The Annual Meeting’s opening session this morning included an awards presentation by RSNA President Ronald L. Arenson. The laureates were honoured for their outstanding contributions in the field of education and research.

The Outstanding Educator Award was presented to the thoracic radiologist Kay H. Vydareny, MD, in recognition for her extraordinary achievements in advancing medical education and mentoring medical students and radiology residents. In her speech, Dr. Vydareny accepted the award on behalf of all colleagues and said she had been ‘lucky doing what I love’ in her professional path despite initial challenges, and went on to offer words of encouragement to the young women aspiring to a career in medicine and radiology. Dr. Vydareny’s outstanding work and contributions, also with regards to the advancement of women in radiology and radiation oncology, has led to numerous awards and medals over the years.

G. Scott Gazelle, Professor of Radiology at Harvard Medical School and professor in the department of Health Policy and Management at the Harvard School of Public Health, was presented with the Outstanding Research Award for his pioneering work in radiofrequency ablation and helping to establish the field of interventional oncology. His past accomplishments include the development of contrast agents for CT and Ultrasound, and as a scientific mentor, he has authored 3 textbooks and received 38 grants. Accepting the award, Gazelle thanked his many colleagues, saying the award equally belonged to all of them. He closed by saying today’s moment was the greatest honour of his career.

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