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Academy of Radiology Leadership and Management Awards First Certificates

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OAK BROOK, Ill. (October 4, 2012) — The Academy of Radiology Leadership and Management (ARLM) has awarded its first Certificates of Achievement to Amilcare Gentili, M.D., and Lisa H. Lowe, M.D.

ARLM was launched in 2011 to give radiology practitioners the opportunity to develop professionally. As the field of radiology continues to evolve, and healthcare faces mounting financial challenges, leadership skills are becoming even more critical. ARLM combines existing leadership and management courses under one umbrella.

"Although we gain a vast amount of medical knowledge through residency, fellowship and clinical experience over time, opportunities for radiologists to learn how to be effective managers, administrators and leaders have been few and far between," said Dr. Lowe, professor of radiology at University of Missouri-Kansas City and Radiology Residency Program Director at the University of Missouri-Kansas City School of Medicine. "The courses offered through ARLM are practical and useful to all. Receiving a Certificate of Achievement means a great deal to me, as it allows me to demonstrate my commitment to improving my leadership and management skills."

ARLM courses are offered by the five sponsoring organizations: RSNA, the Association of University Radiologists (AUR), American Roentgen Ray Society (ARRS), the Society of Chairs of Academic Radiology Departments (SCARD), and the Association of Administrators in Academic Radiology Departments (AAARAD).

ARLM builds on educational programs and resources offered by the sponsoring societies online and at their annual meetings. The goal of ARLM is to organize the educational pursuits of radiology professionals to ensure that they are exposed to content across the critical domains of leadership and management.

"During medical school, residency, fellowship, and years in practice I did not have any formal leadership or management training," said Dr. Gentili, clinical professor of radiology

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at University of California — San Diego and service chief of radiology at San Diego VA Medical Center. "Once I became service chief, I found many new challenges that my clinical training did not prepare me for. I signed up for ARLM to improve my leadership and management skills. The Certificate of Achievement signifies that I am committed to excellence, professional development and radiology leadership and management."

Medical imaging professionals can earn a Certificate of Achievement from ARLM by participating in 50 hours of education—including at least 30 hours in person—across a spectrum of core learning domains, including financial skills, human resources, professionalism, legal/contracting, academic mission and more. A minimum of three credits in each domain is required.

Course curriculum includes important issues facing medical imaging professionals, such as Quality Assessment and Improvement in Radiology, Ethics and Professionalism in Research, Conflict of Interest, Critical Issues Facing the Profession of Radiology, and Clinical Portfolios, among others.

There are no fees beyond costs associated with the courses—and many of those are free to members of the respective sponsoring societies. Additional information on the program is available at www.radleaders.org.

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