In a highly personal message shared during RSNA 2014, former R&E Foundation Board of Trustees Chair, James P. Borgstede, M.D., launched Inspire-Innovate-Invest: The Campaign for Funding Radiology’s Future®. The goal of the Campaign is to raise $17.5 million, bridging gaps in funding to promising investigators and educators.

In his remarks, Dr. Borgstede recalled memories of his first annual meeting experience: Body CT was being presented for the first time, the rooms were packed and the level of excitement was incredible. It was that excitement that inspired him to pursue a career in academic radiology. He then recalled attending the annual meeting when he first learned about the Foundation and the ability for radiologists to directly support the specialty by donating to the Foundation. “I knew then, and I know now, that I am supporting a worthy cause and that my investment pays off,” said Dr. Borgstede.

He challenged those in the audience to remember their own inspiration, and to invest in the specialty that has benefited not only radiologists, but the practice of medicine and most importantly, the patients served. He noted the significant role played by the Foundation in advancing RSNA’s mission to promote excellence in patient care and healthcare delivery through education, research and technological innovation.

To learn more about the Campaign visit RSNA.org/Campaign.
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Donor Receptions at RSNA 2014

James P. Borgstede, M.D., former R&E Foundation Chair, welcomed RSNA leaders and Foundation supporters to the Distinguished Donor Reception. Excitement around the newly announced Inspire-Innovate-Invest Campaign charged the evening, attended by generous Foundation donors from academia, private practice, and corporations. The annual event allows Foundation leaders to thank donors for their generosity and enjoy a relaxed evening among friends.

A Time to Say Thank You

Centennial Pathfinders celebrate the Inspire-Innovate-Invest Campaign at the Distinguished Donor Reception during RSNA 2014.

James P. Borgstede, M.D., with VIP donors John P. Gerhold, M.D., of Diversified Radiology of Colorado and Michael T. Otte, M.D., of Radiology Imaging Associates

Martin R. Prince, M.D., Ph.D. meets 2014 Prince Research Resident Grant Recipient Christopher Maroules, M.D.

Centennial Pathfinders Beverly Huckman and Anne G. Osborn, M.D.

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Representatives from the Vanguard Donor Program at the Corporate Donor Reception with former R&E Foundation Chair James P. Borgstede, M.D. The Foundation extends its gratitude for the steadfast commitment of our Vanguard partners.
Wide Range of Offerings Presented by R&E Grant Recipients at Annual Meeting

R&E Foundation grant recipients continue to inspire attendees by leading courses on a broad range of clinical applications, innovative research, and a glimpse into the future of imaging economics.

In the Hands-on Workshop, Dynamic Musculoskeletal Ultrasound: Clicks and Clunks of the Upper Extremity, Foundation grant recipients Catherine J. Brandon, M.D., Mary M. Chiavaras, M.D., Ph.D., and Kenneth S. Lee, M.D., lent their skills to help lead a packed room through the identification of anatomic structures which can impinge or move abnormally in the upper extremity causing pain during normal range of motion, and describe the ultrasound anatomy and scanning technique for a dynamic examination of these lesions. Those in attendance participated in direct scanning of model patients.

During a program focusing on imaging economics, Saurabh Jha, M.D., expanded on his 2012 GE Healthcare/RSNA Education Scholar Grant project, Technology Assessment for Radiology Residents – a Curriculum to Understand the Economics of Imaging and How to Value a Diagnostic Test, to address one of the biggest questions in radiology today, “How can we put price tags on radiological exams?” Dr. Jha and his colleagues helped participants understand the difference between uncertainty and risk, articulate how radiological exams transform uncertainty about a patient’s status into risk, assess the value of converting uncertainty into risk and how to apply these assessment techniques to existing and hypothetical radiological exams that could be invented in the future.

New Grant Recipients Acknowledged

In a collegial afternoon event, 2014 grant recipients gathered to receive their award plaques and share research ideas. This annual luncheon provides recipients with an opportunity to be recognized for their work and network with their colleagues. As the recipient of the first Research Seed Grant awarded by the Foundation, Grant Program Committee Chair Kathryn A. Morton, M.D., knows first-hand the importance of early career support, and personally congratulated recipients as she presented their awards.

“The receipt of an R&E Foundation grant is often the springboard from which a successful career in academic radiological science is launched. These high profile awards underscore the commitment of the Foundation and its generous donors to education, research, and development in radiological sciences and to the support of new individuals to carry forward these goals.”

Kathryn A. Morton, M.D., Grant Program Committee Chair (right), presents a scholar award to Janice S. Sung, M.D.
Runners Rally in Record Numbers to Support Radiology

Runners from near and far braved chilly temperatures to participate in the third annual R&E Foundation 5K Fun Run along Chicago’s lake shore. More than 900 runners registered, raising over $37,000 for radiologic research and education, representing a nearly 40% increase over the 2013 event.

The surge in runners can be attributed in part to Vanguard companies Agfa HealthCare, Bayer HealthCare, Philips Healthcare, and Siemens Healthcare signing on in large numbers. Thank you to all the runners and walkers who contributed to the success of the 2014 Fun Run!

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From across the globe, Japanese runners show their national pride.

Foundation Welcomes New Chair and Trustees

2011 RSNA President Burton P. Drayer, M.D., is the new Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the R&E Foundation. The Foundation also welcomed new Secretary Richard D. White, M.D., and two new Trustees, Brian S. Kuszyk, M.D., and Carolyn C. Meltzer, M.D., during its meeting in Chicago. Gregory C. Karnaze, M.D., was reappointed Foundation Treasurer and Michael N. Brant-Zawadzki, M.D., was reappointed to a second term as a member of the Board of Trustees.

Foundation Welcomes New Chair and Trustees

2015 R&E Foundation Board of Trustees (back row, left to right) Richard L. Ehman, M.D., Valerie P. Jackson, M.D., Gregory C. Karnaze, M.D., Treasurer, Burton P. Drayer, M.D., Chairman, Richard L. Morin, Ph.D., Michael N. Brant-Zawadzki, M.D., Thomas N. McCausland, Richard D. White, M.D., Secretary. (Front row, left to right) Sarah S. Donaldson, M.D., N. Reed Dunnick, M.D., Carolyn C. Meltzer, M.D., Brian S. Kuszyk, M.D.
Grant Recipient Receives Major Honor

Anna E.H. Zavodni, M.D., M.H.Sc., a 2013-2015 Agfa HealthCare/RSNA Research Scholar Grant recipient was presented with the RSNA Alexander R. Margulis Award for Scientific Excellence at the 2014 RSNA annual meeting. Dr. Zavodni’s article, “Carotid Artery Plaque Morphology and Composition in Relation to Cardiovascular Events: The Multi-Ethnic Study of Atherosclerosis (MESA)” was originally published in Radiology in May 2014.

The annual award recognizes the best original scientific article published in Radiology for a given year. The Margulis Award Nominating Committee and the Margulis Award Selection Committee review published manuscripts based on their novelty, quality, importance, and potential scientific and clinical impacts.

Congratulations, Dr. Zavodni on this prestigious award.

Anna E.H. Zavodni, M.D., M.H.Sc. accepts the RSNA Alexander R. Margulis Award for Scientific Excellence from 2014 RSNA President N. Reed Dunnick, M.D.

Past Grant Recipient Named Chief Medical Officer

R&E Foundation 1993 Fujifilm Medical Systems/RSNA Research Seed Grant and 1996 GE Healthcare/RSNA Research Scholar Grant recipient Suresh K. Mukherji, M.D., M.B.A., F.A.C.R., has been named Michigan State University HealthTeam Chief Medical Officer and Director of Healthcare Delivery. In addition to his new role, Dr. Mukherji will continue as the W.F. Patenge Endowed Chair of the Department of Radiology at Michigan State University. Prior to his Chairmanship at Michigan State, Dr. Mukherji served as division director of neuroradiology at the University of Michigan.

Dr. Mukherji has been a committed RSNA volunteer for over 20 years. Most recently Dr. Mukherji served as an RSNA International Visiting Professor (IVP) in Argentina. He has lent his expertise to the Foundation as a grant reviewer on the Research Study Section and is currently Vice Chair of the R&E Public Relations Committee. Dr. Mukherji supports the Foundation as a Presidents Circle donor.


In November, RSNA staff celebrated the International Day of Radiology (IDoR) with an event to raise funds for radiologic research and education. In the most successful IDoR gathering to date, over sixty percent of RSNA staff members donated to the Foundation during what has become an annual celebration.

“Thank you so much for your dedication to our mission,” said Phan T. Huynh, M.D., Chairman, Individual Giving Subcommittee.

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“The RSNA staff works hard all year on behalf of our members. It is truly gratifying to see so many also contribute to the Foundation. Thank you so much for your dedication to our mission,” said Phan T. Huynh, M.D., Chairman, Individual Giving Subcommittee.

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Janet B. Garrett, M.D., can pinpoint the moment she decided to embark on a career in radiology. As a third year medical student struggling to decide on a field, she asked her older sisters, who at the time were both physicians in training, for advice.

“I called my oldest sister first, and her husband answered the phone and said she was exhausted and already in bed,” remembers Dr. Garrett. “I called my other sister next, and she was full of enthusiasm for the field of radiology. I made my decision that night.”

Dr. Garrett’s family ties to medicine didn’t end there. Her husband, John Garrett, M.D., is a gastroenterologist and the president of Asheville Gastroenterology Associates. Their son John is studying to complete a Ph.D. program in medical physics at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. His research focuses primarily on X-ray breast and X-ray CT imaging, and he aspires to continue as a researcher after graduating in 2016.

During RSNA 2014, Dr. Garrett and her husband looked on proudly as John presented research on the impact of modifications to a current clinical breast tomosynthesis imaging system. A three-time presenter at the annual meeting, he admits that growing up in a household with strong links to medicine influenced his decision to study medical physics.

“I was interested in medicine from a young age, and got a lot of very positive exposure to it through my parents, who would bring home teaching tools such as X-rays or skeletons to demonstrate some of what they do,” John explained. “When I decided to go to graduate school, it was guidance from and discussions with my mother that led me to the field of medical physics. Obviously, my research interests in imaging are heavily influenced by her, too.”

Seeing her son’s enthusiasm for research first-hand reminds Dr. Garrett of the importance of providing funding for a new generation of leaders pushing the specialty into the future.

“I support the R&E Foundation because I am now able to pay it forward for bright and energetic scientists to pursue their ideas. Giving has become even more meaningful as I have watched my son progress through his doctorate program. As a mammographer, I love that he is focusing on improvements to the field of breast imaging.”

Janet B. Garrett, M.D., and John Garrett, M.D., with their son, John Garrett, a Ph.D. candidate in Medical Physics at the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

To learn more about the R&E Foundation Visionaries in Practice giving program contact Robert Leigh at 630-590-7760 or visit RSNA.org/VIP.
GE Healthcare Renews Commitment for the Inspire-Innovate-Invest Campaign

The R&E Foundation is proud to announce that GE Healthcare has made a new $1 million commitment in support of the Foundation. A 1989 founding Vanguard donor company, GE Healthcare has been one of the Foundation’s strongest supporters. In their more than two decades as a Vanguard company, GE Healthcare has enabled over $4.5 million dollars in research and education grants.

The impact of these awards was evident throughout the halls of McCormick Place during RSNA 2014, with current and former recipients presenting on 150 topics. The power of GE Healthcare’s support is demonstrated through the outstanding professional accomplishments of those grant recipients.

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GE Healthcare’s impact will continue to inspire for many years to come.

“GE Healthcare is proud to continue our commitment to the R&E Foundation as part of the Inspire-Innovate-Invest Campaign.”

Rob Reilly
Chief Marketing Officer, Americas, GE Healthcare

Karim Karti, Vice President and Chief Marketing Officer, GE Healthcare and former R&E Foundation Chair, James P. Borgstede, M.D.

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