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RSNA Press Release

Teresita L. Angtuaco, M.D., FACR, Travels to the Philippines through International Education Program

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OAK BROOK, Ill. — Radiologist Teresita L. Angtuaco, M.D., FACR., will bring her medical expertise to the Philippines 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. Angtuaco, professor of radiology and director of the division of imaging at University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences (UAMS) in Little Rock, Arkansas, will be joined by two fellow radiologists as she embarks February 9 on the 25-day trip. She will spend her visit giving presentations and teaching intensive seminars to radiology residents, as well as attending conferences and meetings.

The program, administered by RSNA's Committee on International Relations and Education (CIRE), 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.

"This trip has a special meaning for me since I was born and raised in the Philippines. I did my medical school education at the University of the Philippines and worked for a couple of years before coming to the United States," Dr. Angtuaco said. "I have made a few trips back home to lecture at some of the Philippine College of Radiology meetings but this trip is especially significant since I served as Chair of CIRE until last year. This has given me a very personal connection to CIRE programs, and I am glad to participate again in one of them. I have participated in three other visiting professor trips before for CIRE, and I have seen the great benefits of the programs. It is a privilege to have served and to continue serving as an RSNA educational ambassador."

Dr. Angtuaco will begin her visit conducting workshops in hospitals in Manila and Cebu City, then lecture at the Philippine College of Radiology annual meeting in Pasay City, Manila. She will conclude her trip lecturing in her hometown of Iloilo, Panay.

The International Visiting Professor Program was founded in 1986. This program is supported by Agfa HealthCare.

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The RSNA Committee on International Relations and Education was established in 1986 to advise the RSNA on how the Society might provide international assistance to enhance radiologic education in countries requesting and requiring assistance. <u>RSNA.org/International/CIRE</u>.