

ESPR Gold Medal Award 2014

The ESPR Gold Medal is a very special achievement and an exceptional award acknowledging a lifetime of professional accomplishment and dedication to paediatric radiology as a specialty, and in recognition of an individual's outstanding contribution to the ESPR.

Dr Veronica Donoghue (Ireland)



Dr Donoghue graduated from the National University of Ireland in Galway in 1970 and obtained her Fellowship of the Royal College of Radiologists, London in 1982 thence obtaining the Fellowship of the Faculty of Radiologists, Royal College of Surgeons, Ireland in 1985. She undertook radiology training at the University of Manchester with Prof. Ian Isherwood from 1978-1982 and then undertook Paediatric Neuroradiology and Paediatric General Radiology Fellowships at The Hospital for Sick Children, Toronto from 1983-1984. Dr Donoghue returned to Dublin as Consultant Paediatric Radiologist in July 1984 to the Children's University Hospital, Temple Street, and The National Maternity Hospital, Dublin.

Dr Donoghue has had many important leadership roles utilizing her calm erudition wisdom and prudence to take ESPR forwards with regal aplomb. She was co-organiser (as Secretary) of the Dublin ESPR annual meeting early in her career in 1989 with Dr. Noel Blake, and subsequently was President of ESPR when the meeting returned to Dublin in 2005. She was then appointed as Northern European Councilor of the Board of ESPR from 2006 – 2010. She has continued using her considerable diplomacy in paving the way for a very active and successful collaboration between ESPR with ESR, as Scientific Committee Chairman for Paediatric Radiology at ECR in 2001 and 2006, and coordinator of the foundation Course at ECR in 2011, and also ESPR representative on the ESR Education Committee between 2006 – 2010.

Despite a very busy clinical workload and important role as mentor to young trainees she has published more than 50 papers in peer reviewed Journals and has written many book chapters and edited "Radiological Imaging of the Neonatal Chest " – Springer-Verlag Publication –

1st Ed. in 2002 & 2nd Ed. in 2007. Dr Donoghue has been a member of the Editorial Board of "Pediatric Radiology" since 1996 becoming Assistant Editor from June 2006 – July 2012. Veronica is a very popular invited speaker at ESPR Courses, National and International meetings. She holds Honorary Memberships of the Hungarian Radiological Society, South American Society of Paediatric Radiology and our own European Society of Paediatric Radiology.

It goes without saying that Dr Donoghue is a worthy recipient of the ESPR Gold Medal. Those of us who have the privilege of knowing Dr Veronica Donoghue as a teacher mentor and friend will stand testament to the fact that Dr Donoghue is an exceptional human being. She has enormous integrity, wisdom and generosity, and is always ready to advise in complex issues with her considerable knowledge always remaining regal, calm and unruffled. She is passionate about music, art and literature, and frequents opera houses worldwide in her elegant attire.

We are fortunate to have Dr Veronica Donoghue as our very special Ambassador and Gold Medalist at ESPR 2014.

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