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New Resident Scholarship Opportunity:

Ghesani-Kajani East Africa Radiology Scholarship

An exciting new international outreach scholarship opportunity is now available for radiology residents seeking to improve healthcare in East Africa. The Ghesani-Kajani East Africa Radiology Scholarship offers recipients a travel grant to participate in a 1-month rotation at [Aga Khan Hospital](#) in the capital city of Dar es Salaam, Tanzania. The grant funds will cover flights and lodging expenses for the duration of the trip.

This will be the first year that radiology residents will travel abroad to Aga Khan Hospital from the United States. Recipients of the grant will be notified in February of 2016 and are expected to travel as a group to Tanzania in July of 2016. Recipients will be required to provide a report summarizing the impact that their visit had on them and the facility. The report should focus on what goals were met and what needs are still ongoing for the program at Aga Khan Hospital.

More details regarding the specific goals and objectives of the rotation, along with the needs of the facility will be forthcoming.

Applications are due **December 31, 2015** and must be accompanied by a letter of support from the resident's program director. Visit <http://bit.ly/1SGtNYH> to apply. Questions? Contact Catherine Jones (cjones@acr.org). Visit page 3 of this Interlink for more information!



2015-2016 Goldberg-Reeder Travel Grant Recipients

After reviewing many outstanding applications, the ACRF International Outreach Committee is happy to announce the recipients of the 2015-2016 Goldberg-Reeder Resident Travel Grant:

- **Wojciech Kapalcynski, MD:** *National Academy of Medical Science, Bir Hospital—Bagmati, Nepal*

After devastating earthquakes hit Nepal in April 2015, thousands were killed and more were left injured in the wake of the disaster. Dr. Kapalcynski plans to travel to Bir Hospital to participate hands-on in disaster relief efforts. This will provide an opportunity to learn more about radiology's critical role during and after natural disasters take place.

- **Teodora Bochnakova, MD:** *Georgetown Public Hospital—Georgetown, Guyana*

Georgetown Public Hospital (GPH) currently faces challenges surrounding a lack of trained personnel and instructors. This grant provides Dr. Bochnakova the opportunity to provide educational support to the radiology residents at GPH, while working with Ob/Gyn staff to improve both women's imaging and body imaging. In addition, Dr. Bochnakova will have a chance to assess the technology needs of the facility during her rotation.

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- **Judy Gichoya, MD:** *Kamuzu Central Hospital—Malawi*

Kamuzu Central Hospital located in Lilongwe, Malawi is a 780 bed facility serving a population of 5 million people. The hospital's radiological needs include pediatric imaging protocols, technologist training, and a structure for case consultation and communication of radiology results. Dr. Gichoya in conjunction with RAD-AID will be developing a PACS system to improve the efficiency of the radiology department and its processes.

- **Frances Perez, MD:** *Cervicusco Clinic—Larapa, Peru*

The Cervicusco Clinic in Cusco, Peru is a women's health care facility that provides preventative screening and treatment of cervical cancer, among other services. The needs of the facility are centered around women's imaging, specifically with regard to ultrasound. Currently, there is a language barrier issue surrounding the training and use of ultrasound technology. Dr. Perez has plans to train staff on the appropriate use of ultrasound technology on the pelvis through online modules in Spanish.

Congratulations to the winners! We wish them all safe travels and look forward to sharing their experiences when they return.

Where in the world have the winners gone?



Since 2008, 22 Goldberg-Reeder Travel Grant recipients have traveled to 18 countries to assist in the improvement of radiology abroad. Visit <http://bit.ly/ACRFGRG> to view past recipients, read about their work abroad, and to see updates from this year's winners.

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The Ghesani-Kajani East Africa Radiology Scholarship: A Chat with Dr. Ghesani



This newly established scholarship by Dr. Munir Ghesani, a diagnostic radiologist, and Dr. Mirza Kajani, a gastroenterologist, offers radiology residents a unique outreach opportunity at Aga Khan Hospital (AKHD) in Tanzania.

AKHD has been a facility of growth over the last decade. The radiology department currently has radiography, ultrasound, mammo, MRI, CT and SPECT, but no IR. The department has expanded to include an upgraded MRI in 2012, a 128-slice Phillips CT and dual-head Siemens SPECT camera, installed in 2014. The Cath lab opened in September of 2015.

Dr. Ghesani provided us some insight into the needs of the facility and what radiology residents can expect to provide and gain from their experience abroad.

How did the this scholarship opportunity come to fruition?

Dr. Kajani and I first went to East Africa about 8 years ago as part of a multispecialty team of US physicians to collaborate with our respective departments in hospitals in Kenya and Tanzania. We had an incredible and a productive visit. I have visited East Africa several times since then and feel that it would be of tremendous value to the residents and fellows in training to have such experience in the early part of their career.

Are there any particular goals for resident rotation at AKHD?

The goals for the resident outreach are still evolving. The areas of focus for the

residents will be interacting with the radiology faculty during image review sessions, sharing best practices of clinical radiology in the U.S., and exchanging policies and protocols. Residents will also share optimal patient care practices and provide educational presentations to the radiology faculty, technologists and clinicians to give them a perspective of radiology practice in the United States.

What advice would you give residents seeking to travel abroad for this opportunity?

Make this a rich and personally rewarding experience for you. You have a great opportunity to learn not only about the status



About the Facility - Aga Khan Hospital

- Multispecialty hospital established in 1964
- 74-bed facility
- 3 radiologists and 15+ technologists
- Awarded the [International Standardization Organization](#) (ISO) certificate, recognizing clinical, diagnostic, admin and support services of the facility in 2005.

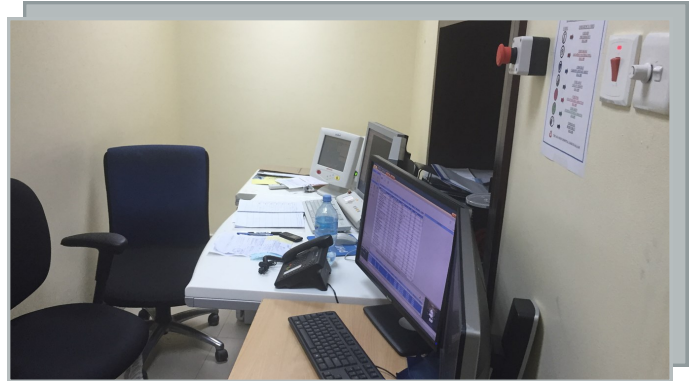
Ghesani-Kajani East Africa Radiology Scholarship, cont'd.

of a typical East African radiology practice in particular and healthcare practice in general, but also about the culture and heritage of Tanzania. As you meet people in East Africa and make several new friends, you are sure to realize the amazing "southern hospitality," the experiences and the memories that will be with you for a lifetime. We will be working with the hospital staff and the administration to ensure local travel opportunities for the residents on the weekends.

Are there any specific challenges residents could face when traveling abroad?

Sensitive to the current global political situation, we will work with various authorities to ensure safety of our residents

and fellows visiting East Africa. We will be sharing general safety tips as well as standard preventive and practical healthcare recommendations with them.



The CT Control Room at AKHD

RAD-AID International Meeting Held in DC



Over 200 attendees gathered at the headquarters of the Pan-Am Health Organization in Washington, D.C. as [RAD-AID International](#) held its seventh annual meeting on November 7, 2015 just one day before the International Day of Radiology (IDoR). The conference provided an outstanding platform to highlight successful operations instituted by RAD-AID and other organizations and individuals assisting low and middle income countries. RAD-AID President and CEO Dan Mollura, MD (pictured below) introduced the meeting by emphasizing the tremendous challenge that confronts health care where roughly half of the world's population has no access to imaging services. The program featured updates on pediatric imaging which was the focus of IDoR this year.



Haiti Radiology Residents Attend RSNA



Eight Haitian radiology residents attended the Radiological Society of North America's (RSNA) meeting the week of November 29-December 4. The eight residents were hosted by Jennifer Nicholas, M.D., a pediatric radiologist from Lurie Children's Hospital of Chicago, Illinois and Ernst Garcon, M.D., a neuroradiologist at Columbia University, with support from the ACR Foundation (ACRF).

The residents have supplemented their training at the University Hospital (HUEH) in Port-au-Prince, Haiti through attendance at U.S. radiological organization meetings (e.g. ACR, RSNA) and through observerships primarily hosted by University of California at Davis. The observerships were initiated

through the work of Rebecca Stein-Wexler, M.D., a pediatric radiologists at UC-Davis.

Since the earthquake in 2010, the American College of Radiology Foundation has worked with Imaging4Change, led by William Crenshaw, M.D., Steven Zivin, M.D. and Ankur Parikh, M.D., and RAD-AID International, led by Ryan Sydnor, M.D. to assist in the ongoing training of radiology residents at HUEH. The radiology residency program at HUEH was re-established in 2012. A total of 16 radiology residents are currently enrolled in their 3-year program.



News & Announcements

International Volunteers Raise Your Hands!

If you are volunteering in the developing world, we would like to hear from you. The ACR Foundation International Outreach Program seeks to find ways to facilitate volunteerism, donations and collaborative projects. In 2013, the ACR Foundation launched the [International Facility Profiles](#) to provide potential volunteers, donors and organizations with access to facilities in the developing world. If you have volunteered, we would like you to fill out a [Facility Needs Assessment Survey](#). The survey provides the basis for the information contained in the International Facility Profiles.

In addition, the ACR Foundation is interested in making sure volunteers are coordinating their efforts where possible. If you have been a long-term volunteer in a developing country, please contact Brad Short at bshort@acr.org or Lauren Alfero at lalfero@acr.org to ensure you are included in our network.

Have an announcement? Want to share your experience?

Let us know! Announcements are a great way to get the word out about your program or need for donations. We'd also love to hear about your experience volunteering and may share it in a future edition of *Interlink*. Contact Lauren at lalfero@acr.org or Catherine at cjones@acr.org.

GET INVOLVED!

- [Forward](#) this newsletter to 5 friends or colleagues.
- [Contact](#) us if you know of any organizations looking for volunteers or donations.
- Ask your medical facility if they have any materials they'd like to donate.
- [Share](#) any experience you have of volunteering abroad.
- [Donate](#) to the Haiti Radiology Relief Fund.



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