ACER Achievement Award

Petra J. Lewis, MB.BS

Introduction by Angelisa M. Paladin, MD

Petra Lewis, MB.BS, is an accomplished leader, a creative thinker, and a gifted educator. She currently serves as a professor and the vice chair of education in the Department of Radiology at Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center (DHMC) and as an adjunct professor in the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology at the Geisel School of Medicine at Dartmouth.

Dr. Lewis pursued her medical degree at Guy’s Hospital, London, England. After a nuclear medicine fellowship at Johns Hopkins University, she returned home and led a clinical PET center in London. She subsequently returned to the East Coast and began a radiology residency at DHMC. In recognition of her leadership talents, she was elected chief resident and became assistant professor at DHMC in 1998. She has won several teaching awards at her institution. Dr. Lewis lives in Lebanon, NH, with her husband Lionel, and their two teenage daughters.

Dr. Lewis is a national leader in the use of technology in education. She has developed a number of national resources that are used extensively in medical student education, including the Alliance of Medical Student Educators in Radiology (AMSER) Resource Database, Radiology ExamWeb (as a recipient of an RSNA educational grant), and CORE (Case-based Online Radiology Education).

Petra has a long history of serving the radiology community. She is the prior president of both AMSER and the Alliance of Clinician-Educators in Radiology (ACER) and has been involved with the American Board of Radiology and the National Board of Medical Examiners for many years as an item writer and editor. She has written numerous articles and book chapters and is the coeditor of the Oxford American Handbook of Radiology.

It is an honor and privilege to bestow on my friend and mentor, Petra Lewis, MB.BS, the ACER Achievement Award. As an innovative leader whose work has had a national impact on radiology education, she is most deserving of this honor.