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Radiology Integrated Training Initiative features at ECR 2007

One of the major features of the 2007 European Congress of Radiology will be the presence of the Radiology Integrated Training Initiative (R-ITI). R-ITI is a collaborative scheme between the Royal College of Radiologists, the Department of Health, and the NHS, aimed at producing an innovative and 21st century solution to the training of radiologists in the UK

The R-ITI project has three components: interactive e-learning sessions (eLD), a national resource of validated teaching cases, the Validated Case Archive (VCA), and three training academies in the UK, which have been the leaders in developing this ground-breaking method of training. R-ITI will maintain a demonstration area at ECR 2007, where delegates can gain first-hand experience of how the initiative works, and a major educational session at ECR 2007 will promote the benefits and potential of R-ITI.

Professor Janet Husband, President of the College, said, "We are delighted to be presenting R-ITI to an audience of radiologists from around the world, at ECR 2007. The success of the scheme is a testament to the hard work by the College, which has led the development of R-ITI over the past three years, together with the Department of Health. R-ITI is a genuinely new method of medical training, using an innovative, integrated approach that combines modern methods and technology with the highest standard of traditional teaching. We believe that the R-ITI approach will become ever more vital, and could become a model for other medical specialties to follow."

Alan Ryan, R-ITI project director, said, "We have recently seen interest in this approach to training from the Netherlands and Belgium, and we're sure that there will be great interest in the project from radiologists from around the world, when we present the R-ITI project at ECR 2007".

Notes to Editors

1. For further information from the Royal College of Radiologists, please contact the College's Communications Office on 020 7299 1138, or dan_garbutt@rcr.ac.uk
2. The Royal College of Radiologists (RCR) has approximately 7,200 members and Fellows worldwide representing the disciplines of clinical oncology and clinical radiology. All members and Fellows of the College are registered medical or dental practitioners.
3. Further information about the Radiology Integrated Training Initiative (R-ITI) is available via the R-ITI website, www.riti.org.uk