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Academy Gold Medal Award Announcement

Former Academy President, Carolyn Cidis Meltzer, MD, Chair of Radiology & Imaging Sciences at Emory University, to receive Academy Gold Medal



The Academy for Radiology & Biomedical Imaging Research is proud to announce Carolyn Cidis Meltzer, MD as the 2021 Academy Gold Medal Recipient. Established in 2014, the Academy Gold Medal is awarded for extraordinary contributions in advocacy and advancing the cause of radiology research. This award provides the opportunity to raise the profile of imaging research among scientific leaders and to provide

recognition and encouragement for future efforts to individuals who have been successful advocates.

“Receiving the Academy’s highest honor is deeply humbling and will mark a joyful milestone in my professional journey. I am overwhelmed by the growth and success of the Academy over the past 2 decades and feel grateful to have been a part of a team of such generous and dedicated colleagues who have made a substantial impact on our field,” said Dr. Meltzer.

“The unanimous decision to honor Dr. Meltzer with this year’s award reflects her tremendous impact on our community,” said Dr. Hedvig Hricak, Chair of this year’s nominating committee. “Her innovation and passion for advocacy have empowered the Academy to grow its membership, expand its initiatives, and remain the leading voice for imaging research on Capitol Hill. During her tenure, Dr. Meltzer was integral to the continued development of vital Academy initiatives including, but not limited to, the Council for Early Career Investigators in Imaging (CECI2) and the Academy efforts to create the Interagency Working Group for Medical Imaging (IWGMI) within the White House’s Office of Science and Technology Policy (OSTP). Years after her last board term, she continues to support the mission and goals of the Academy as a member of the Academy Academic Council, and we are forever grateful for her vision and her unceasing support.”

Current Academy President, Dr. Mitchell Schnall, added that “Dr. Meltzer has been an impactful leader in the Academy for many years. She has been particularly committed to championing the cause of junior investigators and promoting diversity and inclusion in all aspects of biomedical imaging research.”

Dr. Meltzer is past President of the Academy Board of Directors, serving from 2015-2017 and has also served as the chair of the Coalition for Imaging & Bioengineering Research (CIBR) as well as a member of the Academy’s Executive Committee, concluding her committee tenure representing the Society for Chairs of Academy Radiology Departments (SCARD). She is currently the Executive Associate Dean of Faculty Academic Advancement, Leadership & Inclusion, Chief Diversity Officer, Chair of the Department of Radiology and Imaging Sciences, and the William Patterson Timmie Endowed Professor of Radiology at the Emory University School of Medicine. Her tireless efforts in the fight for diversity and inclusion in the imaging community and beyond are truly noble and can be seen across all her roles.

Having earned her medical degree from the Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine and completing her postdoctoral medical training at the Johns Hopkins Hospital in Baltimore, Maryland, Dr. Meltzer is board-certified in both diagnostic radiology and nuclear medicine, with subspecialty certification in neuroradiology and advanced training in positron emission tomography (PET). As a neuroradiologist and a nuclear medicine physician, she has enjoyed more than 20 years of NIH funding for her work in applying novel advanced imaging strategies to better understand brain structure-function relationships in normal aging, late-life depression, and Alzheimer’s disease. She has authored over 200 publications and lectured nationally and internationally.

Dr. Meltzer joined the Emory School of Medicine in 2005, where she established the Emory Center for Systems Imaging to broadly support the advance of imaging capabilities in basic and translational research. Reflective of Dr. Meltzer’s service to the field, she has not only held various leadership roles within the Academy, but has also been a Trustee of the Radiological Society of North America’s Research and Education Foundation and held positions on the governing boards of various professional imaging societies including: the Society of Chairs of Academic Radiology Departments (SCARD), the Association of American Medical Colleges (AAMC) Council on Faculty and Academic Societies, (AAMC) Group on Women in Medicine and Science, the GE AUR Radiology Research Academic Fellowship Program, and the Radiological Society for North America’s (RSNA) board of directors as their Liaison of Science. She has also served on the NIH National Advisory Council for Biomedical Imaging and Bioengineering.

Dr. Meltzer and her husband Ken live in Atlanta, GA with their four rescue dogs, she currently enjoys spending her free time pursuing creative outlets as an avid photographer, cyclist, and yogi.

The Academy will honor Dr. Meltzer and this year’s class of [Academy Distinguished Investigators](#) at a special session during the RSNA Annual Meeting this November, 2021.