

# RSNA 2008 Honorary Members

**Honorary Membership in RSNA is presented for significant achievements in the field of radiology. At RSNA 2008, Honorary Membership will be given to Jian-Ping Dai, M.D., of Beijing, Maximilian F. Reiser, M.D., of Munich, Germany, and Gustav K. von Schulthess, M.D., Ph.D., of Zürich, Switzerland.**

While many know **Jian-Ping Dai, M.D.**, for his recent role as vice-minister of the Games Services Department for the Beijing Organizing Committee of the 2008 Olympic Games (BOCOG), radiologists have long regarded him as a visionary who helped advance radiology practice in China. He serves as the principal advisor for radiology to the Chinese Ministry of Health.

Dr. Dai is a professor of neuroradiology in the Beijing Neurosurgical Institute of Beijing Tiantan Hospital at the Capital University of Medical Sciences. He is also president of Beijing Tiantan Hospital and immediate past-president of the Chinese Society of Radiology.

"Dr. Dai's strong and thoughtful leadership of Chinese radiology has placed imaging in the forefront of medical specialties both nationally and throughout the global community," said 2008 RSNA President Theresa C. McCloud, M.D.

Dr. Dai said he accepts honorary membership on behalf of all radiologists in his country. "Thirty years ago, the Chinese people resolutely embarked on the historic journey of reform and an opening up to the international community," he said. "This new policy afforded me to the opportunity to travel abroad and start my 'personal learning in the global community' and to work with international colleagues towards universal standards of quality care for our patients."

Dr. Dai received his medical training at Beijing Xuan Wu Hospital and completed a fellowship in the neuroradiology division of the Department of Radiology at Massachusetts General Hospital (MGH). Returning to China, Dr. Dai worked with neurosurgery pioneer C.C. Wang, M.D., to introduce neurointerventional

therapy and establish the first full-time neuroimaging center in the country.

As BOCOG vice-minister, Dr. Dai oversaw medical services for more than 16,000 Beijing games athletes. He recruited professional volunteers and emphasized technology in assembling the venue's central polyclinic, outfitting it with CT and MR imaging systems, ultrasound, PACS and RIS.



Jian-Ping Dai, M.D.

An RSNA member since 1991, Dr. Dai has served as president of the Chinese Society of Radiology and chief editor of the *Chinese Journal of Radiology* from 1996 to 2005 and established the Chinese Society of Neuroradiology in 1987. He is vice-president of the Chinese Medical Association, Chinese Hospital Association, Chinese Doctor Association and China Association of Medical Equipment. Dr. Dai is also president-elect of the Asian Oceanian Society of Radiology.

**Maximilian F. Reiser, M.D.**, is an internationally recognized authority on the clinical applications of CT and MR in body imaging and a leader in European radiology.

"Those of you who know or have worked with Dr. Reiser recognize his energy, strong work ethic and dedication to scholarship and excellence," said 2008 RSNA President Theresa C. McCloud, M.D. "He is profoundly committed to the advancement of radiology and the care of his patients."

Dr. Reiser is a professor and chair of the Department of Clinical Radiology at Ludwig Maximilian University of Munich. He was recently elected dean of the Munich University medical faculty.

"Throughout my professional life, I was deeply impressed by North American radiology and radiologists and had the privilege to get to know and make friends among the most prominent of them," said Dr. Reiser. "RSNA, both the organization and the scientific and educational meeting, are exemplary and outstanding. Receiving honorary membership in this distinguished society is more than I would ever have dreamed of."

Dr. Reiser received his medical degree from Ludwig Maximilian University. He has served as professor and chair of radiology at the University of Bonn, chair of the academic promotion committee of the Munich University medical faculty and chair of the vascular center and the breast center of Munich University hospitals.

Earlier this year, Dr. Reiser presided over the European Congress of Radiology (ECR) as it launched a new program intended to encourage more interdisciplinary exchange. Under Dr. Reiser's tutelage, ECR attracted 17,000 participants from more than 90 countries and is now the second largest radiologic congress worldwide.

Dr. Reiser has served as president of the European Society of Musculoskeletal Radiology, congress president of the German and Austrian radiological societies and president of the German Radio-

logical Society. This year he was named second vice-president of the European Society of Radiology.

A member of RSNA since 1990, Dr. Reiser has received the Holtheuesen Ring Award of the German Radiological Society and honorary membership in the Austrian Radiological Society, Hellenic Radiologi-

cal Society, Korean Radiology Society and U.K. Royal College of Radiology. He is also a member of the Leopoldina, the German National Academy of Science.



Maximilian F. Reiser, M.D.

**Gustav K. von Schulthess, M.D., Ph.D.**, has pioneered the applications of physics to functional imaging and improved cooperation between nuclear medicine and radiology.

“Dr. von Schulthess’ leadership serves as an example of his endless enthusiasm, vigor and dedication to education,” said 2008 RSNA President Theresa C. McCloud, M.D. “All these attributes are combined with his charm, enthusiasm and depth of knowledge.”

Said Dr. von Schulthess: “My education and affiliations have been at the crossroads of Europe and North America. In many ways, my professional approach has stayed more American. I am grateful to have imbibed the American spirit and I am proud that RSNA honors my ‘go between’ role in this way.”

Dr. von Schulthess is director of the Division of Nuclear Medicine and co-director of the MR Centre at University Hospital Zürich, Switzerland. He is also a professor of nuclear medicine at the University of Zürich.

During his graduate education Dr. von Schulthess pursued both medicine and physics, eventually enrolling in the Joint Division in Health Sciences and Technology program at Harvard Medical School and Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT). He graduated in 1980 with a physics Ph.D. from MIT and a medical degree from Harvard.



**Gustav von Schulthess, M.D., Ph.D.**

Back in Switzerland, under Dr. von Schulthess’ direction, University Hospital Zürich became one of the first sites in Europe to introduce MR in 1985, echoplanar MR in 1992 and interventional MR in 1995. The hospital was the first clinical site worldwide to introduce clinical

PET/CT scanning in March 2001.

Dr. von Schulthess has investigated combined modality fusion imaging, especially of tumors and infection, with PET/CT, SPECT/CT and PET/MR. In 2003 he co-founded Timaq, a company providing expertise for the pharmaceutical indus-

try and contract research organizations in clinical trials, and now serves as the company’s chief scientific advisor.

Dr. von Schulthess, an RSNA member since 1985, has served as an associate editor and reviewer for *Radiology* and a reviewer for numerous other journals. He received an honorary degree in medicine from the University of Copenhagen in 2007. He was 1994–1995 president of the European Society for Magnetic Resonance in Medicine and Biology and president of the Swiss Society of Nuclear Medicine from 1996 to 1999.

For expanded versions of the biographies of Drs. Dai, Reiser and von Schulthess, see the *RSNA Meeting Program* or go to [RSNA2008.RSNA.org](http://RSNA2008.RSNA.org) and click Meeting Program in the left-hand column.

