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Echocardiography Experts Receive Special Distinction

Morrisville, NC, July 20, 2015 – The American Society of Echocardiography's (ASE) FASE Committee and its Board of Directors are very pleased to announce that 12 members have been newly designated as a "Fellow of the American Society of Echocardiography" (FASE).

This special distinction, FASE, is conferred by the Society to recognize a member's distinguished stature, their diverse set of skills and comprehensive knowledge of all aspects of echocardiography. It is bestowed on those who have achieved the highest level of contributions to the cardiovascular ultrasound medical field in areas of teaching/education, volunteerism/leadership and research.

The FASE application process is open to all physicians, research scientists and sonographer members throughout the world who have completed their training. This program was established in 2001 and less than 8% of ASE members have earned this prestigious designation. The Society created this distinction to recognize dedicated leaders who have made exceptional efforts to further cardiovascular ultrasound and improve patient care.

Listed below are the newest FASE members from the June 2015 cycle.

Shvetank Agarwal, MD, FASE (NBE Diplomate)
Georgia Regents University
Augusta, GA

Feroze Mahmood, MD, FASE (NBE Diplomate)
Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center
Boston, MA

Ildiko Agoston, MD, FASE (NBE Diplomate)
University of Texas Health Sciences Center
San Antonio, TX

Laurie Panesar, MD, FASE
Stonybrook Children's
Stony Brook, NY

Grace Freire, MD, FASE
All Children's Hospital
St. Petersburg, FL

Anitha Parthiban, MD, FASE
Children's Mercy Hospital
Kansas City, MO

Robi Goswami, MD, FASE (NBE Diplomate)
Piedmont Heart Institute
Atlanta, GA

Adriana Pavelescu, MD, FASE
Université Libre de Bruxelles, Molière-Longchamp
Hospital
Brussels, Belgium

Jorge Kizer, MD, FASE (NBE Diplomate)
Albert Einstein College of Medicine
Scarsdale, NY

Juliet Ryan, BS, RDCS, FASE
Northwestern Memorial Hospital
Chicago, IL

Paulo Magno Martins Dourado, MD, FASE
Pró-Coração
São Paulo, Brazil

Jingsheng Zheng, MD, PhD, FASE (NBE Diplomate)
AtlantiCare Regional Medical Center
Pomona, NJ



Members who attain FASE have achieved rigorous credentialing and educational levels and have submitted documentation of their contributions and recommendation letters attesting to their commitment to the advancement of the profession. Candidates undergo an intensive application process that culminates in a vote of approval by a committee of leaders in the field of cardiovascular ultrasound.

Once candidates have attained this designation, they are eligible to serve on ASE's Board of Directors, among other activities. The Society's public information website, www.SeeMyHeart.org, lists Fellows of the American Society of Echocardiography by state/country as a service to the public.

As the largest global organization for cardiovascular ultrasound imaging, the American Society of Echocardiography (ASE) is the leader and advocate, setting practice standards and guidelines. Comprised of over 16,000 physicians, sonographers, nurses, and scientists, ASE is a strong voice providing guidance, expertise, and education to its members with a commitment to improving the practice of ultrasound and imaging of the heart and cardiovascular system for better patient outcomes. For more information about ASE visit <http://www.asecho.org/>.