

SCARD Visionary Leadership Award

Ronald L. Arenson, MD, FACR

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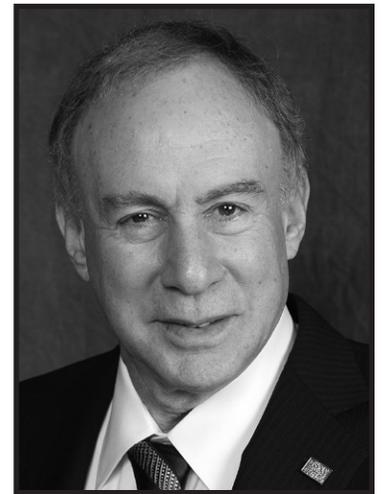
The SCARD Visionary Leadership Award recognizes an individual who has contributed to the field of academic radiology by exhibiting extraordinary leadership abilities. The 2017 award is presented to Ronald L. Arenson, MD, FACR, for his many leadership contributions to his department, to radiology research, to radiology organizations, and to our profession. He is an extraordinary role model for all radiologists.

Ron is a true visionary, recognizing the impact of computers and information technology (IT) on our profession at a time when most radiologists were thinking only of films and view boxes and had no idea of the impact that IT would subsequently have on our lives. His research and publications on radiology information systems (RIS), picture archiving and communication systems (PACS), and informatics were groundbreaking. Ron was the first to recognize the need for economic and productivity data for academic radiology and developed the first surveys for SCARD. The information (fondly called "Arenson data" for several years) is now maintained by the Association of Administrators in Academic Radiology and continues to be extremely valuable benchmarking data for the academic radiology world.

Ron graduated from Duke University in 1965 with a degree in mathematics and obtained his medical degree from New York Medical College. After an internship

at Beth Israel Medical Center in New York, he completed his residency in diagnostic radiology at Massachusetts General Hospital. Ron worked for IBM from 1963 to 1970 and had a computer consulting business for 2 years. After residency, he served in the U.S. Navy Medical Corps. Ron rose through the academic ranks at the University of Pennsylvania from 1976 through 1992, when he moved to the University of California, San Francisco (UCSF), to become the Alexander R. Margulis Distinguished Professor and chair of the Department of Radiology and Biomedical Imaging. During his 25 years at UCSF, Ron continued the traditions of a previously outstanding department and made further enhancements to enable it to become one of the leading academic radiology departments in the world. Through his leadership and mentorship, many of the UCSF alumni have gone on to major leadership roles of their own.

Ron has given countless hours to volunteer for a large number of radiology organizations, rising to the top of each one. Most notable are his activities for SCARD, the Association of University Radiologists (AUR), the Radiological Society of North America, the International Society for Strategic Studies in Radiology, and the Academy of Radiology Research. Ron made extraordinary contributions to each of these organizations as he rose from committee service to the presidency, and



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he continues to be active and make valuable contributions even after completing his official leadership terms. Ron has also chaired the board of review for the AUR GE Radiology Research Academic Fellowship (GERRAF) program and has served on the National Advisory Council for Biomedical Imaging and Bioengineering and the National Institutes of Health Council of Councils. As further evidence of Ron's stature, he is frequently invited to be an external reviewer for academic radiology departments because of his thoughtful, insightful reviews.

We are proud to present Ronald L. Arenson, MD, FACR, with the 2017 SCARD Visionary Leadership Award for his many contributions to academic radiology. Our world would not be the same without him, and we look forward to continuing to work with him in the future.