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Edward G. Grant, M.D., F.A.C.R., Travels to Mexico through International Education Program

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OAK BROOK, Ill. — Radiologist Edward G. Grant, M.D., F.A.C.R., from the University of Southern California (USC), Los Angeles, will bring his medical expertise to Mexico 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. Grant, professor and chairman of radiology at the Keck School of Medicine of USC, will be joined by a fellow radiologist as he embarks July 23 on the 10-day trip. He will spend his visit giving presentations and teaching intensive seminars to radiology residents, as well as attending conferences and meetings.

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 have always felt a special connection to Mexico," Dr. Grant said. "This program allows me to participate in one of the largest national meetings, reunite with old friends, and make new ones. Perhaps more important is the unique opportunity to teach in several large hospitals and directly interact with patients and residents in their own language. It is a wonderful way to immerse oneself in a different culture, and work in a different medical system, and it gives me a chance to share the knowledge I have been lucky enough to have acquired over the years."

Dr. Grant will be accompanied by Annina N. Wilkes, M.D., from the Thomas Jefferson University Hospital in Philadelphia, Pa.

Dr. Grant will begin his trip by attending meetings hosted by the Mexican Federation of Radiology and Imaging (FMRI) in Cancun. He will then visit the Unidad Médica de Alta Especialidad Hospital and National Medical Center in Merida, Yucatan, and will conclude

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his trip teaching at the Mexican Social Security Institute Hospital in Puebla.

The International Visiting Professor Program was founded in 1986 and is administered by RSNA's Committee on International Relations and Education. This program is supported by Fujifilm Medical Systems.

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