Academic Achievement Award
Association of Program Directors in Radiology

David Scott Hartman, MD

Introduction by E. Stephen Amis, Jr., MD

This will be only the second presentation of the Academic Achievement Award of the Association of Program Directors in Radiology since its founding in 1991. The selection of Dr. David Hartman for this award continues in the fine APDR tradition of recognizing excellence. Not only was Dr. Hartman active in the APDR by serving as Chair of the Membership Committee and by making multiple presentations during the annual meetings, perhaps more importantly, he is the archetypal teacher of radiology.

Dr. Hartman has developed and finely honed his teaching skills over the past quarter century. Evidence of this talent can be found in the many teaching awards he has won. In 1977, one year after completing his residency, David received the Stitt Award for Outstanding Teacher from the large intern class at San Diego Naval Hospital. After moving to Bethesda Naval Hospital, he was selected Outstanding Teacher in 1987 by the radiology residents. In 1991, the Class of 1993 at the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences (USUHS) presented him the Outstanding Instructor Award, and in that same year, he was given the William P. Clements, Jr. Award for Excellence in Education for his skills as an outstanding military educator at USUHS. His teaching expertise continues to be recognized at Penn State, where he has been presented the Excellence in Teaching Award by the medical school classes of 1998, 1999, and 2000, as well as the departmental teaching award in 1996.

I can personally attest to Dr. Hartman’s teaching prowess. Entering my radiology training at San Diego Naval Hospital at the ripe age of 35, the best teaching I received was from David. Internationally renowned as a neuroradiologist, this did not limit his scope of knowledge. The lectures I remember most were those which elucidated the mysteries of congenital heart disease. Speaking in a deliberate and smooth manner, taking the audience point by point through the intricacies of his subject material, and using twin projection as if playing a piano, Dr. Hartman is indeed the consummate lecturer. This fact would no doubt be attested to by the thousands of radiologists now in practice who attended AFIP since 1978, when Dr. Hartman began lecturing there, a practice which he continues to this day. That his reputation extends into the radiologic community at large is verified by his 237 invitations to give presentations or serve as Visiting Professor at other institutions and his 17 uninterrupted years of presenting refresher courses at RSNA.

David was born in 1946 in Manila, the Philippines. He and his lovely wife, Anne Marie, have two children, Matthew Scott and Katharine Marie, and live in Hummelstown, Pennsylvania. He earned his MD degree from UCLA in 1972 and then served his radiology residency at the National Naval Medical Center in Bethesda, Maryland. He was program director in the Department of Radiology at San Diego Naval Hospital from 1976 to 1978, following which he moved back to the east coast and began his long-term involvement with AFIP, becoming Chair of the Department of Radiologic Pathology from 1982 to 1986. His excellence did not go unrecognized, and he was brought to Bethesda Naval Hospital to assume the Chair position in the Department of Radiology. After three years in that position, he moved across campus and became Chair of the Department of Radiology and Nuclear Medicine at USUHS. Retiring as a Captain after 20 years of meritorious service in the Navy Medical Corps, Dr. Hartman began his second career as Professor of Radiology at Penn State University. True to form, his title there is Director of Radiologic Education Programs. He has authored or coauthored 80 articles in the refereed literature, 32 book chapters and monographs, and four books, including the highly acclaimed Davidson’s Radiology of the Kidney.

The APDR is indeed fortunate to count among its founding members individuals such as Dr. David Hartman. He has brought credit not only to himself but also to our organization and to radiology as a specialty.