

**Achievement Award**  
**Association of Program Directors in Radiology**  
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The tremendously deserving recipient of the Achievement Award of the Association of Program Directors in Radiology this year is Charles S. Resnik, MD. The extraordinary patience, perseverance against the odds, and diplomatic skill of my friend Chuck were crucial elements in making the fellowship application and match project successful. This year, the subtitle of the award should be "miracle worker" to describe the success of his fellowship committee when its mission seemed an "impossible dream."

During the Annual Meeting of the Association of University Radiologists in 1998, the chief residents pointed out that the application and interview process for fellowships was chaotic and that there was no set date for this to be accomplished. Residents went on interviews earlier and earlier in their training, when they did not always know what field would be best for them. Residents not infrequently backed out of their commitment to come to an institution. Also, the

lack of a single application form that all fellowships accepted wasted time needlessly.

The National Intersociety Fellowship Application Task Force, chaired by Dr. Resnik, was formed to address these problems as the result of a joint meeting between APDR and A<sup>3</sup>CR<sup>2</sup>. At times, it seemed that the working group, now composed of dozens of people from multiple organizations, might merely be a forum for people to express disparate views. However, in the end, multiple institutions and societies came together in a spirit of accommodation to forge a successful outcome. The task force created a universal application form, and the American Society of Neuroradiology conducted a match for 2002 fellowships. In the following year, a match for 2003 neuroradiology and vascular-interventional radiology fellowship positions was held. Now there is agreement for match rules for all clinical fellowship slots starting in 2004. This process can be a successful model for other problems facing the academic community and is certainly a tribute, not only to Chuck, but to all who participated.

Chuck has been head of musculoskeletal radiology at the University of Maryland for 17 years and the radiology program director for 14 years. Professor Resnik has written 96 articles and case reports and 11 book chapters and has served as editor or coeditor for two books. Last December, he was nominated to be a Director-at-Large for APDR.

Chuck's "other life," as he calls it, is as a founding director and vice-chairman of the board of the Challenger Center for Space Science Education. You will recall that the *Challenger* shuttle was the first teacher-in-space mission. Judy Resnik, Mission Specialist on the *Challenger*, was Chuck's sister. To become an astronaut, Judy had to be tremendously dedicated, smart, and brave, but that wouldn't have been enough. Judy once said, "Only hard work and perseverance will help you succeed at any venture." She gave her life for education and science. Her spirit is mirrored in the passion, drive, and dedication of her brother Chuck, who has succeeded brilliantly as an educator, researcher, and leader.

**APDR Achievement Award Recipients**

1997	Jerome H. Arndt, MD	2001	William M. Thompson, MD
1999	David S. Hartman, MD	2002	Michael B. Love, MD
2000	Spencer B. Gay, MD		