AMSER Excellence in Education Award

Christopher M. Straus, MD

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It is an honor and privilege to present the annual AMSER Excellence in Education Award to a friend and fellow radiology educator who has demonstrated an exceptional passion and dedication for medical student radiology education, AMSER, and the AUR. Christopher M. Straus, MD, completed his undergraduate and medical training at the University of Chicago. His radiology residency and fellowship in interventional radiology were completed at the same institution. Currently, Dr Straus is associate professor of radiology and director of medical student radiology education at the University of Chicago. His administrative responsibilities have included the positions of director of inpatient radiology, section chief of emergency radiology, and associate director of clinical operations. His early career efforts targeted curricular improvement through advancing medical imaging education and imaging materials for medical students and residents.

Dr Straus has served on numerous medical education committees, including the University of Chicago Clinical Curriculum Review Committee, the Academic Promotion Committee, and Radiology Residency Selection Committee. Most recently, Dr Straus was honored by being inducted into the Bucksbaum Institute for Clinical Excellence, an organization whose mission is to enhance the skills of physicians as advisors, counselors, and navigators. His additional awards include the Association of American Medical Colleges 2004 Humanism in Medicine Award and the Top Educator Award for the Pritzker School of Medicine’s class of 2008. Dr Straus has generously served organized radiology as president of AMSER, chair of the American Roentgen Ray Society’s Education Accreditation Compliance Committee, and member of the AUR Board of Directors, the AUR Research and Education Foundation Board, and the American College of Radiology Task Force on Medical Student Education. Dr Straus’s research interests and publications cover a broad spectrum of imaging-centered topics, including professionalism and radiology education. The AUR and AMSER have enormously benefited from the efforts, innovations, and leadership of Christopher M. Straus, MD. It is a pleasure to present him with the 2014 AMSER Excellence in Education Award.