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CHICAGO, Nov. 28, 2005 — 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 Antonio Chiesa, M.D., from Brescia, Italy; Janet E. Husband, OBE, F.Med.Sci., F.R.C.P., F.R.C.R., from Sutton Surrey, England; and Rolf-Peter Mueller, M.D., Ph.D., from Cologne, Germany.

Antonio Chiesa, M.D.

Antonio Chiesa, M.D., is a dedicated physician and educator, whose progressive leadership and involvement in the global radiology community have guided the advancement and unification of radiology in Europe for decades.

“Dr. Chiesa has distinguished himself by raising the levels of head and neck radiology throughout Europe,” said RSNA President David H. Hussey, M.D. “His leadership abilities and vision in the Italian and European radiology communities have enabled him to make far-reaching decisions regarding the advancement and modernization of the education of European radiologists. Dr. Chiesa is credited with transforming Italian radiology into an efficiently functioning discipline, and he is a friend and trusted advisor to many leaders in the American radiology community.”

Dr. Chiesa said he was surprised, but deeply honored to receive this distinction. “The influence that RSNA has had on my professional life has been both strong and beneficial. As an Honorary Member, I will feel much more involved in RSNA programs, especially those pertaining to the international environment,” he said.

Dr. Chiesa obtained his medical degree at the University of Padua in Italy and practiced there until 1982. He then moved to the University of Brescia, as chairman of the Department of

Radiology and director of the Postgraduate School of Radiology, modernizing the department and overseeing its transformation into a well-equipped unit with up-to-date information and technology. Today, Dr. Chiesa directs the Radiology Department at the University of Brescia.

He served as the president of the 2005 European Congress of Radiology (ECR) in Vienna and is also chairman of the ECR executive committee. Dr. Chiesa is an active international speaker, presenting in more than 22 countries. Most of his speaking engagements focus on aspects of general and head and neck radiology.

An RSNA member since 1986, Dr. Chiesa also serves on the editorial boards of several Italian and European journals. He has authored more than 150 scientific publications.

Janet E. Husband, OBE, F.Med.Sci., F.R.C.P., F.R.C.R.

Janet E. Husband, OBE, F.Med.Sci., F.R.C.P., F.R.C.R., is an inspirational practitioner, researcher and visionary who has made invaluable contributions to cancer imaging.

“Through her tireless efforts, Dr. Husband has placed the United Kingdom at the center of oncologic imaging and has disseminated the specialized knowledge of oncologic imaging worldwide,” said RSNA President David H. Hussey, M.D. “She has also shown that through hard work and dedication, it is entirely possible to balance one’s family life and career and become an internationally renowned leader in academic radiology.”

Dr. Husband is extremely proud of the honor. “It is a very special award for me because of my long association with RSNA over the last 25 years,” she said. “Indeed, my career has been shaped and enhanced through the relationships I developed in the early days of computed tomography, through presentations at the RSNA annual meeting. I will continue to support the Society by supporting its work in whatever way I am able.”

Dr. Husband began her career in radiology working part-time while raising her three young sons. In 1977, she was appointed to the Royal Marsden Hospital in London to organize a computed tomography (CT) department and clinical CT research unit and has since conducted groundbreaking clinical research in both CT and magnetic resonance imaging in the study of cancer.

She is currently the academic head of the Department of Diagnostic Radiology and medical director of the Royal Marsden National Health Service Foundation Trust. She is a professor of diagnostic imaging at the Institute of Cancer Research at the Royal Marsden Hospital

and is also president of the Royal College of Radiologists, the first woman to hold the title. She is a past-president of the British Institute of Radiology.

An RSNA member since 1987, Dr. Husband founded the International London Courses in CT, one of the most prestigious annual courses in cross-sectional imaging in the world. One of her most prized acknowledgements came in June 2002, when in recognition of her role in cancer imaging, she was appointed OBE, Officer of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire in Queen Elizabeth II's Jubilee Birthday Honours.

Rolf-Peter Mueller, M.D., Ph.D.

Rolf-Peter Mueller, M.D., Ph.D., is a leading investigator and scholar in the field of radiation therapy and radiosurgery, whose indispensable research contributions have had a great impact on the course of radiobiologic applications.

“An internationally recognized radiation oncologist, Dr. Mueller has made significant contributions to the study of Hodgkin disease. His work has become the standard of care,” said RSNA President David H. Hussey, M.D. “Dr. Mueller has accomplished many landmark achievements during his eminent career.”

Dr. Mueller said he is proud to accept the award. “RSNA is like a big family to me, offering a brilliant opportunity to promote professional accomplishments and relationships with people in other subspecialties. I am honored to be a part of the amazing programs RSNA offers, and I volunteer my talents for the future promotion of interdisciplinary growth and cooperation,” he said.

Born in Dortmund, Germany, Dr. Mueller attended medical school at the University of Muenster, Germany, and the University of Vienna, Austria. His research pursuits began at the University of Dortmund as a research fellow involved in experimental investigations of local disorders of microcirculation in muscles and solid organs after megavoltage radiation therapy.

He acquired his doctorate of philosophy in 1982 and in 1984 received the Herrman-Holthusen Ring, the highest award given to young scientists by the German Roentgen Ray Society. In 1985 he became the acting head of the Department of Radiation Oncology at the University of Cologne and was appointed director and head of the department in 1987, where he still presides.

Dr. Mueller has initiated many groundbreaking endeavors. His experimental and clinical investigations have mainly focused on studies of radiation applications in cancer and circulation

abnormalities. The related fields of radiochemotherapy, radiosurgery and radiation therapy have all grown progressively as a result of his dedicated research efforts.

An RSNA member since 1992, Dr. Mueller is responsible for the development of the radiation therapy program in the German Hodgkin Study Group and is a founding member of the German Society for Radiation Oncology. He has published more than 210 scientific papers and has authored more than 35 chapters in scientific books.

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