

The Canadian Association of Radiologists (CAR) is pleased to announce Dr. Nicola Schieda as the winner of the 2017 CAR Young Investigator Award.

Dr. Schieda has become an authority in renal/adrenal and other areas in genitourinary imaging and has undeniably earned the status of rising star within the radiology community. Upon completing his residency at the University of Ottawa, Dr. Schieda took on a fellowship in abdominal radiology/body MRI at the University of Pennsylvania. He returned to Ottawa in 2012, taking up the position of staff radiologist at The Ottawa Hospital.

Dr. Schieda is regarded as both a reliable colleague and an enthusiastic mentor, earning a remarkable amount of praise from those who come into contact with him, despite having only been in practice for four years. In this short time, he has established himself amongst the staff in the radiology department as a leader in research and clinical practice, he was recently awarded the department's first University of Ottawa sponsored Junior Clinical Research Chair position.

With an impressive publication history, Dr. Schieda has authored or co-authored over 70 peer-reviewed articles in high impact imaging journals, including: the American Journal of Roentgenology, Radiology, European Radiology and the Journal of Magnetic Resonance Imaging. These accomplishments are highlighted by his recent appointment to the editorial board of European Radiology in MRI. A testament to his dedication to quality research and the potential clinical application of his research, Dr. Schieda collaborates with radiation oncologists, urologists, and pathologists routinely in clinical and research endeavours. His collaborative approach to research is highlighted by joint publication with his colleagues in non-imaging journals.

As the recipient of grants from the Canadian Heads of Academic Radiology and from The Ottawa Hospital Academic Medical Organization, among others, it is undeniable that Dr. Schieda's work has distinguished him within his field. Particularly, his role as Director of Abdominal and Pelvic MRI at The Ottawa Hospital has established their program as one of the leaders in Body MRI in Canada.

What sets Dr. Schieda apart from his peers is the time he invests in the next generation – no other staff member has supervised and mentored more radiology trainees, including residents or fellows in abdominal imaging during his time at the University of Ottawa. He devotes tremendous effort to help his trainees improve their skills in areas such literature review, research methodology, oral presentations and manuscript writing, making him an indispensable faculty member.

We are delighted to honour him with this year's CAR Young Investigator Award.