

# AMSER Excellence in Education Award

Sravanthi Reddy, MD

*Introduction by Donna Magid, MD, MEd*

Educators know how difficult it is to get enough academic oxygen to breathe, let alone thrive, in an increasingly challenging educational environment. Her unflagging energy and enthusiasm have allowed Sravanthi Reddy, MD, to excel at clinical and educational challenges.

Dr Reddy rapidly grew the breast magnetic resonance (MR) imaging service at the University of Southern California (USC) from 10 to 500 breast MR imaging exams by 2007. She then joined the emerging emergency radiology division, driving PACS selection and implementation, quality assurance, staffing, and coverage, growing the section into an independent emergency radiology division, and solidifying the high level of service and the deep bonds and mutual respect between clinicians and imagers.

Education often feels like the short leg of the academic tripod. AMSER focuses on medical students—an often-overlooked, underserved segment of medical educa-

tion without which we can neither survive nor progress. Dr Reddy is particularly well equipped here by both intellect and nature, being the sort of warm natural luminescent type to whom Gen Y gravitates. Her radiology interest groups (RIGs) turn 12 this year, allowing medical students to interact with radiology from that critical 1st year on. Dr Reddy chairs a national RIG committee, designed to keep us foremost in the career-pondering minds of students. Her first Medical Student Radiology Expo ran in 2016, attracting medical students from different institutions to explore radiology careers. She is the natural adviser for those USC students pursuing an imaging residency and career. Always wanting to reach a larger audience and help other institutions, she is first author of the popular *AMSER Guide to Applying for Radiology Residency*.

I met Dr Reddy around 2009, as she was becoming program director of USC's enormously popular Radiology Selective. While she claimed at that time to be seeking



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educational mentoring, in reality she was already a distinguished student educator, winning teaching awards in 2011 and 2016 and recognized as "Outstanding Selective" in 2013. Hers is the model we should all follow to keep radiology conspicuously at the forefront of medical student training. Radiology, AMSER, and the medical students in particular are indeed fortunate to have her on our side.

# RRA Innovation and Leadership Award

King C. Li, MD, MBA

*Introduction by Rathan M. Subramaniam, MD, PhD, MPH*

It is a great pleasure to present the 2018 Radiology Research Alliance (RRA) Innovation and Leadership Award to King C. Li, MD, MBA, professor, inaugural dean, and chief academic officer of Carle Illinois College of Medicine, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. Dr Li studied physiology and biochemistry and graduated from the University of Toronto and then went on to medical school, graduating with honors in 1981. He received an MBA degree in 1998 from San Jose State University.

Before his current position, Dr Li held many high-profile academic positions: associate professor of radiology with tenure at Stanford University School of Medicine; tenured senior investigator, chief of Radiology and Imaging Sciences, and associate director of the National Institutes of Health (NIH) Clinical Center; M. D. Anderson Foundation Distinguished Chair and professor of the Department of Radiology at Houston Methodist

Hospital; and professor and chair of the Department of Radiology, deputy director of the Comprehensive Cancer Center, and senior associate dean for clinical and translational research at Wake Forest School of Medicine.

Dr Li's contribution to molecular imaging research has been invaluable over the decades. He holds 16 U.S. patents and has authored more than 145 peer-reviewed articles, 40 invited articles and editorials, and six book chapters. Dr Li was a principal investigator (PI) or co-PI of peer-reviewed NIH grants totaling more than \$40 million. He has been a visiting professor more than 50 times and has delivered more than 230 invited lectures.

Dr Li's contributions to RRA as president and his idea of RRA task forces during my presidency were crucial in reinvigorating RRA and making RRA what it is today. For his valuable contributions to RRA, his immeasurable contributions to molecular imaging research, his outstanding imaging



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leadership at multiple institutions, and especially his vision of building a next-generation medical school at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, the RRA is extremely pleased to award its 2018 Innovation and Leadership Award to King C. Li, MD, MBA, an innovator, international leader, and outstanding researcher.