



2014 FELLOW OF THE SECTION AWARD

This award is given in recognition of significant and substantial contributions to the mission of the SMRT.

**Anne Dorte Blankholm, M.Sc. (MRI)
Ph.D. Student, FSMRT**



Steven P. Shannon, R.T.,(R)(MR), FSMRT



**Anne Dorte Blankholm, Radiographer, M.Sc. (MRI), Ph.D. Student, FSMRT
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Anne Dorte Blankholm graduated as a radiographer in 1987 and has worked in MRI since 1989. In 1992 the radiographers at the MR-Centre, Aarhus University Hospital began offering MR courses for Radiographers. This was the first opportunity to be educated within MR in Denmark and several radiographers from Norway participated in these courses as well. Anne has shared her expertise lecturing in cardiac MRI, MR-angiography, fetal imaging, MR-physics, artifacts, safety and other MR-related topics. Her interest in research started when she had her first poster presentation at the SMRT meeting in 1998 receiving an award. In 1999 she yearned for a change and became a part time research- and part time clinical-radiographer. The main foci of her research was MRA and cardiac imaging. In 2002 she was employed as a full time research radiographer at Centre for Functionally Integrative Neuroscience (CFIN), Aarhus University Hospital, Denmark where the focus was neuro-MR research. In 2005 she took on a position as Head Radiographer at the Department of Diagnostic Imaging, MR-Centre, Aarhus University Hospital, Denmark. In 2007 she became a full time Research Radiographer at Aarhus University Hospital. In this job she is also a part time Ph.D. student and works as a consultant application specialist for Philips Healthcare. In 1992 Anne attended her first SMRT meeting in Berlin, Germany. At SMRT meetings she has received a third place research focus award, two second place poster awards and one third place poster award (research focus). She has attended 13 SMRT annual meetings and contributed with several presentations at the SMRT and ISMRM meetings. She has given several invited lectures both nationally and internationally. She has several peer-reviewed publications both as first author and as co-author and is reviewer on two journals.

Anne Dorte Blankholm was elected to the SMRT Policy Board in 2005 and served on the Global Relations Committee which she co-chaired 2007-2008 (with Muriel Cockburn). Here she worked towards getting the SMRT more relevant to global membership. She has served on the Nominations, Publication and Local Chapter Committees and was member of the Program Committee for the SMRT meeting in Stockholm in 2010. She has served as a moderator and abstract reviewer on SMRT meetings and has contributed to SMRT Home Studies. Anne co-chaired (with Titti Owman, Dora Zeidler) the first regional SMRT meeting in Europe in her

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hometown Aarhus, Denmark in 2007. She has contributed largely to extend the knowledge and membership of the SMRT in Scandinavia, and she worked on getting Scandinavian Radiographers involved in the Section. She is still brimming with enthusiasm for the field of MRI, research and postgraduate education of radiographers and technologists and gives lectures at both postgraduate and Ph.D. courses. She is currently Vice Chair on the Educational Committee for the education of radiographers at University College Northern Jutland, Denmark and a member of the Danish national team of the newly founded Nordic Society of Research and Evidence-based Radiography (NSRER) and through this work she aims for continued development of the international scope of the SMRT. Anne feels that working with the SMRT has been very rewarding and she would like to acknowledge all the people she has worked with in SMRT throughout the years. She is delighted to be selected for the award. To be considered in such an esteemed group of previous recipients is truly an honor.

Steven P. Shannon, R.T., (R)(MR), FSMRT

Operations Manager / Research Technologist, Athinoula A. Martinos Imaging Center, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge, Massachusetts, USA

Steven P. Shannon graduated from the Radiological Technologies Program at Dawson College (Montreal, Canada) in 1995, and received a Magnetic Resonance Imaging and Spectroscopy Advanced Diploma from Red River College (Winnipeg, Canada) in 1998. He is currently employed as an Operations Manager / Research Technologist at the Athinoula A. Martinos Imaging Center at Massachusetts Institute of Technology in Cambridge, Massachusetts. There he was part of the team that started the fMRI center in the Brain and Cognitive Sciences building. Since then the center has expanded to include EEG and MEG labs. He is involved in the everyday operations, as well as being responsible for internal MR safety and education. He previously worked for EPIX Pharmaceuticals, where he was involved in the development of novel protocols used in clinical trials of contrast-enhanced MR angiography, as well as pre-clinical imaging with contrast agents in early development. His role at EPIX gave him the opportunity to work with several MR platforms and workstations.

He has been a member of the Section for Magnetic Resonance Technologists since 1999. Having attended the annual SMRT/ISMRM meetings each year since, he has contributed to several presentations, including two posters at the 2002 ISMRM annual meeting, and presented a poster at the 2003 SMRT annual meeting. He has been a moderator for the SMRT Annual Meeting in 2006 (Seattle) and 2008 (Toronto). He is an active member of the SMRT participating on committees, and has written questions for a home study. He was honored to serve as the SMRT Treasurer from 2007-11. Steven considers the SMRT to have been instrumental in his career, providing an opportunity for continuing education in the latest MR technologies and for peer networking, and hopes to contribute more to the future of the SMRT.

Fellow of the Section Award Recipients

2013 Filip De Ridder & Michael D. Macilquham

2012 Maryann Blaine & Wendy Strugnell

2011 Muriel Cockburn & Laurian Rohoman

2010 Cindy Comeau & Maureen Hood

2009 Gina Greenwood & Donna O'Brien

2008 Julia Lowe

2007 Cindy Hipsps & Greg Brown

2006 Maureen Ainslie & Bobbie Burrow

2005 Michael Kean & Anne Marie Sawyer

2004 Heidi Berns & Carolyn Roth

2003 Robin Greene-Avison

2002 Kelly Baron & Julie Strandt-Peay

2001 Luann Culbreth & William Faulkner