



CAR GOLD MEDAL AWARD 2013 DR. SHIA SALEM, ONTARIO

In his nomination for the CAR Gold Medal Award, Dr. Shia Salem was described as an “unsung hero.”

Voluntary organizations depend heavily upon their members to devote their time to serving the many needs of the organization. Many members serve behind the scenes, chairing committees and promoting the interests of the association, but few match the level of devotion demonstrated by Dr. Salem who has contributed more than 40 years of service to the CAR.

Dr. Salem completed his medical education in Kingston, an internship at St. Michael's Hospital in Toronto, and residencies at, Ohio State University Hospital, and Sunnybrook Medical Centre. He began his career at the Henderson General Hospital, Hamilton in 1969, before moving to Mount Sinai Hospital, Toronto in 1987, balancing his exceptional volunteer contributions with an extraordinary professional career.

Dr. Salem has been instrumental in the development of CAR standards and guidelines in ultrasound, serving the CAR in this area for nearly 20 years. He has been a co-director and speaker at the University of Toronto conferences on obstetric ultrasound and women's imaging for the past 16 years and at this year's conference in February was presented with a Certificate of Appreciation from the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada for his exemplary leadership and dedication to excellence in obstetric ultrasound education. He has been a speaker at the CAR annual scientific meetings for 40 years, with his first presentation in 1973 and has been the author of peer-reviewed papers for the CAR Journal for a similar period of time.

He has also contributed his expertise to the Ontario Medical Association and the Ontario Association of Radiologists, the American Institute of Ultrasound in Medicine and the Society of Obstetricians and Gynecologists of Canada.

Dr. Salem's reputation extends beyond Canada as well. He has given 89 lectures to various medical organizations and contributed chapters in major textbooks in diagnostic ultrasound. He has left his mark on several generations of residents and students.

In addition to long-standing service to the CAR, Dr. Salem was recognized for his contributions to radiology in Ontario when he was awarded the Ontario Association of Radiologists' Lifetime Achievement Award in 2004.

Dr. Salem continues to leave an indelible mark of devotion and integrity upon us that will long help shape the CAR into what we hope it can be. For his selfless loyalty, long term service and leadership, we are honoured to present Dr. Salem with the CAR Gold Medal Award.