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Loren H. Ketai, M.D., Travels to Estonia through International Education Program

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OAK BROOK, Ill. (October 6, 2009) — Radiologist Loren H. Ketai, M.D., from the University of New Mexico in Albuquerque, will bring her medical expertise to Estonia 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. Ketai, professor and chief of thoracic imaging at the University of New Mexico, will be joined by a fellow radiologist as she embarks October 11 on the 11-day trip. She will spend her visit giving presentations and teaching intensive seminars to members of Estonian 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.

"I am happy to have the opportunity to visit Estonia and contribute to the education of radiologists in training there," Dr. Ketai said. "Working together with our Estonian hosts we can affirm that high-quality radiology education and clinical practice can flourish outside of major population centers, in the smaller cities and towns where much of the world's population still works and lives."

Dr. Ketai, is accompanied by Michelle A. Michel, M.D., from The Medical College of Wisconsin in Milwaukee. Locations of the presentations in Estonia include University of Tartu and the annual meeting of the Estonian Society of Radiology in Tartu.

The International Visiting Professors Program was founded in 1986 and is administered by RSNA's Committee on International Relations and Education (CIRE). This program is made possible by the generous support of Fujifilm Medical Systems.

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