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RSNA 2021 Requires Vaccines & Masks
RSNA’s 107th Scientific Assembly and Annual Meeting will be held at McCormick Place November 28-December 2, 2021. The U.S. recently announced that in early November it will ease restrictions on international travelers to allow them to enter the country if they can show proof that they have been fully vaccinated for COVID-19 and that they have tested negatively for the virus within three days of their flight. RSNA recommends that attendees check their country’s specific travel requirements for more information.

RSNA will require proof of U.S. Food & Drug Administration (FDA) or World Health Organization (WHO) -approved COVID-19 vaccination from all RSNA 2021 meeting attendees, staff and exhibitor personnel prior to admittance into McCormick Place. Masks will be required in all indoor public spaces while onsite.

For individuals with travel restrictions, RSNA 2021: Redefining Radiology will also offer a robust virtual meeting component. #RSNA21

AI Challenge Award Recognition at RSNA 2021
The AI Challenge award winners will be recognized in the AI Showcase Theater on Monday, Nov. 29, at 4 p.m. CT. This year’s challenges are the SIIM-FISABIO-RSNA COVID-19 Detection Challenge and the RSNA-ASNR-MICCAI Brain Tumor Segmentation 2021 Challenge. Winners will present their methods and results during the recognition program. Learn more about the AI Challenges at RSNA.org/AI-Challenge.

OTHER NEWS

MIDRC Holds Seminar Series
The Medical Imaging and Data Resource Center (MIDRC) has launched a monthly Seminar Series to be held on the third Tuesday of each month. The Seminar Series is an opportunity for members of the medical community at-large to hear directly from the MIDRC team. Sessions will feature presentations from MIDRC investigators on new and noteworthy advances and live Q & A. The next MIDRC seminar is October 19, 2021 at 2 p.m. CT. The featured speaker will be Sanmi (Oluwasanmi) Koyejo.

Jointly developed by representatives of RSNA, the American College of Radiology (ACR), and the American Association of Physicists in Medicine (AAPM), MIDRC is funded by the
Tanzania Global Learning Center Launches Women’s Imaging Curriculum

At the RSNA Global Learning Center (GLC) at Muhimbili University of Health and Allied Sciences (MUHAS), women’s imaging, especially breast imaging, is an important area of focus. The RSNA GLC team has just completed a Women’s Imaging curriculum for MUHAS, the first to be taught at the center. RSNA members will teach the curriculum alongside MUHAS faculty. They aim not only to educate future radiologists, but to spread regional awareness and create pathways for access to breast cancer screening. Faculty includes RSNA GLC team members Drs. Alice Chong and Sheila Sheth, who co-wrote the curriculum, and MUHAS GLC team member Dr. Zuhura Nkrumbih.

In Tanzania, breast cancer is the second leading cause of cancer mortality in women. Due to the lack of mammography screening in the country’s public hospitals, most diagnoses happen in late stages, when the disease has become difficult to treat. It is estimated that half of the women diagnosed with breast cancer in Tanzania do not survive the disease. The high death rate has stigmatized the disease, causing avoidance of medical treatment and contributing to late stage diagnoses.

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RSNA Journal Seeks Trainee Editorial Board Members

Radiology: Cardiothoracic Imaging, RSNA’s journal focused on research advances and technical developments in medical imaging that drive cardiothoracic medicine, is accepting applications for a new Trainee Editorial Board (TEB). The one-year term on the editorial board will begin on Dec. 1, 2021.

This opportunity is open to residents, fellows, masters/PhD students and post-doctoral fellows in radiology, cardiology, nuclear medicine and the imaging sciences. Application deadline is October 24, 2021.

“Considerations for 3D Printed Patient-Contacting Materials” Webinar

The RSNA 3D Printing Special Interest Group (SIG) will hold a webinar on Tuesday, October 12, 2021, at 12 p.m. ET to discuss the important topic of patient-contacting materials. The issues surrounding biocompatibility of 3D printed materials and sterilization of end-use parts are still somewhat vague to many. The webinar will feature two experts in this area, Amy Alexander (Mayo Clinic) and Kim Torluemke (KT Regulatory Consulting, LLC), who will help educate attendees on the topic and share considerations relating to parts used in surgery, testing and beyond.

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