OAK BROOK, Ill. — Radiologist Carlos Torres, M.D., FRCPC, will bring his medical expertise to Mongolia as part of the International Visiting Professor Program offered by the Radiological Society of North America (RSNA). The program fosters international relations among radiology societies to assist with medical education in developing and newly developed nations.

Dr. Torres, associate professor of radiology at the University of Ottawa in Ontario, Canada, will be joined by two fellow radiologists as he embarks September 14 on the 11-day trip. He will spend his visit giving presentations and teaching intensive seminars to radiology residents, as well as attending conferences and meetings.

The program is mutually beneficial. The visiting team of radiologists informs local doctors and hospitals about the latest advances in diagnostic and therapeutic radiology. In turn, the visiting professors experience firsthand the obstacles faced by medical professionals in the host countries.

"It is an honor to be able to represent RSNA in Mongolia as a member of the International Visiting Professor Program team," said Dr. Torres, who is originally from Colombia, South America. "Having grown up in a developing country, I understand firsthand the importance of this program, aimed to enrich the radiology residents' educational experience."

"This program is extremely important to me because it will give me the opportunity to share unique academic and cultural experiences with the residents and staff radiologists not only during the site visits in Ulaanbaatar but also during the Mongolian Congress of Radiology. I have no doubt the visit will be mutually beneficial and will likely result in long-lasting relationships and future collaborations."

Dr. Torres, who is also a neuroradiologist in the department of medical imaging at The Ottawa Hospital, will be accompanied by Theresa C. McLoud, M.D., from Massachusetts General Hospital in Boston, Mass., and Muşturay Karçaaltincaba, M.D., from the Hacettepe University School of Medicine in Ankara, Turkey.
Dr. Torres will spend his trip attending the Mongolian Congress of Radiology, organized by the Mongolian Radiological Society. He will conclude his trip visiting and lecturing at several hospitals in the area.

The International Visiting Professor Program was founded in 1986 and is administered by RSNA's Committee on International Relations and Education. This trip is supported by Fujifilm Medical Systems.

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