2017 Gold Medal Award Recipient

The Academy for Radiology & Biomedical Imaging Research is pleased to announce the recipient of the 2017 Gold Medal Award. N. Reed Dunnick, MD, Fred Jenner Hodges Professor and Chair of the Department of Radiology at the University of Michigan, will receive the honor at the Academy’s annual Gold Medal Ceremony at the RSNA Meeting on November 27th in Chicago, Illinois.

Dr. Dunnick was chosen to receive the 2017 Gold Medal Award to acknowledge his long-term support of the Academy and his tireless advocacy on behalf of the imaging research community. A strong advocate for research, he has worked to improve the quality and quantity of research across the field of radiology. He has been with the Academy since its inception, and served as Academy President from 2005-2007, helping it grow in membership as well as influence. He has testified before Congress on the need to both establish and to appropriately fund, what we now know as the National Institute of Biomedical Imaging and Bioengineering (NIBIB). Dr. Dunnick led the Academy’s charge to ensure that Congress saw the value and potential of NIBIB. To say that NIBIB was not welcome as a new institute at the NIH, would be an understatement. Reed spearheaded the effort to redistribute NIH funds from imaging grants in other institutes to NIBIB and thus guarantee that NIBIB would have sustainable resources. The first budget of the NIBIB (FY2002) was only $112 million dollars. Through the efforts of Dr Dunnick and many others, the NIBIB budget grew to nearly $300 million by 2007. It took a determined persistence to ensure that the new Institute received due consideration at a time that the original doubling of NIH was coming to an end in 2000.

As the Academy began to expand the scope of its membership, Reed was a catalyst in the creation of the Academy Academic Council, which currently has a membership of 50 Academic Departments, all of whom recognize the value of contributing to the Academy’s efforts on behalf of the imaging research community.

Dr. Dunnick’s impressive career spans over 35 years. He completed his residency in Diagnostic Radiology at Stanford University, moved to the NIH as a staff radiologist where he developed an interest in genitourinary tract radiology. He spent 11 years on the faculty at Duke University before moving to Ann Arbor in 1992 to become the Fred Jenner Hodges Professor and Chair of the Department of Radiology at the University of Michigan. Most recently, he has begun serving as Editor-in-Chief of Academic Radiology.

Dr. Dunnick has written 327 scientific papers, 62 book chapters, and 11 books on various aspects of radiology, especially diagnostic oncology, uroradiology, and more recently, administration. He has served as Visiting Professor to 85 medical centers, as a guest faculty for 477 continuing medical education courses, and delivered 28 named lectures. He also served on the editorial boards of 13 peer review journals.

Throughout his career, Dr. Dunnick has been an active volunteer in professional radiology organizations. He has served as President of his two subspecialty societies, the Society of Uroradiology and the Society of Computed Body Tomography/Magnetic Resonance. He is a past President of the American Roentgen Ray Society, the Michigan Radiological Society, the American Board of Radiology, the Association of University Radiologists, the Radiology Research Alliance, the Society of Chairs of Academic Radiology Departments (SCARD), and the Radiological Society of North America.

In the realm of advocacy, the results are not immediate and often not tangible. Like scientific research, advocacy is a slow and vital process. For the past twenty years, Dr. Dunnick has recognized and valued the importance of supporting the Academy’s efforts, leading by example with impact, influence and inspiration. The Academy will be honored to present Reed with this recognition.
Distinguished Investigator Award Ceremony

This year 19 researchers have been selected to receive the Academy’s 2017 Distinguished Investigator Award. This prestigious honor recognizes individuals for their accomplishments in the field of medical imaging.

Program Agenda

2:00 pm  Welcome Remarks  Renee Cruea, MPA, Executive Director/Academy
2:10 pm  Gold Medal Presentation  Carolyn Meltzer, MD, President/Academy
2:25 pm  Gold Medal Recipient  N. Reed Dunnick, MD
2:35 pm  Welcome DI’s  Reed Omary, MD, MS & Elizabeth Krupinski, PhD Co-Chairs for the Academy Council of DI’s
2:45 pm  Inductions into the Academy Council for Distinguished Investigators
3:10 pm  Photo Opportunities
3:15 pm  Academy Mentoring Pilot Program Kick-Off  Reception

Researcher  Institution

Eduard Y. Chekmenev, PhD  Vanderbilt University Medical Center
Utkan Demirci, PhD  Stanford University School of Medicine
Jeffrey W. Duryea, PhD  Brigham and Women’s Hospital
Bradley James Erickson, MD, PhD  Mayo Clinic
Steven W. Hetts, MD  University of California, San Francisco
Yiyun Henry Huang, PhD  Yale University
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Joyce Helene Keyak, PhD  University of California, Irvine
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Victoria L. Morgan, PhD  Vanderbilt University Medical Center
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Aytekin Oto, MD, MBA  The University of Chicago
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Seung-Schik Yoo, PhD, MBA  Brigham and Women’s Hospital
Lawrence H. Staib, PhD  Yale University
Juergen K. Willmann, MD  Stanford University School of Medicine