

CAR GOLD MEDAL AWARD 2013 DR. RICHARD RANKIN, ONTARIO

ome of the words used to describe Dr. Richard Rankin in his nomination are: "personal inspiration," "high integrity," "tenacious commitment," "quiet effectiveness," and "stalwart CAR member."

Dr. Rankin has demonstrated these and many other qualities in his more than 30 years of continuous service to the CAR.

Dr. Rankin began his medical education in the United Kingdom and completed internships, postgraduate and post-doctoral training in general medicine and general surgery in England and Scotland. We are so fortunate that Dr. Rankin made Canada home in 1975 when he arrived for a radiology residency at the University of Western Ontario. Since then, he has held many academic appointments there at the institution, becoming Professor Emeritus in 2007.

Dr. Rankin's passion for radiology has also been shared with students and residents in his roles as a Program Director and Department Chair over more than 20 years.

Still he has found time to devote his expertise to more than 20 other societies and volunteer organizations, of which the CAR is just one. For the CAR alone he has chaired and participated on many committees, including 12 straight years on numerous CAR qualifications, training and continuing medical education committees. He also served on the CAR Council for 13 years, including as Secretary-Treasurer on the CAR Executive for five years.

Dr. Rankin also shares his expertise as a well-respected author, having written book chapters, over 100 journal articles and conference proceedings, and more than 85 abstracts and presentations. He also finds the time to be a reviewer for radiology journals, including the CAR Journal.

A natural leader, Dr. Rankin also served as President of the Canadian Radiological Foundation from 2003-2011.

Dr. Rankin personifies the qualities to which we all aspire in medical leadership, and it is my honour to bestow on him a CAR Gold Medal Award. Unfortunately, Dr. Rankin is not able to be with us this evening – we will ensure his medal reaches him.