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RAD-AID International Earns 2015 ACR Foundation Global Humanitarian Award

Washington, DC (May 19, 2015) -- The American College of Radiology Foundation ([ACRF](#)) presented the 2015 ACR Foundation Global Humanitarian Award in the organization category to [RAD-AID International](#) of Chevy Chase, Maryland. The ACRF [Global Humanitarian Award](#) was presented to president and founder Daniel Mollura, MD at [ACR 2015™](#) - the College's all-new annual meeting May 17-21 at in Washington, DC.

RAD-AID was founded in 2008 by Dr. Mollura and has grown substantially during its brief existence. The organization works to ensure access to sustainable, quality radiological care in some of the world's poorest areas. The World Health Organization (WHO) estimates that roughly half of the world's population has little to no access to medical imaging - making accurate diagnosis significantly more difficult.

"The ACRF is proud to recognize RAD-AID with this award. We commend all those working to improve and provide health care for those in the developing world and here in the United States," said Howard B. Fleishon, MD, MMM, FACR, chair of the ACR Foundation Executive Committee.

RAD-AID currently boasts 25 chapters and has established on-site programs in 10 countries. All on-site programs are closely scrutinized by RAD-AID's trademarked Radiology Readiness™ tool. This tool provides a systemic, advanced assessment plan to ensure the fiscal and quality sustainability of each project undertaken. The RAD-AID chapters are aligned with academic programs and include significant involvement of radiology residents.

RAD-AID's onsite programs include Cape Verde, the Caribbean, China, Ghana, Haiti, India, Kenya, Malawi and Nicaragua. Each project has different needs despite the common lack of access to imaging. For instance, in India, RAD-AID has partnered with PGIMER Chandigarh to care for women in underserved communities. The project includes a mobile women's health clinic that provides screening and follow-up care for breast and cervical cancer as well as osteoporosis. RAD-AID provides the educational and program planning support for the successful project.

RAD-AID has worked to ensure coordination of care in its projects. RAD-AID's 19 partners include the World Health Organization, the Pan American Health Organization, Project Hope and Engineering World Health. These organizations work in tandem with RAD-AID on various projects across the world.

RAD-AID's commitment to facilitation is also evident in its well-attended annual meeting which brings together multiple organizations and multiple approaches to providing radiology services to low and middle income countries throughout the world. RAD-AID also published the book *Radiology in Global Health* in 2014, further informing on the challenges and successes facing radiology in global health.

Based on the impact of its work and the dedication and commitment of Dr. Mollura and all those who support RAD-AID, it fittingly received the first ACRF Global Humanitarian Award. The ACR Global Humanitarian Award was established in 2014 to recognize individual radiologists, organizations and industry groups, and allied health workers for their extraordinary volunteer efforts to improve quality access to sustainable radiological care throughout the world.

The American College of Radiology is an organization committed to serving patients and society by empowering its members to advance the practice, science and professions of radiological care. The mission of the ACR Foundation is to support charitable, scientific and educational programs and services for the promotion and advancement of the field of radiology.

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