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RSNA Press Release

Evan C. Unger, M.D., Travels to Chile through International Education Program

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OAK BROOK, Ill. (October 1, 2015) — Radiologist Evan C. Unger, M.D., from the University of Arizona (UA) Cancer Center in Tucson, will bring his medical expertise to Chile 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. Unger, professor of radiology and biomedical engineering, will be joined by two fellow radiologists as he embarks October 2 on the 16-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 is a great opportunity to travel to another country and learn how radiology is practiced in another part of the world," Dr. Unger said. "It is an ideal venue for meeting new colleagues."

"Teaching is fun, and it is even more interesting and rewarding to have the opportunity to teach in another country," Dr. Unger continued. "I am excited about the opportunity to become immersed in a different culture and see how medicine is practiced in a very interesting and progressive country."

Dr. Unger, who is also co-leader of the cancer imaging program at the UA Cancer Center, will spend his trip teaching at local hospitals in Santiago, Chile, and lecturing at the annual Chilean Society of Radiology meeting.

Dr. Unger will be accompanied by J. Bayne Selby Jr., M.D., professor of radiology and director of interventional radiology, and Abid Irshad, M.B.B.S., professor of radiology and director of breast imaging, both from Medical University of South Carolina in Charleston.

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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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. (*RSNA.org/International/CIRE*)