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## \$1.5 Million Bequest Creates Endowment for Radiology Research

Known by colleagues as a "doctor's doctor," Ralph Schlaeger, M.D., was esteemed for his straightforward man-

ner and his preference for face-to-face communication. A \$1.5 million donation from the Ralph Schlaeger Charitable Foundation to the RSNA R&E Foundation will enable new discoveries, innovations and learning for years to come.

"Ralph was extremely well-respected," said colleague Philip O. Alderson, M.D., former chair of radiology at

Columbia University in New York, where Dr. Schlaeger served as an associate professor at the College of Physicians and Surgeons for 51 years. "He always took the time for courteous consultation, which is too often missing from healthcare practices today."

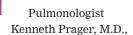
Dr. Schlaeger, a 50-year RSNA member, specialized in gastrointestinal radiology. He practiced as an associate

> attending radiologist at New York's Presbyterian Hospital. Trained in the era of plain films and barium imaging, he published several seminal articles on gastrointestinal applications and a classic text on juvenile rheumatoid arthritis.

give his conclusion, pointing out with a wave of his hand and with the élan of an artist, subtle changes that often spoke to the heart of the matter."

In addition to professional dedication, Dr. Schlaeger had more than passing interest in the arts, said Columbia Presbyterian colleague Frieda Feldman, M.D., "not only evidenced by his knowledge of painting and classic literature, but by one always present, surprisingly dazzling bow tie, which he wore

Dr. Schlaeger's gift will be a lasting tribute to his passion for radiology and his service to the profession, securing protected time for discovering new ways to fight disease and improve patient care.



spoke warmly of his encounters with Dr. Schlaeger as a young clinician. "Dr. Schlaeger demanded as much of the clinicians who reviewed his x-rays as he did of himself in interpreting the films," said Dr. Prager. "He would put up all the x-rays, review them silently and quickly

with great aplomb and, to be sure, was always hand-tied!"

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Ralph Schlaeger, M.D.

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This year, nearly 270 R&E grant recipients are making their mark at the RSNA annual meeting, presenting more than 900 offerings including refresher courses, scientific presentations and education exhibits—and esteemed plenary session lectures, the highlight of the RSNA 2011 program.

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SUNDAY 11/27
OPENING SESSION PANEL



**Geoffrey D. Rubin, M.D.** CT Angiography: 20 Years Old and All Grown-Up 1994 GE Medical Systems/RSNA Research Scholar Grant



Zahi A. Fayad, Ph.D. Bleeding Edge Imaging and Therapy in Vascular Disease 1998 RSNA Research Seed Grant

Oncodiagnosis Panel: Innovations in Imaging and Therapy for Gynecologic Cancer (PS11) Julia Fielding, M.D. Katarzyna Macura, M.D., Ph.D. Nina Mayr, M.D.

Pediatric Radiology Series: Neuroimaging (MSVP11) Ashok Panigrahy, M.D.

Report of the R&E Foundation Arie Crown Theater, 4:00 p.m. Theresa C. McLoud, M.D.

"The R&E Foundation is fantastic. It's a safe haven for research support."

- Geoffrey D. Rubin, M.D.

#### MONDAY 11/28 NEW HORIZONS I FCTURE



A. Gregory Sorensen, M.D.
Mechanistic Imaging—MR-PET,
7 TESLA MRI, and Beyond
1993 Research Resident Grant
1995 Bracco Diagnostics/RSNA
Research Scholar Grant

Hot Topic: Tendinosis (SPSH20) *Kenneth S. Lee, M.D.* 

Emergency Radiology Series (MSVE21) Alessandro Furlan, M.D. Kyongtae Bae, M.D., Ph.D. Karim Valji, M.D.

International Radiology Outreach (LL-INE1200-MOA) Garry Choy, M.D. Supriya Gupta, M.B.B.S. Sanjay Saini, M.D.

"The R&E Foundation is playing an important role in the careers of both new and practicing radiologists. Its efforts are sustaining radiology as a field."

- Jeffrey R. Petrella, M.D.



# TUESDAY 11/29 ANNUAL ORATION IN DIAGNOSTIC RADIOLOGY



Jeffrey R. Petrella, M.D. Neuroimaging and the Search for a Cure for Alzheimer's Disease 1999 RSNA Research Seed Grant 2000 Mallinckrodt Medical, Inc./ RSNA Research Scholar Grant

Controversies in Lung Cancer Screening (SPSC30) Caroline Chiles, M.D. William C. Black, M.D.

Informatics Keynote Speaker (SSG07)

Mannudeep K.S. Kalra, M.D.

Musculoskeletal Radiology Series: Knee Imaging

Lawrence M. White, M.D. Robert D. Boutin, M.D.

(MSVS31)

# WEDNESDAY 11/30 ANNUAL ORATION IN RADIATION ONCOLOGY



Stephen M. Hahn, M.D. Proton Beam Therapy: Applications and Future 1999 RSNA Research Scholar Grant

Health Services, Policy and Research Keynote Speaker (SSM11-01)

Jeffrey Jarvik, M.D., M.P.H.

Radiofrequency Ablation: As Good as It Gets? (MSVO41-11)

S. Nahum Goldberg, M.D.

Cardiac Series: Heart Failure -Multimodality Imaging (MSVA41)

Richard White, M.D. David A. Bluemke, M.D., Ph.D.

#### THURSDAY 12/1

Creating a Professional Culture in Your Department: What to Do, What to Avoid (RC616)

Ariel E. Hirsch, M.D. Marilyn J. Goske, M.D. Stephen Chan, M.D.

Case-Based Review of Neuroradiology-Head and Neck (MSCN53A) Laurie Loevner, M.D.

Molecular Imaging Keynote Speaker: Molecular Imaging Probes (SSQ09) Umar Mahmood, M.D., Ph.D.

#### **FRIDAY 12/2**

Transcatheter Intraarterial Perfusion Magnetic Resonance Imaging during Chemoembolization Predicts Overall Survival in Patients with Hepatocellular Carcinoma (SST17-06)

Brian Jin, B.S. Reed A. Omary, M.D. Ron C. Gaba, M.D.

Volume Analysis of Head and Neck Lesions on PET-CT Scans Using 3D Level Set Segmentation (SST15-02) Suresh K. Mukherji, M.D.

One Week of Violent Video Game Play Alters Prefrontal Activity (SST11-06) Vincent P. Mathews, M.D.

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"I was fortunate to begin my academic career with a grant from the R&E Foundation. The Foundation's funding allowed me to pursue an independent research career with the goal of making advances in cancer care."

- Stephen M. Hahn, M.D.

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# Nurturing Young Physicians on the Path to Success: Lab Director Makes Perfect Sense of R&E Contributions



Of the various roles **Frank J. Rybicki, M.D., Ph.D., F.A.H.A.,** plays on any given day—practicing radiologist, investigator, lab director, professor, fundraiser, mentor—his top priority is nurturing and training young academic radiologists.

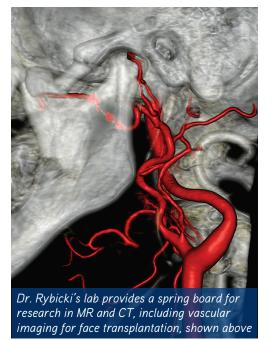
As the director of the Applied Imaging Science Laboratory (AISL) at Brigham and Women's Hospital in Boston, Dr. Rybicki enjoys helping young physicians gain the skills they need to become independent investigators. The R&E Foundation is a natural partner in his efforts.

"What's most rewarding for me is seeing my students become successful," said Dr. Rybicki, an associate professor at Harvard Medical School and director of Cardiac CT & Vascular CT/MRI at Brigham and Women's.

His lab is internationally recognized as a springboard for young clinician-scientists—

rising academic stars such as Kirsten Small, M.D., who addressed the subject of radiation dose years before it became a hot topic; Shige Soga, M.D., of Tokyo, who has become a leader in vascular imaging for face transplantation; and Michael Lu, M.D., and John D. MacKenzie, M.D., both of whom have been awarded R&E Foundation grants.

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Dr. Rybicki says his mentors, B. Leonard Holman, M.D. and Ferenc A. Jolesz, M.D., had a major impact on his own career path. "Working in a clinical research environment, I immediately knew I wanted to become a radiologist," said Dr. Rybicki.

Since then, he has become an internationally known educator and specialist in cardiac CT—he developed a comprehensive cardiovascular imaging fellowship program model, helped to introduce wide-detector CT, and was the first to publish clinical images using 320-detector row CT.

He became involved with RSNA early in his career, presenting his first paper as a resident and winning an RSNA research trainee prize in 1999. Contributing to the R&E Foundation makes perfect sense, he says, given his work training academic radiologists.

"The R&E Foundation is a great match for me," said Dr. Rybicki, who is both an individual donor and the founder of "Casino Night," a social event that takes place during the RSNA Scientific Assembly and Annual Meeting. His lab has been holding the event for years, and more recently decided to make it a fundraiser to support the R&E Foundation. "Having a good time for a good cause makes everyone a winner."

#### AISL Casino Night At RSNA 2011

Tuesday, November 29 • Begins at 9:00 p.m. Sheraton Chicago Hotel & Towers, Club Lounge \$20 admission with proceeds benefitting R&E. Generously sponsored by **Toshiba** and **Bracco**.

## Vanguard Company Profile

## Advancing the Frontiers of Medical Science

Bracco Diagnostics Inc. is proud of its history in supporting the RSNA Research & Education (R&E) Foundation's Vanguard Program in its efforts to advance research, education and radiology practice.

Bracco has supported the Foundation since its inception. For a number of years, Bracco provided the Foundation with funding for both a Research Scholar Grant and a Research Resident Grant, in its effort to encourage careers and educat the radiologic sciences the first to examine the applications of sodium magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) in epilepsy.

In addition, Bracco will continue to support the second year of the RSNA

Research Scholar Grant awarded to Qian Dong, M.D., from the University of Michigan Hospitals and Health Centers. Dr. Dong is researching the use of MRI diffusion and perfusion biomarkers to predict early response to neoadjuvant chemotherapy.

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Grant, in its effort to encourage careers and education within the radiologic sciences.

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"Bracco continually supports research and development projects that explore challenging conditions and expand radiologists' knowledge of better, safer and more effective uses of diagnostic imaging agents."

The Research Resident grant program provides a \$30,000 award to a top resident to protect 50% of their time for a research project under the guidance of a scientific advisor. Through this project, residents can learn about scientific investigation and develop competence in research techniques. This year, Bracco will support the grant for Mai-Lan Ho, M.D., from Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center. Dr. Ho's research project will be one of

tions and expand radiologists' knowledge of better, safer and more effective uses of diagnostic imaging agents," said Carlo Medici, president and chief executive officer of Bracco Diagnostics Inc., and head of global commercial operations for Bracco Imaging S.p.A. "We are proud to partner with the Foundation to advance the frontiers of medical knowledge and to shape the future science of radiology."

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well as medical devices and advanced injection systems for contrast imaging products worldwide. Furthermore, the Bracco Group offers diagnostic services through the Milan-based Centro Diagnostico Italiano (Italian Diagnostic Center).

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"The RSNA R&E Foundation is a true blessing for all of radiology, and it is an honor to contribute to its mission in every possible way."

Friedrich D. Knollmann, M.D., Ph.D. University of Pittsburgh Medical Center Presbyterian Hospital 2011 RSNA Research Seed Grant

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### **Visionary Donor Profile**

#### Technology Pioneer Gives Back to Radiology

Fresh out of college, **Ronald B. Schilling, Ph.D.**, had the good fortune of landing a job in RCA's renowned research laboratories in Princeton, New Jersey, where color television and other modern inventions were born.

"It was an amazing place to work and it's where the con-

cept of imaging first struck me," said Dr. Schilling, who was already thinking about the 'end-user,' decades before the phrase became a marketing buzzword.

His work in the computer-aided design of transistors at RCA drew the attention of executives at Motorola, who needed help getting into the microprocessor market. Next, General Electric came calling, and a young GE executive named Jack Welch told Dr. Schilling that he should

consider joining the company—which he did two years later when GE was launching the CT scanner.

"I was so used to just dealing with engineers and purchasing agents, but at GE I had the opportunity to deal with the end-user," he said. "Once I was in the medical field, there was no going back."

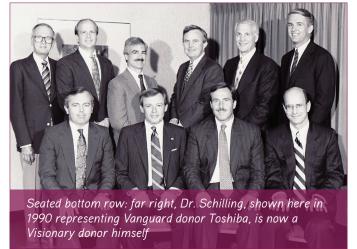
Dr. Schilling would become the head of strategic planning for GE Medical Systems, focused on taking the company's CT business to number one in the world by honing what he calls the clinical-technical tie: ensuring the technology meets the needs of the marketplace. Before long, Diasonics and Toshiba

would also seek him out to build their MRI business lines.

"I have a lot to give back to radiology," he said. "Supporting passionate young researchers helps create the clinicaltechnical ties of the future."

With a track record of successful start-ups and a medical network that spanned the globe, it eventually made sense for Dr. Schilling to start his own consulting and venture capital businesses—both of which he continues to run today from Los Altos Hills, California.

"The idea of working with bright and energetic CEOs is very exciting," said Dr. Schilling, who is guiding new companies involved in PACS technology, positron emission mammography (PEM) and Z Space which he calls a game-changing innovation that offers "true" 3-D or virtual holography. "I can't imagine ever doing anything else."



### **Grant Recipient Finds NIH Success**

Colin P. Derdeyn, M.D., F.A.H.A. received more than \$12 million from NIH for Translational Stroke Research



Colin P. Derdeyn, M.D., F.A.H.A. Washington University School of Medicine/Barnes Jewish Hospital

In 1994 I received the Siemens Healthcare/ RSNA Research Fellow Grant, which gave me two years to work with one of the real experts in brain blood flow and stroke,

"I have been grateful for the support I received early in my career from the R&E Foundation."

Bill Powers, a stroke neurologist who is now chair of neurology at The University of North Carolina. Between that award and a subsequent NIH K08 award, I learned a great deal about clinical stroke, cerebral pathophysiology, PET, and paper and grant writing. Since then, I have balanced a clinical practice in

interventional neuroradiology and a stroke research program that has been supported by two NIH RO1 grants, and a current P50 center grant for translational stroke research

centers, among other things. The center grant is one of eight nationwide

that forms a network of centers developing better ways to care for patients with acute stroke. The other seven sites are all directed by very accomplished stroke neurologists.

The RSNA award was a critical steppingstone on the path that brought me here.

#### **Exhibitors Circle Profile**

#### An Unwavering Commitment to Patient Care

# Rays Partners with Radiology Groups and R&E to Reach its Ultimate Goal

When paired with an aging population and increased demand for imaging services, a shortage of qualified radiologists in cities across America could have a harmful effect on patient care. Enter Rays, with its mission of "Setting the standard for patient care through innovative telemedicine." The company, founded

2005, has already developed a strong reputation for expanding the capabilities of radiology across the U.S. from large metropolitan hospitals to rural and community medical facilities.

by physicist/radiologist

Greg Rose, M.D., Ph.D., in

By partnering with radiology groups for evening, weekend, and even full-time support, Rays is able to make a direct impact on patient care, ensuring that readings are done by U.S.-based board certified radiologists in subspecialties

> that may not be accessible onsite. Providing top service to medically underserved communities is critical, as many hospitals are unable to recruit physicians to cover

the breadth of diagnostic needs.

By partnering with the R&E Foundation as part of the Exhibitors Circle, Rays will help fund research leading to better diagnosis and treatment.

"We are happy to sponsor the medical research efforts of the R&E Foundation," says Dr. Rose. "In fact, a portion of our own revenue goes to improving teleradiology technology for our clients and patients. The Rays development team, together with input from our clients, constantly improves and upgrades the Rays RIS/PACS."

From its commitment of 6% of gross revenue to R&D, to its proven results in KLAS surveys, Rays is cementing itself as a valued partner—for radiology, radiologists and, most importantly, patients—for years to come.

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## Revolutionizing Educational and Decision Support Needs for Clinicians

Amirsys bridges its goals with support for the R&E Foundation to enhance radiology

RSNA 2011 will mark a milestone for Amirsys as they enter their tenth year as an exhibitor at this international gathering of radiologists. From their first product, *PocketRadiologist®*, to their current lines of reference texts and online products, the RSNA annual meeting has been Amirsys' most exciting and important event. "Ten years ago our little company was a handful of passionate radiologists with a bunch of big ideas," says Ric Harnsberger, M.D., chaired professor of radiology and CEO of Amirsys, Inc. "We believed that radiologists' need for information was increasing rapidly,

and that the way it was delivered to them historically could not begin to meet these new demands. That's how

Amirsys was born."

"Our vision certainly has expanded in size and scope, but our goals consistently focus on the educational and decision support needs of clinicians," said Anne Osborn, M.D., chaired

professor of radiology and CEO of Amirsys Publishing, Inc. "We are pleased to support the R&E Foundation for a sixth consecutive year and to give back to the RSNA community that continuously

enhances the profession of radiology."

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rently used by 30,000 radiologists in 50 countries. RADPrimer™, the online learning portal for radiology

residents, was launched in 2011.

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