CHICAGO — James P. Borgstede, M.D., an accomplished clinician and educator whose experience and expertise in radiology economics, quality and safety, and healthcare politics have made him a voice for the specialty, is the newest member of the Radiological Society of North America (RSNA) Board of Directors. Dr. Borgstede will assume the position of Board Liaison for International Affairs, as Richard L. Baron, M.D., becomes chair of the Board of Directors.

"The RSNA as an organization is visionary and outstanding in both education and research in imaging and image-guided therapies," Dr. Borgstede said. "The RSNA annual meeting is the venue for education and research presentations and for radiologists around the world to meet face to face and discuss issues relevant to the future of our specialty for the benefit of our patients."

A professor of radiology and vice chair of professional services, clinical operations and quality at the University of Colorado, Denver, Dr. Borgstede is president of the American Board of Radiology and president-elect of the International Society of Radiology.

Dr. Borgstede's career has included both private practice and academic radiology. He has spent his teaching career at the University of Colorado. For more than 25 years, he has worked to advance radiology through his service to and leadership of numerous national and local radiologic and medical organizations.

Dr. Borgstede served on many American College of Radiology (ACR) committees and task forces before becoming ACR chairman of the Board of Chancellors in 2004 and president in 2006. Since his presidency, he has continued to work with ACR in capacities such as the Committee on International Service, with which he traveled to Grace Children's Hospital Port au Prince as part of the Haiti Radiology Project.

A member of RSNA since 1976, Dr. Borgstede has been part of the annual meeting refresher course faculty for many years. Dr. Borgstede has held numerous positions with the RSNA Research & Education (R&E) Foundation, including chair of the R&E Board of Trustees for the last year. He served on the RSNA Quality Committee from 2009 to 2011. He is currently the R&E liaison to the RSNA International Radiology Education Committee.

RSNA was the first organization he joined, Dr. Borgstede said, and he looks forward to helping the Society continue to extend its high-quality educational opportunities to people across the globe. "I joined during my first year of residency, and I still remember how I was immediately captivated by the organization and the quality and breadth of the educational opportunities," he said.

Dr. Borgstede served on the editorial board of the Journal of the American College of Radiology (JACR) from 2004 to 2008 and currently serves on the editorial advisory board of American Family Physician and as a reviewer for JACR. He is a past-president of the Colorado Physician Health Program, the Colorado peer-assistance program for physicians. He is also a past-president of the Colorado State Board of Medical Examiners.

ACR has awarded Dr. Borgstede its William T. Thorwarth Jr., M.D., Award for Excellence in Economics and Health Policy and its gold medal. Dr. Borgstede also received the first gold medal awarded by the Colorado Radiological Society.

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