In Memoriam: Gil Brogdon

The world of radiology has lost one of its greats. A pioneer in the field who literally wrote the book on forensic radiology, Byron Gilliam "Gil" Brogdon, died on March 28, surrounded by his children. He was University of South Alabama College of Medicine distinguished professor emeritus and former chair in the department of radiology.

The book, of course, is the groundbreaking Forensic Radiology. First published in 1998, the book includes such diverse topics as the radiology of gunshot wounds; child, spousal, and elder abuse; forensic dentistry; and fakes and forgery in art. Several books followed, including A Radiologic Atlas of Abuse, Torture, Terrorism, and Inflicted Trauma, whose table of contents reads like a Who’s Who of bad behavior.

Dr. Brogdon was never one to sit on the sidelines if he saw an opportunity to apply radiology in nontraditional ways. In 1960, troubled by the number of children incurring joint injuries in that time-honored pastime, Little League baseball, he identified and named the phenomenon Little League Elbow. He was the first to raise warnings that allowing youngsters to pitch too many innings in a game caused damage to their still-growing elbow joints. In so doing, he took on no lesser a foe than Little League International finally instituted pitch-count limits 47 years later.

His academic career has been no less illustrious. He had been a member of the University of South Alabama faculty since 1978, serving as the university distinguished professor emeritus and former chairman of its department of radiology. He was the chairman of the department of radiology at the University of New Mexico for 11 years and was chief of Johns Hopkins University’s division of diagnostic radiology.

Dr. Brogdon believed strongly in giving back to the field, and participated in many associations and societies. He was an ARRS member for 52 years and received an ARRS Gold Medal in 1996. He served as president of the Southern Radiological Conference, the Association of University Radiologists, and the American College of Radiology, and as a member of the House of Delegates for the American Medical Association. In addition to the ARRS Gold Medal, Dr. Brogdon received gold medals from the Association of University Radiologists and the American College of Radiology. In 2012, Dr. Brogdon received the Silver Medal Award from the Alabama Academy of Radiology, given in recognition of outstanding achievement in lifetime contributions to the specialty of radiology and to the community.

SRS Chairman Bruce L. McClellan said, “SRS has lost a great friend and colleague. Gil was a pillar of support and encouragement to me and to the SRS. As a mentor to many, a world-class physician and radiologist, he provided perspective and foresight like few I have ever known. He will be sorely missed.”

After a cold and seemingly endless winter—amid ever-increasing evidence and news reports on global warming—the contrast of the warm, sunny breezes of Southern California were welcomed by all who attended the ARRS 2014 Annual Meeting in San Diego. The Senior Radiologists Section (SRS) was well represented, with many of our now-154 members in attendance. The SRS guest lecture, tour of the USS Midway, and social activities did not disappoint.

Guest lecturer Robert Stanley’s historical journey down CAT’s memory lane on Monday was worth the wait (airline snafus got him to San Diego late on Sunday), and the 2-hour tour of the Midway, arranged by our own Robert Campbell, was an enlightening and inspiring event—so much so that some members stayed on board for hours of additional Naval history and lore.

The Annual Meeting’s strong educational program and an outstanding array of computer-based exhibits made for a most enjoyable week of learning. We welcomed the new president of ARRS, Melissa Rosado de Christenson, and continue to receive strong support from the Executive Council through our new liaison, Erik Paulson, who was recently appointed chairman of the department of radiology at Duke University School of Medicine. Our SRS committee, along with staff liaison Sharon Huffman, provide strong guidance, and plans are already underway for our meeting in Toronto next April at the ARRS 2015 Annual Meeting. The SRS program there

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Guess Who Revealed

If you guessed that last issue’s dapper chap is Joel Lichtenstein, you’re right on the money! Dr. Lichtenstein was born in 1941 in Newark, Ohio, a small town east of Columbus. His wife, Jean, is from the same town and they are approaching their 50th wedding anniversary.

Dr. Lichtenstein graduated from Cornell University with a Bachelor’s degree in electrical engineering, and earned a Master’s degree at Ohio State University (OSU). After completing his Master’s, he joined the U.S. Air Force as a biomedical engineer with an ROTC commission. He served in the Air Force for 20 years, which included sponsorship for medical school and his radiology residency at OSU. He very much enjoyed 8 years of teaching gastrointestinal radiology at the Armed Forces Institute of Pathology in Washington, DC, during his Air Force career.

After retiring from the Air Force, Dr. Lichtenstein taught for 14 years at the University of Cincinnati, followed by 12 years at the University of Washington, where he worked with Al Moss, Chuck Rohrmann, and Norman Beauchamp, among others.

Dr. Lichtenstein retired at the end of 2011 and moved to a house at a retirement center in San Antonio, Texas in May 2012. He reports, “We are enjoying being busier than ever and cannot imagine how any of us ever had time to work.”

Did you know? Summer Fun Facts

- Ancient Romans and Greeks blamed Sirius for the extreme temperatures, drought, sickness, and discomfort that came in late summer.
- The liquid inside young coconuts can be used as a substitute for blood plasma.
- In 1816, the northeastern United States experienced snow and cold weather throughout the summer. Scientists cited a volcanic eruption in Indonesia as the cause.
- July is National Ice Cream month.
- The Chinese invented the first pair of sunglasses.
- Summer movie season is considered the most popular time for audiences to watch films.
- The popsicle was mistakenly invented by an 11-year-old boy in 1905. He left a glass of soda with a stirring stick outdoors, and the next morning the soda had frozen. He pulled out the stick and ate the first popsicle! Years later he started to sell them at an amusement park in New Jersey.
- A watermelon is a vegetable, not a fruit, and is the official state vegetable of Oklahoma.

Welcome New Members!

We’d like to extend a hearty welcome to our newest SRS members!

Paul J. Drury, MD  
Australia

John B. Kamp, MD  
San Antonio, TX

Lucille Taverna, MD  
Glen Head, NY

Val D. Dunn, MD  
Provo, UT

Erich K. Lang, MD  
Kenner, LA

Anton Van Der Klis, MD  
The Netherlands

William V. Hindle, MD  
Washington, DC

Pravin S. Patel, MD  
Chicago, IL

Paul F. Walker, MD  
Australia

Aivars Slucis, MD  
Chaska, MN

Upcoming ARRS Annual Meetings

April 19–24, 2015  
Toronto, ON, Canada  
Metro Toronto Convention Centre

April 17–22, 2016  
Los Angeles, CA  
Los Angeles Convention Center

April 30–May 5, 2017  
New Orleans, LA  
Hyatt Regency New Orleans
SRS at the Annual Meeting
Strengthening the foundation of radiology is critical; however, so too is ensuring that the trajectory of the entire discipline continues to trace an arc along a curve defined by innovation and unparalleled expertise. It’s a curve that will ensure radiology continues to play a vital role in patient care—not just today, but well into the future.

We can achieve this goal, but only with your help.

We invite you to join your colleagues this year in making a tax-deductible gift to The Roentgen Fund, and help strengthen the foundation today and—more importantly—build a bridge to the profession of tomorrow.