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**The Academy for Radiology & Biomedical Imaging Research's  
2023 Gold Medal Announcement  
Honoring Hedvig Hricak, MD, PhD, Dr(hcm)  
Academy President (2017 – 2019)**



**The Academy for Radiology & Biomedical Imaging Research is proud to announce Dr. Hedvig Hricak as the 2023 Academy Gold Medal Recipient.** Established in 2014, the Academy Gold Medal is awarded for extraordinary contributions to advocacy and advancing the cause of radiology research. This award is intended 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.

*“Dr. Hricak was instrumental in the creation of the Academy and its mission, and she continues to be a strong supporter of our programs long after her term as Academy President and Chair of the Coalition for Imaging and Bioengineering Research ended. She represented the Radiological Society of North America Research and Education (RSNA R&E) Foundation on the Academy board. It is impossible to fully articulate the impact she has had on the Academy over the years, from increasing the profile of our mission to directly advocating for support of biomedical imaging research on Capitol Hill to helping establish new programs to mentor and educate early career investigators. So many early career investigators have learned from Hedi’s personal academic research and leadership journey, as she is always willing to share her own unique experience and perspective. Personally, I learned from Hedi that, as she put it, “every crisis is an opportunity” and “you can have it all, just not all at once.” Her selfless commitment to the Academy and staff has ensured that the Academy continues to enjoy success, growth, and financial stability, not an easy feat for a small organization.”* –Renee Cruea, Executive Director

Dr. Hricak served for more than two decades as Chair of the Department of Radiology at Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center (MSK), New York, NY, a position from which she stepped down in January 2023. She holds the Carroll and Milton Petrie endowed chair at MSK and is a professor at both the Gerstner Sloan Kettering Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences and Weill Cornell Medical College. She was a pioneer in establishing the clinical value of MRI for prostate, kidney, and gynecological cancers, and her lab in the Molecular Pharmacology

Program of the Sloan Kettering Institute continues to conduct innovative research, integrating imaging with genomic, metabolic, and other diagnostic data to advance the understanding of metabolic and anatomic tumor profiles. Dr. Hricak has long been devoted to educating and mentoring the next generation of investigators in biomedical imaging and to promoting excellence and diversity in the cancer care and research workforce at the local, national, and global levels. For instance, she founded a long-running program to introduce New York City high school students to careers in radiology and STEM and co-directs an NIH T32 grant-funded training program in molecular imaging in cancer biology at MSK. She recently chaired The Lancet Oncology Commission on Medical Imaging and Nuclear Medicine and is currently co-chair of a Lancet Oncology Commission to address oncology workforce challenges—including the shortage of medical imaging practitioners and researchers—in Africa and Latin America. She is a member of the National Academy of Medicine, from which she received the David Rall Medal for Distinguished Leadership in 2018. She is also a member of the National Cancer Policy Forum and has served on the National Institutes of Health Board of Scientific Counselors, the Scientific Advisory Board of the National Cancer Institute, and the Advisory Council of the National Institute of Biomedical Imaging and Bioengineering (NIBIB).

A highly respected member of the international imaging community, Dr. Hricak has received gold medals from the International Society for Magnetic Resonance in Medicine (2003), the Association of University Radiologists (2007), the European Society of Radiology (2012), the Asian Oceanian Society of Radiology (2012), the Radiological Society of North America (2015) and the International Society for Strategic Studies in Radiology (2023), as well as honorary doctorates from the Ludwig Maximilian University in Munich, Germany and the University of Toulouse III, Paul Sabatier in Toulouse, France; she has been awarded more than 20 honorary fellowships or memberships from societies in North America, South America, Europe, Asia, and Australia.

*“Dr. Hricak has distinguished herself as a world-renowned researcher and a champion of radiology and biomedical imaging research. Our community is stronger and more effective thanks to her leadership. The Academy gratefully acknowledges her past and continuous efforts.”* –Ruth Carlos, MD, Academy President.

The Academy will honor Dr. Hricak and the 2023 class of Academy Distinguished Investigators at a special ceremony and reception from 3:00-5:00 PM CT on Tuesday, November 28, 2023, at the annual RSNA meeting in Chicago, IL.

***More information on this award and the Academy’s events at RSNA 2023 [can be found on the Academy website.](#)***