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Michelle A. Michel, M.D., Travels to Estonia through International Education Program

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OAK BROOK, Ill. (October 6, 2009) – Radiologist Michelle A. Michel, M.D., from The Medical College of Wisconsin in Milwaukee, will bring her medical expertise to Estonia 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. Michel, chief of head and neck neuroradiology and professor of radiology and otolaryngology at The Medical College of Wisconsin, will be joined by a fellow radiologist as she embarks October 11 on the 11-day trip. She will spend her visit giving presentations and teaching intensive seminars to members of Estonian radiology societies and hospital radiology departments.

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.

"I feel honored to have the opportunity to share some of my passion for head and neck imaging with radiologists and trainees in the country of Estonia," Dr. Michel said. "I am really looking forward to the trip, and in addition to sharing my knowledge I hope to form new collegial relationships with radiologists in the Baltic region."

Dr. Michel is accompanied by Loren H. Ketai, M.D., from University of New Mexico in Albuquerque. Locations of the presentations in Estonia include University of Tartu and the annual meeting of the Estonian Society of Radiology in Tartu.

The International Visiting Professors Program was founded in 1986 and is administered by RSNA's Committee on International Relations and Education (CIRE). This program is made possible by the generous support of Fujifilm Medical Systems.

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