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RSNA Press Release

Emily F. Conant, M.D. Travels to Brazil through International Education Program

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OAK BROOK, Ill. – Radiologist Emily F. Conant, M.D., from Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania (HUP) in Philadelphia, will bring her medical expertise to Brazil 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. Conant, professor and chief of breast imaging at HUP, will be joined by two fellow radiologists as she embarks October 7 on the 10-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 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.

"International collaborations such as the RSNA International Visiting Professor Program bring the huge, global world of radiology closer together, creating strong partnerships in science and education that might not otherwise happen," Dr. Conant said. "I'm excited and honored to be a part of this year's team to Brazil."

In addition to speaking at the Brazilian Congress of Radiology conference in Rio de Janeiro, Dr. Conant will spend her trip teaching and attending meetings at Clinical Hospital of the Federal University of Paraná, in Curitiba.

Dr. Conant, who is also vice chair of faculty development at HUP, will be accompanied by Thomas W. Hash II, M.D., from Duke University Medical Center in Durham, N.C., and Franz J. Wippold II, M.D., from Washington University School of Medicine in St. Louis, Mo.

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 Agfa HealthCare.

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