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Radiological Society of North America Awards Honorary Memberships

CHICAGO, Nov. 27, 2006 – Today the Radiological Society of North America (RSNA) awarded honorary membership to three individuals who have distinguished themselves as outstanding contributors to the field of radiology and its allied sciences. The recipients were Andy Adam, F.R.C.R., F.R.C.S., F.R.C.P., from London, England; Hitoshi Katayama, M.D., from Tokyo, Japan; and Kofoworola Oluwatoyin Soyebi, M.B.Ch.B., from Lagos, Nigeria.

Andy Adam, F.R.C.R., F.R.C.S., F.R.C.P.

Andy Adam, F.R.C.R., F.R.C.S., F.R.C.P., is a global leader in interventional radiology, who has brought immeasurable enthusiasm and countless contributions to the field.

“Those of you who know Dr. Adam, know you cannot escape his charm, enthusiasm, depth of knowledge and character,” said RSNA President Robert R. Hattery, M.D. “You will also marvel at his vision of the future.”

“This very special award is a huge honor and means more to me than words can express,” said Dr. Adam, adding that attending the RSNA annual meeting every year since the early 1980s has helped shape his career in radiology. He has held RSNA membership since 1993.

Dr. Adam obtained Fellowship of the Royal College of Radiologists at the Royal Postgraduate Medical School in London. He is also a fellow of the Royal College of Physicians and was awarded Fellowship of the Royal College of Surgeons for clinical and academic distinction, making him one of just a few physicians to hold the fellowship of three English Royal Colleges.

In 1992, he was appointed to the first professorial chair of interventional radiology in Europe, at Guy's and St. Thomas' Medical School at the University of London. He remains in that position today.

Dr. Adam has been president of many organizations, including the Cardiovascular and Interventional Radiological Society of Europe and the British Institute of Radiology. He has been awarded the gold medal of the British Society of Interventional Radiology and the medal of the Russian Academy of Medical Sciences.

Perhaps nowhere has Dr. Adam's impact been more profound than in his work with the European Congress of Radiology (ECR), of which he was 2006 president and is now board chair. Dr. Adam helped merge ECR with the European Association of Radiology to create the European Society of Radiology (ESR).

"This is the most fundamental change that has ever taken place in the structure of radiology in Europe and has enormous implications for education, research and strategy in imaging in European countries," said Dr. Adam.

Dr. Adam is widely published and recognized academically, also serving as editor-in-chief of *Cardiovascular and Interventional Radiology*.

Hitoshi Katayama, M.D.

Hitoshi Katayama, M.D., is an internationally recognized authority on the safe and appropriate use of high-osmolar contrast media.

RSNA President Robert R. Hattery, M.D., indicated that Dr. Katayama's research has had a significant impact on his professional life. "Dr. Katayama has my personal congratulations and thanks from many patients who have benefited from his work," he said.

"Thank you for giving me such a great honor," said Dr. Katayama. "On this wonderful occasion, I promise you I will devote my remaining energy to present and future radiology."

Now the director of the Daito College of Medical Technology in Tokyo, Dr. Katayama is perhaps best known as an author of what has come to be called the "Katayama Report." This pivotal large-scale study, published in *Radiology* in 1990, concluded that nonionic contrast media significantly reduced the frequency of severe and

potentially life-threatening adverse reactions to contrast media. Dr. Katayama and more than 100 radiologists across Japan prospectively studied almost 350,000 cases for adverse drug reactions related to high-osmolar ionic contrast media and low-osmolar nonionic contrast media.

“I believe this was a monumental paper in contrast media research,” said Dr. Katayama.

A graduate of the Kyushu University School of Medicine in Fukuoka, Japan, Dr. Katayama worked as a research associate in the Department of Radiology at the Atomic Bomb Casualty Commission in Hiroshima, Japan. Dr. Katayama eventually served as a professor, chair of the Department of Radiology and president of Juntendo University for more than 25 years.

Dr. Katayama has served as president of the Japanese Radiological Society and the 8th Asian Oceanian Congress of Radiology. He has received a gold medal from the Asian Oceanian Society of Radiology and honorary membership from the European Congress of Radiology. He has been an RSNA member since 1984.

Kofoworola Oluwatoyin Soyebi, M.B.Ch.B.

Kofoworola Oluwatoyin Soyebi, M.B.Ch.B., has applied her personal passion for learning to making a public impact on the field of radiology in her native Nigeria.

“Those who know and have worked with Dr. Soyebi quickly recognize her energy, articulate expression of ideas, can-do attitude and commitment to our specialty and her patients,” said RSNA President Robert R. Hattery, M.D.

Dr. Soyebi indicated that RSNA has greatly enhanced her professional experience. “With this honorary membership, all I can say is that God will enable me to do this great Society proud,” she said.

Dr. Soyebi completed her radiology training at Lagos University Teaching Hospital in Nigeria, and at the conclusion of her studies was awarded the prize for best candidate in the final fellowship examinations of the National Postgraduate Medical College of Nigeria.

Now a senior lecturer at the University of Lagos College of Medicine, Dr. Soyebi coordinates students’ clinical training. She is also a consultant radiologist in the

University of Lagos Teaching Hospital, where she is involved in all radiographic investigations, co-directs the ultrasound unit and trains residents.

Dr. Soyebi serves on the academic board of the medical college and on the Board of Radiology Faculty of the West African College of Surgeons. An RSNA member since 2004, she also holds membership in many other national and international societies, including the Nigerian Medical Association and Medical Women's Association of Nigeria.

Dr. Soyebi was one of the first six Africans to benefit from the RSNA Teach the Teachers Ultrasound Initiative in Africa, which resulted in an ultrasound research and education center at the medical college. Dr. Soyebi is a program coordinator at the center, which has trained more than 100 doctors in various aspects of ultrasonography since 2003.

Dr. Soyebi's current research includes the role of neurosonography in managing neonates with structural brain damage. She is collaborating with others on research into sonographic evaluation of breast diseases and using transcranial Doppler to evaluate the intracerebral vessels of patients with sickle cell disease.

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