Professor Program offered by the Radiological Society of North America (RSNA). The program fosters international relations among radiology societies to assist with medical education in developing and newly developed nations.

Dr. Roberts, Chief of Vascular and Interventional Radiology and Executive Vice-Chair of the Department of Radiology at Thornton, will be joined by two fellow radiologists as she embarks today on the 13-day trip. She will spend her visit giving presentations and teaching intensive seminars to members of Nigerian radiology societies and hospital radiology departments.

The program is mutually beneficial. The visiting team of radiologists informs local doctors and hospitals about the latest advances in diagnostic and therapeutic radiology. In turn, the visiting professors experience firsthand the obstacles faced by medical professionals in the host countries.

"We tend to be so blessed in terms of having cutting-edge medical care in the U.S., and I would like to feel that I can help individuals in Nigeria to benefit from some of the experiences that I have had in practice," Dr. Roberts said. "I am looking forward to learning from them as well."

Dr. Roberts is accompanied by William E. Brant, M.D., of the University of Virginia Health Systems in Charlottesville, and Sughra Raza, M.D., of Brigham & Women's Hospital in Boston. Locations of the presentations in Nigeria include the University of Maiduguri Teaching Hospital, University of Ilorin Teaching Hospital, College of Medicine/University College Hospital and the Nigeria Chapter of the Association of Radiologists of West Africa.

The International Visiting Professors Program was founded in 1986 and is administered by RSNA's Committee on International Relations and Education (CIRE).

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