

Francisco A. Arredondo, M.D., has demonstrated his dedication to advancing the field of radiology in developing countries through his service to a variety of global radiology organizations.

"Everyone who knows Dr. Arredondo respects his outstanding leadership abilities," said RSNA President R. Gilbert Jost, M.D. "He has made groundbreaking contributions to the advancement of radiology in Central America and throughout the world."

An RSNA member since 1977, Dr. Arredondo served on the Committee on International Relations & Education for many years. Now a professor of anatomy and chair of the Department of Radiology at the Francisco Marroquin University School of Medicine, Dr. Arredondo also chairs the Department of Radiology at Hope University Hospital in Guatemala City.

"I have had the opportunity to contribute to radiologic and medical education in my country, America and other continents, and at the same time enjoy friendship and support from many colleagues around the world," Dr. Arredondo said.

Dr. Arredondo received his medical degree from the Universidad de San Carlos de Guatemala. Afterwards, he completed his postgraduate residency at Roosevelt Hospital in Guatemala and his radiology residency at the Medical College of Wisconsin in Milwaukee. He returned to Guatemala in 1980 and became the director of the new radiology residency program at Francisco Marroquin University in Guatemala City. The four-year program has trained more than 50 radiologists from Guatemala, El Salvador, Honduras and Nicaragua.

Dr. Arredondo has been president of the InterAmerican College of Radiology (CIR) and presided over the 20th InterAmerican Congress of Radiology and 21st International Congress of Radiology held in Buenos Aires, Argentina, in 2000.

As CIR president, Dr. Arredondo convened regional meetings of radiology in less developed regions of Central and South America and the Caribbean. Supported by radiology organizations in Mexico, Brazil, Argentina, Chile and Spain, congresses have been realized every year since 2000, often in association with the RSNA Visiting Professor program.