



2013 FELLOW OF THE SECTION AWARD

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

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Filip De Ridder received his B.S. degree in Nursing in 1986. Additional courses were followed to become a Radiological Technologist at the end of the eighties. He began his career at the University Hospital of the Free University of Brussels, Belgium in 1988. When his hospital installed the second MR scanner in Belgium, Filip was one of the first MRI technologists in his country. At the beginning he worked as a staff technologist and discovered his interests and passion for research in the field of MRI. Supplementary courses were followed in basic and advanced MRI techniques; in 1991 he became Chief Technologist of his MRI department. The University Hospital has an MR center with 3 clinical MRI systems, all with the advanced packages going from functional, spectroscopy, cardiac, and diffusion and perfusion tools. Filip has coordinated numerous research projects. He is actively involved in several ongoing research projects such as data analysis, stroke, and perfusion studies of the brain, kidneys and heart. It was in 1999 that he became involved with the SMRT. Quickly he recognized the importance of such an organization and was impressed by the mission of the SMRT, especially the worldwide educational platform for MR technologists. He attended his first annual meeting in 2000 with an oral presentation and since then he has presented several oral (6) and poster (4) presentations in the next coming annual meetings. In 2005 he won the 1st Place Clinical Focus award at the Miami Annual Meeting. In 2006 he was very pleased to receive the 2nd Place Clinical Focus award. He was an invited speaker at the Berlin Annual Meeting in 2007. Also he wrote nine articles for the SMRT Signals Newsletter. From 2007 through 2010 he was the Chair of the Membership Committee of the Policy Board. During Policy Board term he made a big effort to increase the amount of SMRT members. Another big task was the reviewing and updating the

Membership Application Form so that the form would be more accessible for non US MR Technologists. A third part of his job was stimulating the Non-Voting members to become a Voting member. Filip is still grateful to his Membership Committee members for their help and support. Communicating the SMRT mission through the mainland of Europe was possibly the most challenging job during his Policy Board period. This is still an on-going job. After his Policy Board term, he was and still is an active member of many committees. For example he served in 2009-2010 in the Bylaws, Finance, Global relations and Nominations Committees. In 2011-2012 he was a committee member of the Membership, Finance, Global relations and Nomination Committees. This year he is an active member of the Local Chapter Committee. During his Policy Board term he started organizing local SMRT meetings in Belgium. The first ever SMRT meeting held in Belgium was held in the spring of 2008 with an excellent turn out of over 230 participants. The first meeting was quickly followed by another meeting in the autumn of the same year. At the beginning of 2009 he searched and found a partner in The Netherlands to reach more MR Technologists. He was very pleased to meet Ms. R. D. Snoeks from the Academic Medical Center, Amsterdam, The Netherlands. Soon after his collaboration with Ms. R. D. Snoeks he established a Regional Chapter, which is known as the SMRT Benelux Chapter. (Benelux is a union of states in Europe comprising three adjacent countries: Belgium, The Netherlands, and Luxembourg.) These countries are located in Northwestern Europe between France and Germany. The union name is formed from the beginning of each country's name. The Benelux refers today to a cultural, economic and geographic customs union. Since 2009 the Benelux Chapter switched between Brussels and Amsterdam for their Annual Benelux Meetings. On the even years they have a Brussels meeting and on the odd years they organize an Amsterdam meeting. Since 2008 he held a Benelux Meeting every year. In summary we can say that they have an average of 170 participants per each annual meeting. Recently, Filip became a member of a local Belgium organization, their mission is to coach MR technologists in the Middle East. This type of coaching goes from theoretical courses to practical fellowships on demand. Through this organization Filip promotes the mission of the SMRT, as the SMRT is a global community with outstanding educational programs for MR technologists. Filip is a quiet and reserved person who prefers to work in the background, assisting where possible and in every possible way. For him it is a great honour to be elected for this award.

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Michael D. Macilquham graduated as a radiographer in Sydney, Australia in 1995, and first began work in MRI in 1999. He learnt MR in London, England in a dynamic clinical and research-focused Oncology setting, at the Paul Strickland Scanner Centre at Mt Vernon Hospital. His time there firmly instilled in Michael a strong interest in the science and applications of MR. In 2000 Michael returned to Australia, completing his post-graduate Masters degree in MRI in 2002. In 2004 Michael was employed at John Fawcner Hospital as that sites' MR Supervisor, setting up a 1.5T service. He was also employed in a concurrent role as the MRI Tutor for MIA Victoria, teaching radiographers the basics of MR across 10 different sites. At this time, Michael also worked on a part-time basis for the University of Sydney, marking postgraduate assignments and coordinating part of the course. In these roles, he was also able to become involved in clinically-based research projects; since then he has co-authored several peer-reviewed journal articles, as well as several articles in non-peer reviewed publications. Michael is now employed with an MR equipment manufacturer, and enjoys putting his clinical skills to use in the commercial arena. Michael has been a member of the SMRT since 2003, and has attended 7 Annual SMRT meetings, submitting peer-reviewed accepted abstracts at many of these. Michael was first author of the article entitled "The Role of MRI and Spectroscopy in Assessing Prostate Cancer" published in the SMRT Home Studies journal "MR Imaging and Spectroscopy of the Prostate" in Volume 7, Issue 4, 2004. The reformation of the ANZ Chapter was a project close to Michael's heart. Michael was the Co-Chair (with Michael Kean) of the 2007 SMRT ANZ Chapter Meeting held in Melbourne, as well as the 2008 Meeting in Sydney (with Kirsten Moffat and Gloria Olivieri), and then the 2009 Meeting in Adelaide (with Jan Neal and Greg Brown). During this time Michael also served as the President of the ANZ Chapter. The period of Michael's Presidency coincided with a tremendous amount of growth in SMRT membership from the Australian and New Zealand MR community. Michael was elected to the Policy Board in 2009 and served as Program Chair at the 2010 Annual Meeting in Stockholm – a meeting that attracted more than 420 attendees. He also served as Executive Member in 2011 and 2012, co-chairing the Joint Forum in Montreal (with Ben Kennedy and Gareth Barker) and Melbourne (Garry Gold). Michael has continually been inspired by the enthusiasm and professionalism of the members of the SMRT, and is honoured to be nominated as a candidate for Fellow of the Section. He would like to graciously acknowledge the ongoing support of his Australian peers Greg Brown, Mike Kean, Wendy Strugnell, Ben

Kennedy, Kirsten Moffat and Glenn Cahoon, as well as that of Jennifer Olson, Charles Stanley, Vera Miller, Carol Lee, Cindy Hipps and Julie Lowe. The strength of this organization is most definitely in its people!

Fellow of the Section Award Recipients:

2012 Maryann Blaine & Wendy Strugnell	2006 Maureen Ainslie & Bobbie Burrow
2011 Muriel Cockburn & Laurian Rohoman	2005 Michael Kean & Anne Marie Sawyer
2010 Cindy Comeau & Maureen Hood	2004 Heidi Berns & Carolyn Roth
2009 Gina Greenwood & Donna O'Brien	2003 Robin Greene-Avison
2008 Julia Lowe	2002 Kelly Baron & Julie Strandt-Peay
2007 Greg Brown & Cindy Hipps	2001 Luann Culbreth & William Faulkner