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RSNA 2020 Media Registration Is Open
Members of the media can take advantage of free registration for RSNA 2020. With trending topics like COVID-19 and AI, access to the latest radiologic research, technical innovations and opportunities to interview leading radiologists and industry experts, it’s not surprising why science and health care reporters from around the world attend the RSNA Annual Meeting each year. This year’s virtual event brings the news right to your laptop. If you haven’t attended the RSNA meeting in the past, this is your chance to sample what you’ve been missing.

Virtual RSNA 2020 Takes Shape
RSNA 2020 will offer 350+ hours of comprehensive educational refresher courses, featured science sessions and education exhibits that showcase a wide breadth of innovative research across all subspecialties and 190+ additional on-demand sessions that attendees can participate in at any time, from anywhere. Visit https://www.rsna.org/annual-meeting/program-at-a-glance to find programming highlights, a guide to industry presentations, daily schedule and more.

R&E Foundation Grant Applications Open
Applications for 2021 R&E Foundation grants will be accepted beginning in October. Deadlines for application are in early 2021.

Education Grants
The Derek Harwood-Nash International Education Scholar Grant is open to both international and domestic applicants for projects covering any area of radiologic education with an international scope. The RSNA/AU/APDR/SCARD Radiology Education Research Development Grant encourages innovation and improvement in health sciences education by providing research opportunities in radiology education. International applicants welcome.

Research Grants
Research grants include the Research Scholar Grant, Research Resident/Fellow Grant, and Research Seed Grant. Funding from the Medical Student Research Grant is for medical students only. Recipients will gain research experience in medical imaging including defining objectives, developing research skills and testing hypotheses. The R&E Foundation invites medical students who identify as minorities underrepresented in medicine (UIM) to apply for grant funding through the RSNA Research Medical Student Diversity Grant. Visit RSNA.org/Foundation for more information.

RSNA Readies First Set of COVID-19 Data for RICORD
RSNA has collected and prepared its initial set of COVID-19-related imaging data for publication in the RSNA International COVID-19 Open Radiology Database (RICORD). The images and clinical data were contributed by four sites in four different countries and annotated by chest radiologists using a labeling schema based on the consensus guidelines for reporting on COVID-19 imaging published in Radiology earlier this year. The data will be submitted to the National Cancer Institute's Cancer Imaging Archive, which will serve as its initial home. The data will constitute RSNA’s initial contribution to the Medical Imaging Data Resource Center (MIDRC) project. RSNA is part of a multi-institution consortium on this project under a contract from the National Institute of Biomedical Imaging and Bioengineering.

RSNA Focuses on Diversity, Equity and Inclusion in Radiology
RSNA recognizes the importance of diversity, equity and inclusion (DEI) across the specialty and within the organization. The Society’s Strategic Plan includes the crucial goal of promoting diverse representation within the profession, as well as diversity in RSNA leadership. Data analyzed to date shows that for RSNA’s 2020-2021 committee terms, 57% of committee chairs are women, and this will increase to 61% in 2021-2022. Nine women have served on the RSNA Board of Directors, and since 1995, seven women have led the Society as RSNA president. In 2021, Mary Mahoney, M.D., will be the eighth woman to lead the Society as president. All three of the RSNA 2020 annual meeting program chairs are women.

The RSNA Committee on Diversity, Equity and Inclusion is designed to identify gaps and make recommendations to ensure that appropriate programs and tools are in place to address DEI issues. To help RSNA look more closely at the DEI environment and help its leaders understand these issues and make positive changes, RSNA requires and provides unconscious bias training for its board members, trustees, editorial boards and other leaders. Read more about this and other ongoing DEI efforts or contact Media Relations staff to arrange an interview with an RSNA representative.

RSNA Joins Hinari Access to Research for Health Program
RSNA journals are now available to low- and middle-income countries through the Hinari Access to Research for Health program, offered by the Research4Life global initiative covering all research disciplines. Hinari, set up by the World Health Organization, together with major publishers, enables eligible countries to gain free or low-cost access to one of the world’s largest collections of biomedical and health literature. Hinari makes up to 20,000 journals, up to 63,000 e-books, up to 110 other information resources available to health institutions in more than 125 countries, areas and territories benefiting many thousands of health workers and researchers, and, in turn, contributing to improve world health.

Celebrate the International Day of Radiology
The International Day of Radiology (IDoR), celebrated on Nov. 8, recognizes the anniversary of the discovery of the X-ray. Radiologists and related professionals are encouraged to celebrate IDoR to create greater awareness of the value that radiology research, diagnosis and treatment contribute to safe patient care and to promote better understanding of the vital role radiologists play in health care.

RSNA and Medical Organizations Encourage Patients to #ReturnToCare
Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, many patients opted to postpone elective, screening and other time-sensitive imaging exams that are important to their health. With imaging centers
and health care facilities reopening with stringent safety guidelines, RSNA and other radiology organizations are joining their physician colleagues and patient advocacy groups throughout medicine to encourage patients to #ReturnToCare. 

Writing a Competitive Grant Workshop
Registration is open for the Writing a Competitive Grant Workshop to be held April 9-10, 2021, at RSNA Headquarters in Oak Brook, Illinois. The workshop is designed for researchers in radiology, radiation oncology, nuclear medicine and related sciences who are interested in actively pursuing federal funding. This 1½ day program is guided by a faculty of leading researchers with extensive experience in all aspects of grant applications and funding. The program will focus on developing specific aims to be included in a grant application. The course fee is $225. Registration: RSNA.org/WCGP. The deadline to register is December 15, 2020.

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RSNA is an association of radiologists, radiation oncologists, medical physicists and related scientists promoting excellence in patient care and health care delivery through education, research and technologic innovation. The Society is based in Oak Brook, Ill. (RSNA.org)