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2013 CRUES KRESSEL AWARD

The Crues Kressel Award is for Outstanding Contributions to the Education of Magnetic Resonance Technologists

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Wendy Strugnell is the Director of MRI Services at the Richard Slaughter Centre of Excellence in Cardiovascular MRI at The Prince Charles Hospital in Brisbane, Australia. From 1996-1998, Wendy was a member of the Australian Institute of Radiography MRI Advisory Panel Steering Committee whose key achievement was the implementation of educational standards and a national accreditation process for Australian MRI Radiographers. Attracted by the strong educational focus of the SMRT, Wendy became a member in 1998, and shortly after became the Queensland representative for the Australia New Zealand (ANZ) Chapter. In 2006 she became President of the ANZ Chapter and established the Annual Meetings of the Chapter. The meetings are now the largest Regional Meetings of the SMRT attracting an annual audience of around 250-300 delegates. As well as providing Australian and New Zealand MR radiographers with the highest quality educational forum in the region, the meetings also served to introduce the ANZ MRI community to the SMRT. As a direct result, Australian and New Zealand membership of the SMRT increased from 75 in 2005 to 515 in 2012. This represents an increase in global membership from 4% in 2006 to 21% six years later. Wendy was elected to the SMRT Policy Board in 2004 and while Chair of the Global Relations Subcommittee facilitated the recognition of SMRT educational activities (meetings and Educational Home Studies) as accredited educational activities by the Australian Institute of Radiography and the New Zealand Institute of Medical Radiation Technology. This greatly increased the opportunities for radiographers in this region to

access MR education remotely and cost-effectively while enabling them to meet their countries' accreditation requirements. In 2007 Wendy became SMRT President Elect and commenced her term as President in 2008 at the 17th Annual Meeting in Toronto. As President, Wendy was focused on one of the main goals of the SMRT: providing high quality education worldwide. She revamped the format of the annual meeting to include more speakers and a wider range of topics and overhauled the abstract submission system to raise the standards and integrity of the process. A new category of abstracts "Clinical Teaching Focus" was introduced to give all MR technologists (not just those in research institutions) an avenue to participate in education and present innovative ideas to the MR community. As a Past President, Wendy has continued to be actively involved in the workings of the SMRT with a particular focus on the educational pursuits of the SMRT. She has served on the Education Committee, continuing to work on refining the abstract submission & review process and as an abstract reviewer for the Annual Meetings. She is also a member of the Past President's Council, the RCEEM Ad-Hoc Committee, and a number of other committees. She was a member of the 2012 Program Committee. Wendy is also a member of the Executive Committee of the ANZ Chapter where she continues to be actively involved in the management of all ANZ Annual Meetings. She has served as an abstract reviewer for all of the ANZ Annual Meetings. In 2011 Wendy was Co-Chair of the 6th Annual Meeting of the ANZ Chapter. As the manager of MRI units in tertiary hospital practices for more than 15 years, Wendy has been heavily involved in the education of MR radiographers. She currently runs a Fellowship Program in Cardiovascular MRI for Radiographers and participates as an educator for the Cardiothoracic Imaging Education Program at The Prince Charles Hospital. Wendy has been invited to give over 20 presentations at national and international meetings on MRI applications and techniques. In 2003, Wendy received the 2nd Place Oral Presentation Award for Research Focus for a paper titled "Cardiac MRI Analysis of RV Function: A New Approach". This work has since been published in the Journal of Cardiovascular MR and the technique has been adopted at many centres around the world. Wendy continues to be actively involved in disseminating research findings relevant to the clinical applications of MRI. She has 13 publications in peer-reviewed international journals and has authored more than 70 poster and oral presentations at international scientific meetings. Wendy is delighted that her contributions to the education of MR technologists and radiographers throughout the world have been recognised by being nominated for this award.

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2011 Cindy Comeau	2000 Kelly Baron
2010 John Posh	1999 Charles Deschamps
2009 Cindy Hipps	1998 Emanuel Kanal
2008 Maureen Ainslie	1997 Robin Greene-Avison
2006 Maureen Hood	1996 Carolyn Roth
2005 William Faulkner	1995 Christine Harris
2004 Luann Culbreth	1994 Frank Shellock
2003 Gregory Brown	1993 Julie Strandt
2001 Anne Marie Sawyer	1991 John Crues &, Herbert Kressel