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## Academy Announces 2018 Gold Medal Award Recipient

*Recognized for Accomplishments in Academia and Industry,  
Advancing Science of Medical Imaging Technology & Information Systems*

WASHINGTON – The Academy for Radiology & Biomedical Imaging Research (the Academy) is pleased to announce the recipient of the 2018 Gold Medal Award. Ronald L Arenson, MD, Chair Emeritus of the Department of Radiology and Biomedical Imaging, University of California, San Francisco, will receive the honor at the Academy's Gold Medal ceremony at the annual RSNA meeting on the afternoon of Tuesday, November 27, in Chicago, Illinois.

Dr. Arenson has been chosen by the Academy to receive the 2018 Gold Medal Award in recognition of his decades-long commitment to its mission and initiatives and for his pioneering work in imaging informatics.

"The Academy Gold Medal is presented annually as a meaningful way to recognize the most impactful advocates for imaging research in our field," said **Renee Cruea, Executive Director of the Academy**. "Dr. Arenson is a founding father of the Academy, established in 1996 to be a strong and effective advocate for research funding on Capitol Hill. He was tremendously successful as Past President and oversaw continued growth through his visionary ideas and tireless commitment. His impact is still felt daily at the Academy."

As the Academy Council of Early Career Investigators in Imaging (CECI<sup>2</sup>) continues to grow, Dr. Arenson has also been instrumental in developing programs of value and impact to investigators, such as the **third annual Academy Shark Tank Session held on Monday afternoon at the 2017 RSNA annual meeting**.

"It is such a pleasure to recognize the outstanding accomplishments that Dr. Arenson has achieved in his career," said **Dr. Hedvig Hricak, Chairman of the Department of Radiology at Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center and President of the Academy for Radiology & Biomedical Imaging Research**. "We recognize that through his research, clinical service, and teaching of future radiology and imaging investigators, he has moved this science forward and helped ensure that patients benefit from the best clinical diagnostics and medical technology available."



**Ronald Arenson, MD**, most recently served as Chairman of the Department of Radiology and Biomedical Imaging and as the Alexander R. Margulis Distinguished Professor of Radiology at the University of California, San Francisco, where he oversaw imaging services at five separate health care institutions.

Early in his career, he served as a systems engineer for IBM. He completed a residency in Diagnostic Radiology at Massachusetts General Hospital in Boston, and then served in the U.S. Navy at the National Naval Medical Center in Bethesda.

After serving in the Navy, he became a member of the faculty at the University of Pennsylvania. At the University of Pennsylvania, he served as Associate Chairman of Clinical Services, Department of Radiology, and was the Interim Vice-Provost for Computing. He also served as President of the Medical Staff.

Dr. Arenson has written extensively on medical information systems, imaging technology, and leadership.

The various areas of emphasis for his research include clinical applications of medical informatics in imaging, workload and finances in radiology, the future of academic radiology, and research training. He has received multiple awards and honors from imaging societies and universities in the United States and abroad, and has served in multiple leadership positions locally, nationally, and internationally.

The Academy for Radiology & Biomedical Imaging Research is committed to advancing research in medical imaging to promote the health and well-being of patients. By engaging a community of developing and experienced imaging scientists, novel technology experts, patients, and their advocates, the Academy promotes shared learning and communication on current and future research initiatives. The Academy also informs the public and policymakers how imaging and image-guided therapies translate into disease prevention, earlier and more accurate diagnoses, and improved quality of care.

