The Minnesota Radiological Society is honored this year to have had four of its members accepted as new fellows of the American College of Radiology. Our candidates clearly fulfill the high expectations that the college requires in order to select members as fellows. According to the ACR website, “One of the highest honors the ACR can bestow on a radiologist, radiation oncologist or medical physicist is recognition as a fellow of the American College of Radiology. ACR Fellows demonstrate a history of service to the College, organized radiology, teaching, or research. Approximately 12% of ACR members achieve this distinction.” In alphabetical order, the four new ACR Fellows are Todd Arsenault, MD, FACR; Douglas (Rusty) Brown, MD, FACR; Mary Fox, MS, FACR; and John Knoedler, MD, FACR.

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Todd Arsenault, MD, FACR

The Minnesota Radiological Society is pleased to recognize Todd Arsenault, MD, FACR as a new Fellow of the American College of Radiology. Dr. Arsenault currently practices with St. Paul Radiology primarily focusing on Body Imaging.

Todd was born and raised in the Upper Peninsula of Michigan, attending Northern Michigan University for his undergraduate studies, majoring in Biochemistry. He graduated summa cum laude in 1988.

Dr. Arsenault earned his Medical Degree at the University of Michigan, graduating cum laude in 1992. Todd did his residency at the Mayo Clinic, graduating in 1996, followed by a fellowship in Body Imaging. He joined Mayo Clinic staff in the fall of 1996, and subsequently joined St. Paul Radiology in 1998.

The Minnesota Radiological Society has been an important part of Todd’s career. He began serving on the Executive Committee of the Minnesota Radiological Society in 2007. After serving as Secretary Treasurer from 2010-2012, followed by Vice President from 2012-2013, Todd became President of the Minnesota Radiological Society from 2013-2014. During his time as President, Todd oversaw the reorganization of the subcommittees of the society as well as promoting increased involvement in the legislative process affecting radiology in Minnesota.

In his free time, Todd enjoys hunting, fishing, martial arts, and he has raised and trained driving horses since childhood. He is married with two children who are both currently attending college.

In closing Dr. Arsenault wanted to thank those who have helped him throughout his career, “I have had the privilege of being involved in radiology during a time of rapid growth in imaging, and I would like to particularly acknowledge all my teachers and mentors, both at Mayo and St. Paul Radiology, who have been immeasurably helpful to me in my career.”

Douglas (Rusty) Brown, MD, FACR

The Minnesota Radiological Society would like to congratulate Douglas (Rusty) Brown, MD, FACR, on earning the distinction of becoming a new Fellow of the American College of Radiology. Dr. Brown is a radiologist at the Mayo Clinic with primary interests in ultrasound, particularly gynecologic and obstetric ultrasound.

Rusty is a native of McMinnville, TN, where he attended Warren County High School. His early jobs included working in a grocery store and as a nurse’s aide at the county hospital. He graduated from Middle Tennessee State University with a B.S. degree in Chemistry and his medical school education was at the University of Tennessee in Memphis. He received his radiology residency training at the University of Tennessee, Memphis and did a Fellowship in Ultrasound and Body CT at Brigham and Women’s Hospital in Boston, MA. He worked as a radiologist at the University of Tennessee Hospital and Regional Medical Center in Memphis, TN for two years. He then was as staff radiologist at Brigham and Women’s Hospital in Boston for 14 years and was
an Associate Professor of Radiology at Harvard Medical School. He has since been a staff radiologist at Mayo Clinic in Rochester for the past 12 years and is Professor of Radiology in the Mayo Clinic College of Medicine.

Rusty is also a Fellow of the Society of Radiologists in Ultrasound (SRU) and a Fellow of the American Institute of Ultrasound in Medicine. He is the Immediate Past President of the Society of Radiologists in Ultrasound and serves as Chair of the ACR Foundation International Outreach Committee. He previously served on the ACR Appropriateness Criteria Expert Panel on Women’s Imaging, and the Ultrasound Certifying Exam Committee of the American Board of Radiology.

Dr. Brown’s primary interest has been in ultrasound, particularly gynecologic and obstetric ultrasound. He has participated in numerous continuing medical education courses, most often lecturing on various aspects of gynecologic ultrasound. He was co-moderator of the SRU Consensus Conference on Ovarian and other Adnexal Cysts. Dr. Brown has authored or co-authored 99 articles in peer reviewed journals and 10 book chapters. He is Co-Editor of the textbook, Gynecologic Imaging.

He is also interested in ultrasound in developing countries, having traveled several times to Guatemala and to Haiti to provide education in ultrasound. In his free time, Rusty enjoys bicycling and working in his vegetable garden.

When asked about advice to pass on, he mentioned to treat all your co-workers, no matter their role, with respect. Each person of the health care team plays an important part as we care for our patients. He also reminds us to treat each patient as though they were your friend or family member – they generally are someone’s friend or family.

Mary Fox, MS, FACR

It is with pleasure that the Minnesota Radiological Society recognizes Mary Fox, MS, FACR, as a new Fellow of the American College of Radiology. Mary is the Director of Physics for Minneapolis Radiation Oncology, which has radiation oncology centers in the metro area and outstate.

Mary was born and raised on a farm near River Falls, WI, which raised seed corn and beef cattle. During summers as a teenager, she worked on many corn de-tasseling crews, and as a “pea packer” foreman for Green Giant. In high school she was voted “most likely to sack seed.” Mary’s love of science began in high school thanks to a fabulous chemistry teacher, Sister Yvonne, who was an importance influence in Mary’s life. Ms. Fox attended St. Mary’s College in Winona, MN, where she received a Bachelor of Science Degree in Physics. She then pursued an internship at Northwestern University, in Evanston, Illinois. Subsequently, Mary earned her Master’s Degree in Medical Physics from The University of Chicago/The Chicago Medical School.

Ms. Fox has had employment experience as a Radiological Physicist with Evanston Hospital in Evanston, Illinois; Methodist Hospital in Minneapolis; and has been with the Minneapolis Radiation Oncology practice since the opening of the first freestanding unit in 1986. Mary has also been the Radiation Safety Officer for North Memorial Medical Center, Fairview Southdale, and Fairview Ridges. She has experience in
radiation therapy, nuclear medicine, and diagnostic radiology.

Mary is very involved in many professional societies including the American Association of Physicists in Medicine (AAPM), American Society for Therapeutic Radiology and Oncology (ASTRO), Conference of Radiation Control Program Directors, and Health Physics Society. She currently serves as a board member for AAPM, and a surveyor for ASTRO. She is also very active with various service organizations as a young adult mentor in science working mostly with single moms in the Twin Cities.

In her free time, Mary enjoys participating with her family in various sports activities such as mountain biking, tennis, water skiing, and snowshoeing. She is a mother of 3, the youngest of which is a freshman in college.

Two mentors of particular influence to Mary are Brother Jerome Rademacher, college physics professor who inspired the love of Science and inquiring minds, and S Guru Prasad, clinical director for the medical physics graduate program who introduced her to medical physics.

Mary would like to thank her employer of 30 years, Minneapolis Radiation Oncology, for the many opportunities provided to her.

The MRS congratulates Mary on her accomplishments and this honor.

**John Knoedler, MD, FACP**

The MRS would like to congratulate Dr. John Knoedler as a new fellow of the American College of Radiology. Dr. Knoedler is currently a radiologist at St. Paul Radiology. Dr. Knoedler was born on July 29, 1951, the first of 10 children of Dr John Knoedler, a Pathologist, and Dr Mary Wach-Knoedler, a General Practitioner. He grew up hearing medical discussions at the dinner table, and in college and medical school used to help his father with autopsies. He graduated from The College of St. Thomas in 1973, and the University of Minnesota Medical School in June, 1977.

John met his wife, Dr Maureen Kane, when he was a senior in college and she was a freshman in medical school and she gave him a tour of the medical school. This October they will have been married 40 years. They have two children. Teresa Knoedler J.D. is a Lawyer who worked in medical malpractice defense and now is the legal consul for the MMA, and their son John Joseph Knoedler M.D. is an Urologist at the Mayo clinic. Both are married with two children.

Both Dr Knoedler and Dr. Kane did a residency in Internal Medicine and then Maureen did a Cardiology fellowship and John a Pulmonary Medicine fellowship, all at the University of Minnesota. After several years of practice, John and Maureen realized that the unpredictable schedules of a Pulmonologist and Cardiologist made a home life and raising children difficult. Maureen considered Anesthesiology, but John had almost chosen Radiology in medical school and went back to do a Radiology Residency at the University of Minnesota. In retrospect he feels it was one of the best decisions of his life. He has loved being a Radiologist.
In 1987, John became a staff radiologist at Hennepin County Medical Center. He taught the HCMC radiology medical students during those years, and along with a close friend, Dr Jeremy Hollerman, ran the Radiology Resident Rotation at HCMC. In 1996, the Radiology Residents at the University of Minnesota gave him the “Outstanding Teacher Award.”

In 1999, John joined St Paul Radiology. His interests have been Thoracic Radiology and eventually Breast Radiology. When John joined SPR he began teaching the radiology section of the curriculum to the St John’s Family Practice residents. In 2006, the residents gave him the “Teacher of the Year” award from the Family Practice program.

John reports that his mentors and heroes over the years have been numerous, including Dr. Scott Davies in Pulmonary, and Dr. Neil Wasserman, Dr. Howard Ansel and Dr. Joseph Tashjian in Radiology. One of the greatest influences on his life however, has been Dr. Helmut Diefenthal. Helmut and John became friends when he was a pulmonary fellow at the V.A. When Helmut went back to Tanzania in 1989, he said “John, I have started a tax exempt charity, the ‘East Africa Medical Assistance Foundation’ to support our work in Tanzania, could you run it for six months?” Almost 20 years later John stepped down as president of the foundation, but is still on the Board. Helmut did the great work, but the foundation helped him build the first Radiology residency in the country of Tanzania. John is also a member of the ACR International Outreach Committee.

John’s personal interests are skiing, biking, sea kayaking and most of all grandkids. When he was a junior in college, he and his younger brother Dan spent a summer kayaking down the Mississippi river.

The advice that John would give a young radiologist is this, “Success as a Radiologist does not depend on having a great eye or a brilliant mind, and you can have both of these and be a failure. Show up on time, be a good partner, do your best work every day, treat everyone you come in contact with well, patients, physicians and especially your support staff, and you will be a success. When your referring physicians come into the reading room or call, and it is you they see or hear on the phone, they should feel good because they know you will be a problem solver for them, and not a problem.”
ACR 2015 Annual Meeting Highlights
By Michael Salmela, MD

The new format of the Annual ACR Meeting, named “ACR 2015,” was held on May 17-21, 2015, at the Marriott Wardman Park Hotel in Washington, DC. The completely redesigned meeting replaced the previous Annual Meeting and Chapter Leadership Conference (AMCLC). The new ACR 2015 meeting was open to all ACR members and all of radiology, while the previous format of AMCLC was open mainly to invited ACR leadership, state councilors, new fellows, and award winners. ACR 2015 included 100+ clinical and leadership education sessions with the ability to earn up to 31.5 CME, 28 SAM, 28.5 RLI and 18 CAMPEP credits, as well as numerous health policy, economics, and advocacy sessions. Whereas the prior format of the meeting, the AMCLC, was mainly a business meeting of the ACR focused on policy and technical standards. Attendees of ACR 2015 also had the opportunity to meet with members of Congress and policymakers on Capitol Hill Day. The keynote speaker of ACR 2015 was General Colin L. Powell, USA (Ret.) who presented “Leadership: Taking Charge.” A virtual online meeting has also been available with over 140 hours of content and available on-demand for 12 months with the ability to earn CME, RLI and SA-CME credits. Thanks to funding from the Minnesota Radiological Society and Minnesota radiology practices, the first year radiology residents from the Mayo Clinic and the University of Minnesota were able to attend the ACR 2015 meeting. The ACR 2016 meeting will be held May 15-19, 2016, at the Marriott Wardman Park Hotel in Washington, DC.
Annual Meeting Highlights continued...

ACR 2015 Convocation (photo from ACR website)

ACR 2015 By the Numbers

- 2,118 attendees
- 388 residents and fellows
- 100 new fellows inducted to the College
- 652 radiologists made their voices heard on Capitol Hill
- 51 vendors in a sold-out exhibit hall
- 213 radiologists did case-based learning in the ACR Education Center Lab
- 140 hours of CME and SAM
- 140+ SA-CME credits accessible for 12 months through the ACR 2015 Virtual Meeting » Purchase Now!

ACR 2015 by the Numbers (photo from ACR website)

Dr. James Halverson (2nd from left) and Dr. Jerry Froelich (3rd from left) meeting with United States Congressman Erik Paulsen (far left) on Capitol Hill Day (photo from ACR website)
University of Minnesota first year radiology residents at ACR 2015

Dr. Mark Murphey from the American Institute of Radiologic Pathology (AIRP, formerly known as AFIP) giving one of the many educational sessions at ACR 2015 (photo from ACR website)
The Minnesota Radiological Society held its spring meeting on Saturday, April 18, 2015, at the Radisson Blu Mall of America Hotel in Bloomington, MN. The meeting included presentations on a variety of topics within Radiology with attendees including Radiologists and Medical Physicists from across the state of Minnesota in addition to residents and fellows from the University of Minnesota and the Mayo Clinic. Drs. Jane Matsumoto and Jonathan Morris from the Mayo Clinic gave the 2015 Heritage Lecture called, “3D Printing in Medical Practice.” Dr. Paul Chang from the ACR Leadership Institute and University of Chicago gave a presentation titled, “Re-Engineering Radiology for an Electronic and Flattened World: Radiology as Value Innovator.” The 2015 ACR Update was given by ACR Executive Committee Member and Council Vice Speaker Timothy Swan, MD, FACR, FSIR from the Marshfield Clinic. The meeting also included the honoring of Dr. David Hunter from the University of Minnesota with the 2015 MRS Glen W. Hartman President’s Award. Additionally, United States Senator Amy Klobuchar made an appearance at the spring meeting and gave remarks to the group.
United States Senator Amy Klobuchar speaking to the MRS Executive Committee

MRS Members with US Senator Amy Klobuchar
The legislative session wasn’t without excitement in 2015 as work was done up until the last minute, and even the frenzied finish didn’t prevent three vetoes of major spending bills by Governor Dayton. Legislators were dealing with a $1.8 billion surplus for the next legislative biennium. Going into session many had expected a significant portion of this surplus would be spent on transportation and tax relief. However, as budget talks broke down over the size of the tax package and the demand for increasing the gas tax, leaders simply took those two issues off the table, leaving just over $1 billion on the bottom line for the 2016 legislative session. A brief one day special session in early June proved uneventful, despite the session being held outside the Capitol for the first time of over 100 years.

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Political Update
By Nate Mussell, J.D. – Lockridge Grindal Nauen

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**Radiology Specific Issues**

Fortunately this session was quiet for most physicians including radiologists. There were very few if any, scope of practice bills introduced this session – and no major scope bills moved forward.

One issue to watch over the interim is the Minnesota Department of Health’s interest in reforming the current regulations related to advanced imaging modalities. The Department of Health is particularly concerned about the issues of overexposure to radiation. This broader conversation might present a good opportunity for MRS to get in front of this issue with the Department of Health to actively promote radiation safety. In early March the Department of Health put forward new guidance laying out their interpretation of current rules and statute around which providers can and cannot supervise and perform fluoroscopic procedures.

**Interstate Physician Licensure Compact**

Minnesota was one of a number of states looking at passing into law the Interstate Physician Licensure compact this session. The legislation allows for states that enter into the compact to provide an expedited licensure process for those physicians who practice in multiple states or across state lines. The compact would still maintain each state’s requirements for licensure and oversight. The Minnesota Board of Medical Practice had been a primary advocate along with the Minnesota Medical Association and others in getting this bill passed this year. In total seven states needed to pass the compact before it became effective. Minnesota was the eighth state to pass the compact.

**Outreach Opportunities**

The summer and fall months present a great opportunity for radiologists to meet with and educate your local legislators when they are not in session and back in their legislative districts. Having a legislator in to visit your imaging center or simply gathering a group of your colleagues for coffee or lunch with legislators is an invaluable chance to make a connection that might prove critical in the future. As always, the Lockridge Grindal Nauen Government Relations staff are available to help you coordinate and schedule these visits if you are interested. Feel free to reach out to me via email at ncmussell@locklaw.com.
From ACR Press Release

Dr. Helmut Diefenthal 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 individual category to Helmut Diefenthal, MD, HFACR of Minneapolis, MN. The ceremony took place at ACR 2015™ — the College’s all-new annual meeting in Washington, DC.

Dr. Diefenthal (age 91) has provided international service in low and middle income countries for over 50 years. After completing his residency in internal medicine in 1956, Dr. Diefenthal, working with his wife Rotraut, began his international outreach efforts in Malaysia. But it was his work in Tanzania where Dr. Diefenthal made his mark. He began serving at a 40 bed hospital in the early 1960s that had no electricity. He was able to get a sponsoring church to provide electricity and eventually provided the first x-ray machine to the facility.

“Dr. Diefenthal is renowned and respected physician who has dedicated most of his adult life to helping those in underserved and developing areas of the world. We are proud to recognize his years of service and sacrifice with this award,” said Howard B. Fleishon, MD, MMM, FACR, chair of the ACR Foundation Executive Committee.

Dr. Diefenthal completed a residency in radiology in the late 1960s at the University of Minnesota and served on staff there and at the VA hospital between 1973 and 1988. During that time he began volunteering at the Kilimanjaro Christian Medical Center (KCMC). Immediately upon retirement, he and his wife moved to Moshi, Tanzania to work full-time at KCMC. Working 12 to 14 hour days until the age of 90, Dr. Deifenthal established a lasting legacy for radiological care in Africa. He established a radiology department at KCMC and eventually developed both an Assistant Medical Officer and a radiology residency program there. These programs have produced well over 100 graduates that are providing radiological care throughout Tanzania and sub-Saharan Africa.

To ensure adequate funding for KCMC’s radiology department, Dr. Diefenthal, working with radiology colleagues from the University of Minnesota’s radiology department, formed the East Africa Medical Assistance Foundation. The foundation is working to provide graduates from KCMC with portable ultrasound machines. Portable ultrasound has proven to be an invaluable diagnostic tool in low to middle income countries that lack basic access to radiological care.

Based on the impact of his work and his dedication and commitment to the patients and students he has served in Tanzania, Dr. Diefenthal was honored with the American College of Radiology’s (ACR) Honorary Fellowship in 2003. Fittingly, he is the first recipient of the ACRF Global Humanitarian Award which 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. Dr. Diefenthal received the award at the Annual Meeting of the ACR.

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.
This past April, a team of radiology residents and attendings from Mayo Clinic traveled to Mirebalais, Haiti to provide humanitarian medical care at the Partners in Health (PIH) University Mirebalais Hospital. PIH is a non-profit organization based in Boston which provides medical care to some of the most medically underserved populations throughout the world. In 2013, they built a hospital in the rural, central plateau region of Haiti, near Mirebalais. This hospital has one of only five CT scanners in the entire country of 10.3 million, and is the only CT in a public hospital. Unfortunately, there isn’t a radiologist on site to interpret studies. For image interpretation, the hospital relies on a volunteer network of radiologists in the United States who provide interpretations via a teleradiology format. Drs. Allen Swanson and Paul Heideman, fourth year radiology residents at Mayo Clinic, established a partnership between PIH and the Department of Radiology at Mayo Clinic in the fall of 2013. Since joining the network, Mayo radiology residents and staff have been meeting after work approximately four times per month to interpret CT examinations.

Drs. Swanson and Heideman, along with attending radiologists Dr. David Levin and Dr. Norbert Campeau, spent a total of three weeks in Haiti this past April to provide on-site radiology services. The team spent the majority of each day interpreting CTs, ultrasound, and plain film studies. In total, they were able to interpret approximately 900 studies. Additionally, they attended daily rounds with the emergency medicine, internal medicine, and intensive care teams to review imaging findings, as well as to understand the role of imaging in healthcare at Mirebalais. They also taught basic radiological interpretation skills to Haitian residents during daily lectures. Finally, they worked on quality improvement issues, including working with technologists to improve the acquisition and reformattting of CT

(From left to right) Drs. Allen Swanson, Norbert Campeau, and Paul Heideman doing a teaching session with ER residents

Dr. Paul Heideman (left) and Dr. Allen Swanson (right) in front of the Partners In Health Hospital Universitaire de Mirebalais

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studies, and instructing staff and residents on how to provide a proper indication and history for the radiologists interpreting their studies in the United States.

These volunteers found this experience to be very rewarding, both personally and professionally. The opportunity to help improve the healthcare of this underserved population was truly gratifying. Additionally, it was a great opportunity to learn about many diseases that are unique to this population, thereby broadening their own knowledge of radiology. By being there in person, it was possible to gain a much better understanding of the challenges of providing high quality radiology at Mirebalais, from getting to know the ordering physicians and radiology technologists, becoming familiar with ordering procedures, and seeing first-hand how information from radiology interpretations is incorporated into patient care. What the team learned by being in Haiti will undoubtedly help volunteers at Mayo improve the quality of future radiology reports that they provide for this hospital and ultimately improve patient care.

Dr. Davis Levin teaching basics of chest CT interpretation to general surgery and internal medicine residents