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Dear Colleagues,

As you all know, Stan Baum, MD has collected and disseminated annual NIH funding to diagnostic radiology departments through the Academy since the early 1990s. Within the past two years the Academy staff has undertaken this Herculean task, as it is of great value to a significant component of the Academy Council membership.

The Academy leverages the data as a strong advocacy tool on behalf of our community, and that value is why the staff continues to collect the data. In addition, we appreciate that many academic radiology leaders use this data for benchmarking their programs and advocating for their departments.

The growth in multi-investigator collaborative research has led to challenges in apportioning credit in a formal ranking system. The Academy's goal is to identify a transparent way to disseminate the data in order to empower departments and protect the perception of the Academy's role in the dissemination.

After much discussion about how this project intersects with the Academy's mission and its overall value to our membership, the Executive Committee has voted to disseminate the data in the following dynamic format.

**The FY19 ranking will be published on May 15, 2020 in the following format:**

- Each institution will be listed alphabetically
- Published in PDF excel format online and send in a dynamic excel format to all Academy Member departments
- Each institution will have 4 columns, each with a grant total for the following categories based on the role the department faculty plays in the grant and the awardee organization for the grant:
  1. Faculty is Contact PI on Grant awarded to primary department organization (typically School or Hospital Foundation)
  2. Faculty is MPI on Grant awarded to primary department organization
  3. Faculty is Contact PI on Grant awarded to an outside organization (other academic organization or foundation)
  4. Faculty is MPI on Grant awarded to an outside organization

With this approach, the Academy is aggregating and presenting data, but will not be making value judgement related to credit and ranking. Individual department leadership can work with the data and develop an approach to benchmarking that best represents the goals of their department and institutional research program.

This new publication style will require Academy staff to re-organize the data and totals. In the coming weeks, Academy staff member Casey Cappelletti will reach out to you in order to obtain more details to ensure the accuracy of this template. Please respond to her as soon as possible so that our publication deadline can be made.

Thank you all for your time and contributions to this important advocacy project, and on behalf of the Academy I wish you all good health during this time.

Warm Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mitch Schnall". The signature is fluid and cursive, written in a professional style.

Mitchell D. Schnall, MD, PhD  
Academy President

