



The **ACADEMY** for Radiology & Biomedical Imaging Research

Advancing Innovation in Imaging Science

For Immediate Release
March 28, 2019
Contact: Renee Cruea

Academy Announces Next Co-Chairs for the Council of Early Career Investigators in Imaging (CECI²)

The Academy for Radiology & Biomedical Imaging Research is excited to announce that Alexander Goehler, MD, PhD, MPH, MSc and Samuel Galgano, MD have been appointed co-chairs for CECI².

CECI² is an Academy Council which engages early career investigators in advocacy initiatives. Once selected by a committee or society, members travel to Washington, D.C. to participate in advocacy on Capitol Hill, visit the National Institutes of Health (NIH) and enjoy networking opportunities with academic chairs, industry and patient advocates. Members visit Congressional Representatives, attend the annual Leadership Research Roundtable discussion and display research at the annual Medical Imaging Technology Showcase.



Alexander Goehler, MD, PhD, MPH, MSc joined CECI² in 2017, and is Staff Radiologist specializing in Abdominal Imaging at Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center and an Instructor in Radiology at Harvard Medical School.

“I feel very honored and excited about

this great opportunity. The story of the Academy is certainly unique and incredibly important for the field of Radiology. As a one of the new Co-Chairs, and together with Sam, I hope to build on the foundation that Jadranka and Rebecca have laid and continue to work closely with the Academy Leadership and Staff. I believe that my prior experiences in health policy and industry, together with my current work as a clinician-scientist, will help to propel the Academy forward over the next three years.”



“The Academy is an equitable and inclusive environment that welcomes not only diverse groups of scientists, but industry partners and patient advocates as well. I wholeheartedly embraced the opportunity to join Rebecca and serve as a Co-Chair of the

CECI² and build upon the vision of Renee and the Academy’s leadership to cultivate the newest generation of leaders in our field. As I am advancing from this invaluable experience in my career, I am committed to fully supporting our new outstanding Co-Chairs Alex and Sam.” – *Dr. Jadranka Stojanovska*



Samuel Galgano, MD, joined CECI² in 2017 and is Assistant Program Director & Assistant Professor in the Abdominal Imaging Section and Division of Molecular Imaging and Therapeutics at the University of Alabama at Birmingham.

“I am excited and honored to co-chair with Alex and look forward to advocating on behalf of the Academy. My first experience with the Academy and Council of Early Career Investigators was quite impactful on my career as a physician-scientist and I look forward to growing the Council even further.”



“Congratulations to Dr. Goehler and Dr. Galgano! These two early career investigators are an inspiring team and I look forward to their upcoming leadership as Chairs of CECI². This Council has been an integral part of my early career, giving me the

opportunity to meet incredible colleagues, mentors, and friends, and learning how important our voice can be on the Hill. I look forward to the growth of the program with our new co-chairs. Thank you to the Academy staff and leadership for providing this invaluable opportunity for Jadranka and I, and now for our new leaders.” – *Dr. Rebecca Rakow-Penner*

“An important focus of the Academy is engaging our early and mid-career investigators in advocacy, which includes educating them about the legislative process, its potential effects on their research careers, and their own power to influence that process,” said **Academy President Hedvig Hricak, MD**. “We are very proud of the Academy’s growing Council and I look forward to expanding initiatives that will increase investigators’ awareness and participation, enabling them to better communicate the importance of their research to policy makers.”

“In 2012, the Academy brought a small group of investigators to D.C. to attend our Medical Imaging Technology Showcase on Capitol Hill to assist us in educating Congressional staffers on the various types of research taking place in their Institutions. Our intention was to add value to our Showcase by having investigators interact with Members of Congress and their staff. After that first year, members of this initial class, Rebecca Rakow-Penner, MD, PhD (UCSD) and Jadranka Stojanovska, MD, MS (Michigan), felt that the value for them personally and professionally could be an opportunity for others. Together, we established a permanent Council and expanded our scope to benefit both the Academy advocacy efforts as well as early career investigators. Rebecca and Jadranka spent the past five years building this Council. This is one of the most impactful efforts the Academy has undertaken, and it is with gratitude that I thank Rebecca and Jadranka for their commitment to the Academy CECP², which would not have been possible without their innovative vision.” – **Renee Cruea, MPA Executive Director**.

For more information about the Academy CECP², please visit www.acadrad.org

About the Academy for Radiology & Biomedical Imaging Research:

The Academy has been at the forefront of advocacy and policy on behalf of the medical imaging community for more than 20 years advocating for federal investment in medical imaging research funding, pushing for changes in policy issues critical to imaging researchers, and promoting technical advances that can improve diagnostics and patient care. www.acadrad.org