In mid-2005, Department Chair Dr. Michael Dake and Medical Center Director of Radiology Jim Amato embarked on plans to do an “in situ” renovation of our Department. What was once a $2 million “face lift” to the department escalated into a $22 million project designed to completely renovate the department. Nuclear medicine was to be primarily relocated in the future Emily Couric Cancer Center (completed in April 2010), while Interventional Radiology (which was already undergoing renovation and completed in 2006) and the MRI area were to be excluded from this project.

Seven years later, with a new chair and medical center director of radiology (Nancy Prouty), we are nearing project completion. During this renovation period, our Department has tried a variety of reading room configurations and workspaces, a new “Geodesic consultation dome,” and a new high tech conferencing area. We have endured dust, noise, peculiar odors, displacement from our offices and the moving walls of “Hogwarts.” Signage has been challenging, but the staff, residents and faculty have been very gracious, and for the most part, understanding.

Areas that have been completed to date include: 1) the resident suite, which includes a lounge, lockers, a call room, offices for the senior and chief residents, and office space for our educational administrative staff; 2) the front desk reception area which is much easier to access from the hospital lobby; 3) the radiology nursing suite, inclusive of an area specifically designed for pediatric patients; 4) the ultrasound suite and reading room; 5) the fluoroscopy area, inclusive of the general radiology rooms and the reading area for the radiologists; 6) nuclear medicine, including the spacious environment at the Cancer Center and the SPECT CT in the Medical Center; 7) the reading rooms for pediatrics, thoracoabdominal, MSK and neuroradiology; 8) the faculty and administrative offices for neuroradiology; 9) the clinical conference and concierge service area; and 10) in the next two months, the new faculty and administrative offices for MSK, TAB, NICV and pediatrics, as well as the administrative suite (inclusive of the chair’s office).

It is hard to believe that it has been seven years, but in reality, the time has flown by and the renovations will clearly benefit our operations. We will have to appropriately celebrate the completion of the project and, that being said, figure out what will be the next major project we can now pursue to enhance the vital role that medical imaging and our services provide for our patients and the Health System as a whole.

Alan H. Matsumoto, M.D., FACR, FSIR, FAHA
Chair and Theodore E. Keats Professor of Radiology
The age-old adage “like drinking from a fire hose” has without question applied to the first year of radiology residency. On one hand, it has been tremendously satisfying to finally be able to focus on the specialty that was chosen years ago. To be surrounded by like-minded residents and faculty all working toward the same goals — providing great care and fostering an environment of education and scholarly pursuit — has been very rewarding. On the other hand, attempting to retain the mass of information presented during these first few months has been daunting to say the least.

Thanks to the generosity of the Keats Society, e-Anatomy subscriptions have been made available. These resources are staples of resident education being utilized both at the reading workstation and during self-study. Frequent utilization of these tools among others has helped construct a knowledge base during each of the rotations. This base will undoubtedly prove instrumental in succeeding in practice in the future. Along those same lines, the addition of two new Dell computers in the residents work room donated by the Keats Society has proved to be extremely beneficial tools to aid in resident study.

A common theme present in the chatter throughout the department has been the increasing competitiveness of the radiology job market. Although graduates from the program seem to find jobs, anecdotally at least, they have had to go to much greater lengths to do so. The efforts of the Keats Society to establish a more concrete network of practicing members (via their LinkedIn page) with knowledge of job openings have been applauded enthusiastically by those soon to enter the market. We encourage you to join the page and post any open positions you may have.

In summary, the start of radiology residency has been both challenging and rewarding. The work and generosity of the Keats Society has provided important tools for the development of a strong educational foundation, as well as instrumental networking connections in an increasingly competitive market. I speak for all of the UVA trainees in giving our alumni a hearty THANK YOU!!

Marco Ugas, M.D.
1st Year Resident
Please save the date and plan to join us for our 2013 Homecoming Reunion Weekend. We hope you decide to take a trip down memory lane and come see your alma mater.

Spring is a great time to visit Charlottesville and we have an exciting agenda planned that includes exploring the many advancements and renovations the department has recently undergone, and well as seeing Charlottesville like never before.

We’ve spiced things up a bit and have moved our venue to the Downtown Omni for easier access to shopping and to event attendance.

**Friday, May 10, 2013**
- Grand Rounds Lecture
- Department Tours
- Cocktail Reception

**Saturday, May 11, 2013**
- Keats Society Business Meeting
- Luminary Speaker, Dr. Paul Chang, M.D. University of Chicago
- Wine Tours – Trump, Blenheim, Jefferson
- Golf at Keswick Hunt Club
- Banquet Reception

To take advantage of our room block at the downtime Omni, please go here:

Registration for this event will be available January 2013.

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The Keats Society is an independent organization relying on donor contributions to host events, homecoming reunion weekends and, most importantly, to enhance the educational experience of our trainees while at UVA. 2012 marks the first year that the Keats Society was able to purchase items from the Endowment fund for our trainees. We purchased 50 e-Anatomy subscriptions, helped to fund another educational website subscription known as Rad Primer, purchased an Audience Response System for Moss, and purchased two new computers for the resident workroom.

We wish to continue thrive as an organization and continue to support our trainee educational mission, but we need your help to do so. Please consider making your 2012 dues payment and/or an educational endowment gift to the Keats Society while there's still time in 2012 to claim your tax deduction. Please go here:

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Dr. Parvi Ranchandani, UVA radiology resident from 1977-1980 and current chief of genitourinary imaging at the Perelman School of Medicine at the University of Pennsylvania Medical Center, was recently honored with two professional achievement awards.

The Philadelphia Roentgen Ray Society unanimously chose her as the 2012-2013 recipient of the Outstanding Educator Award. This award was conferred at the October 3, 2012 meeting of the PRRS at the Philadelphia College of Physicians.

The American Association for Women Radiologists chose her as this year’s recipient of the Marie Sklodowska-Curie Award. This award is given to an individual who has made outstanding contributions to the field of radiology, and especially to women in radiology. The award was presented at the AAWR Annual Business Luncheon on Monday, November 26, 2012 at the RSNA meeting.

These awards add to previous honors that Dr. Ramchandani has received. She was a recipient of the Wallace T. Miller award for excellence in Radiology Resident Teaching in 1998, a two-time recipient of the Paul Leberman Teaching Award for Excellence in Urology Resident Teaching, and a recipient of the Robert Dunning Dripps Award of the University of Pennsylvania Health System for Excellence in Graduate Medical Education in 2009.

Nick Bryan, M.D. chairman of radiology at Pennsylvania Medical Center, states, “Dr. Ramchandani is one of the most respected genitourinary radiologists in the world, praised by patients and colleagues alike, and as such is a sought-after speaker at institutions and conferences around the globe. She has been a member of the Penn department since 1990, when she was a Fellow in Body Imaging, having previously served as chief of vascular and interventional radiology at Temple. She then joined the Penn faculty, achieving the rank of professor of radiology in 2001, receiving a secondary appointment in surgery in 2004, and becoming section chief in 2005.”

In recent years, Dr. Ramchandani has served as the chair of the departmental committee for appointments and promotions, and as the secretary, vice president, and president of the national Society of Uroradiology, as well as serving in many other ways at the local and national levels. Among notable current professional responsibilities, she is the chair for the Urinary Tract Committee of the American Board of Radiology for the new Core Examination in Diagnostic Radiology. In 2010 and 2011, she was named a Designated Health System Hero for Patient Care at Penn and is regularly named in Best Doctor lists.

Please join us in congratulating Parvi on these well-deserved achievements!