

A³CR² Outstanding Teacher Award

Alberto A. Simoncini, MD

Introduction by Daniel A. Ortiz, MD

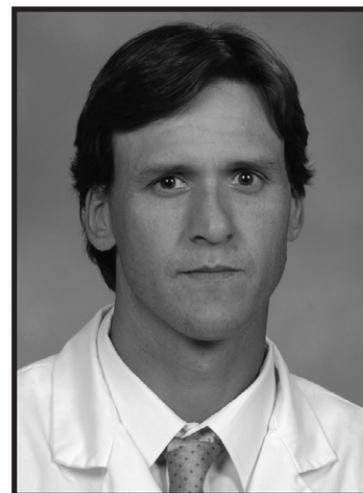
We are pleased to announce that the recipient for the 2018 A³CR² Outstanding Teacher Award is Alberto A. Simoncini, MD. Since fall 2016, Dr Simoncini has served as the diagnostic radiology residency program director for the Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center (LSUHSC) in Shreveport.

A graduate of the National University of Buenos Aires, Dr Simoncini completed his residency at the Argentinian Foundation in Diagnostic Medicine in Buenos Aires, Argentina, where he remained as staff and eventually became the director of ultrasound and interventional radiology (IR). With this appointment, he was also an assistant professor of radiology at the University of Buenos Aires School of Medicine. In 2006, he left Argentina and became an associate (and eventually full) professor of radiology at LSUHSC, where he also is the director of musculoskeletal radiology.

An impassioned advocate for his residents, Dr Simoncini personally facilitated the creation of internal moonlighting, an increase in the volume of orthopedic magnetic resonance imaging, and the procurement of an overnight call room for the IR resident.

Despite his short time as LSUHSC program director, Dr Simoncini has had an incredible impact on the residency program. Dedicated to personally revamping the curriculum, Dr Simoncini attended every resident lecture for an entire year to get a firsthand perspective on the status and needs of his residents. If a lecturer had a last-minute unavailability, Dr Simoncini would provide an impromptu lecture to ensure that his residents did not miss a learning opportunity.

The impact of Dr Simoncini's intervention can be seen in the remarkable jump in program Diagnostic Radiology In-Training (DXIT) exam scores and in scholarly pro-



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ductivity, a 100% pass rate on the American Board of Radiology Core Exam, and revitalization of conference attendance and participation. The commitment to teaching of this lifelong learner has led to his designation as the LSUHSC 2016–2017 “Teacher of the Year” and to the A³CR² proudly presenting this year’s A³CR² Outstanding Teacher Award to Alberto A. Simoncini, MD.

ACER Achievement Award

Mark E. Mullins, MD, PhD, FACR

Introduction by Eric J. Stern, MD

“Radiology educator and leader extraordinaire”: Mark E. Mullins, MD, PhD, FACR, is a highly engaged and recognized AUR member and leader who served as the eighth president of ACER (2015–2016). As an act of gratitude, respect, and admiration, we pay tribute to Mark for his extensive educational leadership roles with the 2018 ACER Achievement Award.

After spending 18 years training and working in the Harvard system in Boston, Mark left to continue his career in the nurturing confines of Emory University School of Medicine, rising to become professor and vice chair for education, director of radiology medical student education, and program director (now emeritus) of the diagnostic radiology residency.

Dr Mullins is an accomplished neuroradiologist, who has clearly become an outstanding educational scholar, mentor, and leader in many of the AUR umbrella organiza-

tions—a true master academic “chef” of the AUR “alphabet soup” of organizations. In addition to leading ACER, the principal ingredients of this particular academic chef’s AUR soup include serving as the incoming president of APDR, past president of AMSER, current chair of ADVICER, deputy editor of *Academic Radiology*, and member of the AUR Board of Directors, as well as serving as a key member of the AUR Program Planning, Awards, Scientific Program, Education, Development, and Long-Range Planning Committees and the new ad hoc FAUR committee. Dr Mullins is also a highly regarded speaker and a national and international visiting professor—proudly waving the AUR/ACER banner in four international outreach programs in Mexico, Argentina, Brazil, and Saudi Arabia.

However, as we all know, a fine academic career soup is not achieved by randomly throwing together the various acronym



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ingredients. What makes Mark singular, an incredible academic chef, is his own special secret blend of herbs and spices that he adds to all of his various AUR activities, which have helped AUR to flourish.

For his unwavering commitment to excellence in radiology education and leadership, we honor and thank Mark E. Mullins, MD, PhD, FACR, with the 2018 ACER Achievement Award.