

APDR Achievement Award

Mark R. Robbin, MD (posthumous)

Introduction by Mark E. Mullins, MD, PhD, FACR

Although bittersweet because of his passing, it is my pleasure to posthumously recognize Mark Richard Robbin, MD, with the 2019 Association of Program Directors in Radiology (APDR) Achievement Award. For a brief overview of Dr Robbin's academic career, please see "A Tribute to Mark Richard Robbin, MD" (Mullins ME, Ros PR. *A Tribute to Mark Richard Robbin, MD*. *Academic Radiology* 2017; 24(5):654). During this recognition, I would like to focus on Dr Robbin's contributions to the APDR, expanding on this prior tribute.

A longtime APDR member, Dr Robbin served as the diagnostic radiology residency program director (PD) at Case Western Reserve University (CWRU) from 2006 until his death in 2017. For an even longer time (starting in 2001), Dr Robbin served as chief of the CWRU musculoskeletal radiology fellowship program. For some time, many of us in the APDR had been trying to recruit fellowship PDs to join our membership, attend our annual meeting, and actively participate. Dr Robbin helped that cause with "one foot in both worlds," including his membership in the APDR Fellowship Committee from 2012–2017.

One of his most important legacies with the APDR is that of developing our Annual Survey Committee. Dr Robbin chaired or co-chaired this important group from 2009 to 2017. When he took this work on, the committee was

focused on producing 1 or 2 surveys of APDR members per year. They would then report the results of the survey to the APDR board of directors and the membership during a busy "open-mic" session at the annual meeting. Dr Robbin developed the team, put in guidelines and process, and negotiated a standing dedicated presentation of the survey results during our yearly in-person meeting. Furthermore, he led the charge to create manuscripts from the survey information in multiple years. This work not only informed us but also our community. On many occasions, we have been told that this

has been useful for academicians regarding local "asks." In addition to its practical uses, this work addresses the ongoing existential questions for APDR and its members: "who are we?" and "where are we going?"

Of course, all of this occurred in the setting of Dr Robbin's considerable interpersonal skills and his keen insight. His dedication to the APDR and radiology was always clear but we will always remember his dedication to people. It is my great honor to be the APDR president during this recognition of Dr Robbin and I couldn't be more proud of his ongoing legacy to us and our community.

In recognition of his exceptional contributions, the APDR posthumously honors Mark R. Robbin, MD with the APDR Achievement Award



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