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Kathirkamanathan Shanmuganathan, M.D., Travels to Kenya through International Education Program

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Radiologist Kathirkamanathan Shanmuganathan, M.D., will bring his medical expertise to Kenya 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. Shanmuganathan, professor of radiology at the University of Maryland Medical School in Baltimore, will be joined by two fellow radiologists as he embarks May 30 on the 15-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.

"The International Visiting Professor Program gives me the opportunity for several things: to compare, contrast and share radiology knowledge between two distinctly different clinical practices, and to observe and interact with radiology residents in Kenya and discuss current concepts of imaging and management of acutely ill patients," Dr. Shanmuganathan said. "I hope to develop long-lasting academic and social relationships with a new group of radiologists."

Dr. Shanmuganathan will be accompanied by Harris L. Cohen, M.D., from the University of Tennessee Health Science Center in Memphis, and Leanne L. Seeger, M.D., from the David Geffen School of Medicine at the University of California-Los Angeles.

Dr. Shanmuganathan will begin his trip by attending meetings hosted by the Kenya Association of Radiology in Shaba, Kenya, as well as the Kenya Association of Radiologists in Isiolo. He will end his trip in Nairobi visiting the radiology departments of Aga Khan

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University Hospital and University of Nairobi.

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