RSNA Press Release

David A. Bluemke, M.D., Ph.D., Named New Editor of Radiology

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OAK BROOK, Ill. (November 10, 2016) — The Board of Directors of the Radiological Society of North America (RSNA) announced today that David A. Bluemke, M.D., Ph.D., Ms.B., FAHA, FACR, will become editor of the journal Radiology in January 2018.

Dr. Bluemke is the radiologist-in-chief of Radiology and Imaging Sciences at the National Institutes of Health (NIH) Clinical Center and senior investigator at the National Institute of Biomedical Imaging and Bioengineering (NIBIB) in Bethesda, Md. He also is adjunct investigator for the National Heart, Lung and Blood Institute (NHLBI). Effective July 1, 2017, Dr. Bluemke will become professor of radiology in the Department of Radiology at the University of Wisconsin — Madison School of Medicine and Public Health (UW — Madison).

"Radiology is the premier journal in our field, with a strong focus on innovation in imaging," Dr. Bluemke said. "In order to lead the field, the journal needs to publish cutting edge research articles in radiological imaging. Such topics are often highly specialized. Therefore, the journal will provide increased editorial content to explain the significance of novel research findings. In this way, we can all benefit by a better shared understanding of new research results and their impact on our clinical practices."

Dr. Bluemke's research interests lie in cardiovascular disease and its complications, with his primary focus on atherosclerosis imaging and the use of traditional and molecular imaging techniques to evaluate myocardial tissue. The aim of Dr. Bluemke's work is to employ imaging modalities to detect, quantify and monitor subclinical disease. He received an RSNA R&E Foundation Research Seed Grant in 1995 for his study "Prevention of Avascular Necrosis of the Femoral Head Using MR Imaging and Spectroscopy."

"As editor of Radiology, David will provide visionary leadership. He brings to the position a wealth of knowledge and experience, coupled with innovative ideas that will enhance appeal for the readers and further elevate the journal's impact factor," said Vijay M. Rao, M.D., chair of the RSNA Board of Directors. "It is an exciting time for Radiology."

A graduate of the University of Wisconsin at Madison, Dr. Bluemke earned his medical
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Society, the Association of University Radiologists, the American College of Cardiology, American Heart Association (AHA), the Society of Computed Body Tomography and Magnetic Resonance (SCBTMR), the Society of Cardiovascular Magnetic Resonance, and ISMRM. He is a fellow of the ACR, AHA, ISMRM, SCBTMR and the North American Society of Cardiovascular Imaging.

"We are delighted that Dr. Bluemke will be joining the Department of Radiology at the University of Wisconsin — Madison School of Medicine and Public Health," said Thomas M. Grist, M.D., chair of the Department of Radiology at UW — Madison. "While David's editorial duties will undoubtedly be his primary focus, our department will partner with the RSNA to ensure that Dr. Bluemke has the opportunity to continue his strong connection to clinical and academic radiology at a local level. We are looking forward to learning from his unique insight, and we are excited for him to return to his Wisconsin roots."

Dr. Bluemke will succeed Herbert Y. Kressel, M.D., as Radiology editor. Dr. Kressel has served the journal since 2007 and will retire as editor at the end of 2017. During his tenure, Dr. Kressel introduced new journal innovations and features, such as the Radiology Select collections of essential modality articles, and various online enhancements, such as Radiology podcasts with study authors. Dr. Kressel also instituted operational efficiencies, improved the scientific rigor of the journal through the institution of author and reviewer checklists, and increased author recognition through the development of the Alexander R. Margulis Award for Scientific Excellence.

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