16th Annual Conference: 2010 Radiology Review
April 19 - April 23

Course Director, Daniel E. Appelbaum, MD hosted this year’s conference at the Wyndham Hotel in Chicago. He was joined by many faculty speakers from the University of Chicago, Department of Radiology as well as guest faculty. Our experts were chosen for their excellence as teachers and shared their clinical expertise and insight with hundreds of guests at this exciting, comprehensive review of the practical aspects of all major subspecialties of Diagnostic Radiology. They helped guide physicians on the appropriate use of conventional imaging modalities and when to emphasize newer important imaging modalities including PET/CT, diffusion weighted MR, cardiac CT and virtual colonoscopy.

Match Day Results!

Once again, the Department of Radiology succeeded in recruiting a group of outstanding medical students that matched with the residency program this past March 2010. Following their preliminary year of training, they will begin their radiology residency in July, 2011.

Ravi Bamba – University of Chicago
Shelby Bennett – University of Arkansas
Eric Blaschke – University of Chicago
Jessica Lai – Case Western Reserve
Ryan Lo – Northwestern University
Shilpa Reddy – University of Chicago
Adam Sanchez – University of Illinois
Igor Trilisky – University of Illinois
Lingyn Xiong – University of Michigan

U of C grads pursue Radiology

This year, the University of Chicago had seven students who declared Radiology and matched into positions that will begin in 2011. Of those seven, three matched with us. Below are the remaining four students who also matched into Radiology:

Alan Cubre – Duke University
Ryan Kohlbrenner – UC San Francisco
Sahil Mehta – BI Deaconess
Tanvi Patel – Northwestern University

Congratulations!
Faculty Promotions

Congratulations are in order for our faculty members who have recently been promoted:

**David Paushter, MD** has been promoted to Professor of Radiology as of February 1st, 2010.

**Larry Dixon, MD** has been promoted to Associate Professor of Radiology as of April 1st, 2010.

IEEE 2010 Outstanding Member Award

The Department of Radiology is pleased to announce that Kenji Suzuki, PhD was recently awarded the IEEE 2010 Outstanding Member Award from IEEE Chicago Section. The Outstanding Member Award is designed to recognize members of Chicago Section who through their professional and technical abilities have made outstanding and noteworthy contributions to the Section, their communities, fellow professionals and fellow man. The award is not designed to recognize a single achievement, but rather collective contributions complemented by singular works exemplifying the objectives and attributes of IEEE. The award will be considered for presentation annually by evaluation of nominations submitted in accordance with the award criteria and procedures.

Kenji Suzuki (right) with an IEEE Chicago Executive Committee Member, John Zulaski at the IEEE Chicago Section Award Dinner.

Second-Year Radiology Residents Ace Physics Exam

Out of the 201 training programs in the country, The University of Chicago Department of Radiology ranked #1 for performance on the physics portion of the American Board of Radiology’s Cognitive (Written) Examination, thanks to the hard work of our current second year residents. Congratulations goes out to those residents:

- Parag Amin, MD
- Colin Brown, MD
- Andrew Hall, MD
- Rony Kampalath, MD
- Avnit Kapur, MD
- Aswin Krishnamoorthy, MD
- Valeria Potigailo, MD
- Joseph Yacoub, MD
Faculty Spotlight

The Department of Radiology is pleased to announce the addition of Colin S. Poon, M.D., Ph.D., FRCP, who joined the department in November 2009. Dr. Poon comes to us from the department of radiology, SUNY Upstate Medical University as Assistant Professor of Radiology and Director of Head and Neck imaging.

Dr. Poon’s clinical interests are Diagnostic Neuroradiology, head and neck imaging, nuclear imaging including PET/CT and SPECT and basic image guided procedures. Dr. Poon completed his Neuroradiology Fellowship in 2006 at Yale – New Haven Hospital and his Diagnostic Radiology residency in 2005 at University Hospital at State University of New York Upstate Medical University.

New Chief Residents

After serving their year term as Chief Resident, Dr. Michael Hutchinson and Dr. Evan Nichols have passed the torch.

Our new Chief Residents for 2010 are Dr. Danny Cheng and Dr. William Whetsell

New Arrivals!

Three of our senior residents welcomed new additions to their families this year

Evan Nichols and his wife Mindy, welcomed son Cooper this past December. He joins big sister Ella.

Vicky Lin and her husband Johnny welcomed their first baby Kyle in December.

David Schacht and his wife Meredith welcomed their second boy, William. He joins big brother Henry.

Chin-Tu Chen, PhD Receives Numoda/CT Award

Associate Professor of Radiology and Committee on Medical Physics, Chin-Tu Chen, PhD, recently received the Numoda/CT award entitled: “A single center phase 1b pharmacokinetic and radiation dosimetry study” in the amount of $82,155.

Christopher Straus, MD Elected President-Elect of AMSER

Christopher Straus, MD has been elected President-elect of the Alliance of Medical Student Educators in Radiology (AMSER). AMSER is a group of Radiologists actively involved in the education of medical students and is a section of the AUR (Association of University Radiologists).
Dr. Hodges was born in Anderson, Indiana on January 6, 1893, the son and nephew of physicians who operated a small hospital. His interest in medicine was stimulated as an apprentice with the primitive x-ray equipment of the hospital. He completed a medical degree in 1918 from Washington University in St. Louis. The University of Washington granted him a B.S. degree in 1919 and conferred a PhD degree roentgenologist by the Peking Union Medical College in China and remained there from 1919 to 1927. In that year he began a sabbatical at the University of Chicago that turned into a 31-year career as professor and chairman of the Department of Radiology.

Dr. Hodges created a research-oriented department at the University that focused on three main areas: improved x-ray systems for subspecialty applications, improved film development facilities, and novel ancillary hardware such as a photo-timing exposure control. Under his leadership, the Department achieved international recognition for excellence in clinical radiology, clinical research, and basic-science research that focused on the reduction of patient dose and improvement of diagnostic image quality. After mandatory retirement from the University, he traveled and later practiced for another 17 years at the University of Florida, before retiring to Green Bay, Wisconsin. Dr. Hodges died after a brief illness on December 27, 1996.

Dr. Hodges contributions to radiology were many, including the development of innovative technological advancements, such as the photo timer with Russell H. Morgan, the definition of normal and abnormal findings in obstetrical, bone, chest, and gastrointestinal radiology, and the training of numerous leaders of the specialty.

Many honors came to Dr. Hodges. Among the most significant were the Caldwell Medal (1953), the presidency (1955-56) of the American Roentgen Ray Society, the Cravat of the Order of Brilliant Star, Republic of China (1963), the first Grubb Medal of the Chicago Radiological Society (1964) and the Gold Medal of the Association of University of Radiologists (1978). The Radiological Society of North America dedicated its 1992 Scientific Session in his honor.