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Society of Interventional Radiology Inducts New Fellows ***SIR Elevates 26 Interventional Radiologists to FSIR Distinction at 36th Annual Scientific Meeting***

FAIRFAX, Va.—The Society of Interventional Radiology inducted 26 new Fellows during SIR's 36th Annual Scientific Meeting this past March in Chicago, Ill. An SIR Fellow (or FSIR) is an interventional radiologist who has been an active or corresponding SIR member for at least five years and who has distinguished himself or herself individually and has been recognized by the society as a leading contributor in educational, investigational, organizational or professional aspects of interventional radiology.

"Being named a Society of Interventional Radiology Fellow is the highest recognition by one's peers and acknowledges sustained outstanding performance," said SIR President Timothy P. Murphy, M.D., FSIR, who represents the society's nearly 4,700 doctors, scientists and allied health professionals dedicated to improving health care through minimally invasive treatments. "SIR commends these Fellows for their high levels of scholarship and professionalism that embody the society's dedication and focus on treatments that preserve a patient's quality of life and are often better and safer than traditional surgical options," added Murphy, an interventional radiologist and director of the Vascular Disease Research Center at Rhode Island Hospital in Providence. Fewer than 10 percent of SIR's 4,700 members have achieved this honor.

SIR active Fellows are listed below.

California: Kenneth W. Chin, M.D., FSIR, San Fernando Valley Interventional Radiology Center, Encino, Calif.; Laura Findeiss, M.D., FSIR, University of California at Irvine School of Medicine, Orange; Lawrence V. Hofmann, M.D., FSIR, Stanford University Medical Center, Palo Alto, Calif.; Nishita Kothary, M.D., FSIR, Stanford University Medical Center, Palo Alto, Calif.; Michael D. Kuo, M.D., FSIR, UCLA Medical School, Los Angeles, Calif.; and William T. Kuo, M.D., FSIR, Stanford University Medical Center, Palo Alto, Calif.

Florida: Shaun L. Samuels, M.D., FSIR, Baptist Cardiac and Vascular Institute, Miami, Fla., and Frank W. Sanchez, M.D., FSIR, Mori, Bean and Brooks, P.A., Jacksonville, Fla.

Illinois: Francis R. Facchini, M.D., FSIR, VIR Chicago, Hinsdale, Ill., and Jonathan M. Lorenz, M.D., FSIR, University of Chicago, Chicago, Ill.

Louisiana: Horacio R. D'Agostino, M.D., FSIR, LSU Health Sciences Center, Shreveport, La., and Joan C. Wojak, M.D., FSIR, Our Lady of Lourdes Medical Center, Lafayette, La.

Minnesota: Sanjay Misra, M.D., FSIR, Mayo Clinic and Foundation, Rochester, Minn.

New York: Patrick C. Malloy, M.D., FSIR, VA New York Harbor Healthcare, New York, N.Y., and David C. Sperling, M.D., FSIR, Columbia University, New York, N.Y.

North Carolina: Joseph M. Stavas, M.D., FSIR, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, N.C.

Pennsylvania: Daniel B. Brown, M.D., FSIR, Thomas Jefferson University Hospital, Philadelphia, Pa.; Carin F. Gonsalves, M.D., FSIR, Thomas Jefferson University Hospital, Philadelphia, Pa.; Maxim Itkin, M.D., FSIR, University of Pennsylvania Medical Center, Philadelphia, Pa.; and Jeffrey I. Mondschein, M.D., FSIR, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia.

Corresponding Fellows (members who practice and/or reside outside of the United States) include Eliyahu Atar, M.D., FSIR, Rabin Medical Center, Golda Campus, Petah, Tikva, **Israel**; Peter L. Munk, M.D., FSIR, Vancouver General Hospital, Vancouver, B.C., **Canada**; and Moises Roizental, M.D., FSIR, Policlínica Metropolitana, Caracas, **Venezuela**.

Emeritus Fellows (SIR Active Fellows who have retired from the practice of interventional radiology) include William J. Casarella, M.D., FSIR, Emory University Hospital, Atlanta, Ga.; Josef Rosch, M.D., FSIR, Dotter Interventional Institute, Portland, Ore.; and Jaime Tisnado, M.D., FSIR, Richmond, Va.

About the Society of Interventional Radiology

Interventional radiologists are physicians who specialize in minimally invasive, targeted treatments. They offer the most in-depth knowledge of the least invasive treatments available coupled with diagnostic and clinical experience across all specialties. They use X-ray, MRI and other imaging to advance a catheter in the body, such as in an artery, to treat at the source of the disease internally. As the inventors of angioplasty and the catheter-delivered stent, which were first used in the legs to treat peripheral arterial disease, interventional radiologists pioneered minimally invasive modern medicine. Today, interventional oncology is a growing specialty area of interventional radiology. Interventional radiologists can deliver treatments for cancer directly to the tumor without significant side effects or damage to nearby normal tissue.

Many conditions that once required surgery can be treated less invasively by interventional radiologists. Interventional radiology treatments offer less risk, less pain and less recovery time compared to open surgery. Visit www.SIRweb.org.

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The Society of Interventional Radiology's 26 new Fellows inducted during SIR's 36th Annual Scientific Meeting March 30, 2011, in Chicago, Ill. An SIR Fellow (or FSIR) is an interventional radiologist who has been an active or corresponding SIR member for at least five years and who has distinguished himself or herself individually and has been recognized by the society as a leading contributor in educational, investigational, organizational or professional aspects of interventional radiology. Photo courtesy Society of Interventional Radiology, www.SIRweb.org.