Richard L. Wahl, MD, has been named the Elizabeth E. Mallinckrodt Professor and head of radiology at Washington University School of Medicine in St. Louis. He also will serve as director of the Mallinckrodt Institute of Radiology.

The appointment, which will begin in October, was announced by Larry J. Shapiro, MD, executive vice chancellor and dean of the School of Medicine.

“Richard is a 1978 graduate and former resident and fellow of the School of Medicine who has gone on to do groundbreaking work in developing specially targeted radiopharmaceuticals for diagnosing and treating cancer,” Shapiro said. “He is a leader in the field, and we are very pleased to welcome him back as the department’s new director.”

Wahl comes to the university from Johns Hopkins University, where he is the Henry N. Wagner Jr., MD, Professor and director of the Division of Nuclear Medicine.

“Mallinckrodt Institute of Radiology has made many very important and influential contributions to the use of radiopharmaceuticals and cross-sectional imaging in modern medicine,” Wahl said. “I’m eager to return to St. Louis to help the faculty and staff continue to provide top-notch clinical care and education and to expand the frontiers of research.”

He has been a leader in using positron emission tomography (PET) to diagnose a broad array of human cancers and other diseases. He also is at the forefront of more recent efforts to combine quantitative data from PET scans with computerized tomography (CT) to form “fusion” images that can help physicians more precisely diagnose and characterize cancers. He and his research group have received research support from the NIH and other agencies for nearly three decades.

After graduating from Washington University School of Medicine and serving his residency there, Wahl interned at the University of California at San Diego School of Medicine. He returned to Washington University in 1979 for training in diagnostic radiology and nuclear medicine.

At Johns Hopkins, he also is vice chair for technology and new business development in the Russell H. Morgan Department of Radiology and Radiological Sciences, and a professor of oncology.

A fellow in the American College of Radiology, Wahl holds 18 radiology patents and has published more than 400 peer-reviewed scientific manuscripts. He is also a member of multiple professional societies and plays a leadership role in Radiological Society of North America Quantitative Imaging Biomarker Alliance Projects designed to standardize imaging approaches.

His awards include a U.S. Department of Energy Achievement Award; the Tctalman, Berson and Yalow and two Alavi-Mandel awards from the Society for Nuclear Medicine and Molecular Imaging; and the Academy of Molecular Imaging’s Distinguished Scientist Award. He also was named the “Most Influential Radiology Researcher” in 2005 by AuntMinnie.com, a leading website for medical imaging professionals.

He has given many named lectureships throughout the world, including the Prendergas New Horizons Lecture at the Radiological Society of North America annual meeting and the Marie Curie Lecture at the European Association of Nuclear Medicine.

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Newly appointed American College of Radiology Fellows

Three distinguished Mallinckrodt Institute of Radiology faculty — Robert C. McKinstry, MD, PhD, Colin P. Derdeyn, MD, and Vamsi R. Narra, MD, recently joined the elite fellowship of the American College of Radiology (ACR).

Recognition as an ACR fellow is one of the highest honors the nearly century-old institution can bestow on a radiologist, radiation oncologist, or medical physicist.

At Mallinckrodt, McKinstry serves as chief of pediatric radiology, Derdeyn as a professor of neuroradiology, and Narra as chief of abdominal imaging and chief of radiology at Barnes-Jewish West County Hospital.

The American College of Radiology, founded in 1923, is a non-profit professional medical association composed of diagnostic radiologists, radiation oncologists, interventional radiologists, nuclear medicine physicians, and medical physicists. Fellows demonstrate a history of service to the ACR, organized radiology, teaching, or research. Approximately 12 percent of ACR members achieve this distinction.
On July 2, family, friends, the entire Mallinckrodt Institute of Radiology community, as well as, national and international colleagues, lost a very special person. Louis A. Gilula lost his battle with pancreatic cancer at the young age of 71.

Dr. Gilula was known and commended worldwide for his expertise in wrist imaging and pain management. At Mallinckrodt Institute of Radiology, he was revered as highly for his warm smile and friendly demeanor as for his academic accolades “He has been recognized nationally and internationally as an outstanding musculoskeletal radiologist, and his dedication and commitment to the wellbeing of the institute has been exemplary. He will certainly be missed.” Said Gil Jost MIR Director.

After graduating from the University of Illinois School of Medicine and completing an Internship at San Francisco General Hospital, Dr Gilula served as a Captain in the army from 1968 to 1970. Following radiology residency at St. Louis City Hospital he joined Mallinckrodt Institute of Radiology in 1973, where he rose to the rank of Professor of Radiology, Orthopedic Surgery, and Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery. Dr Gilula headed the Musculoskeletal Section for 24 of his 40 years at Washington University.

Beyond his academic achievements, Dr Gilula was most proud of his role as an educator.

MIR Residents showed their gratitude for Dr. Gilula and his invaluable teaching by voting him Distinguished Teacher in both 2008 and 2009, as well as, Teacher of the Year in 2010.

There is no question that the passing of Dr. Gilula will leave an empty place in the lives of those who knew him, yet his presence will always remain and he will be remembered as a remarkable innovator in musculoskeletal imaging. He will always be a celebrated teacher and friend who, for everyone lucky enough to know him and work with him, puts us among the untold number of family and friends that are thinking of him and will remember him forever.

Dr. Gilula is survived by his wife Debbie of 44 years, a daughter and son, Tanya and Ian, and five siblings.
Please join in supporting United Way of Greater St. Louis.

"Mallinckrodt Institute of Radiology and United Way of Greater St. Louis share a common goal to help provide the basic health and human services to our friends and neighbors in need. We do this because our community’s needs are great and we believe that everyone has a stake in making it a better place to live. One of the many advantages of giving to United Way is the assurance that your contribution is used in the most effective way possible in our community. United Way is the best opportunity we have to keep our community strong and healthy. Thank you for helping MIR and Washington University “Be A Hero” in the St. Louis community.”

~ R. Gilbert Jost, M.D.

Please give today by logging into HRMS to conveniently donate via payroll deduction.

All who pledge are eligible for raffles and prizes during the month of October. Watch your email for further details.

See how your gift helps the St. Louis community at www.unitedwaystl.org

For more information on MIR’s campaign, please contact Kim Kania at kaniak@mir.wustl.edu or 2-3011
Washington University School of Medicine held its annual Employee Appreciation Day Picnic on September 12, 2014. Approximately 9000 employees were expected to make their way through the food lines, play games and enjoy some Ted Drewes frozen treats. Several people from MIR were spotted relaxing on the chilly Friday afternoon. The picnic is held annually on the south side of the medical campus in Hudlin Park.
October is Breast Cancer awareness month…
What's Coming Up

TWO EVENTS AROUND ST LOUIS
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2014
1. Grand Rounds Lectures
   Imaging of Non-Small Cell Lung Cancer: Current Practice and Advances
   Presented by Jeremy J. Erasmus, MD, Professor Department of Diagnostic Radiology, Division of Diagnostic Imaging, University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center, Houston, TX.
   Hosted by Cardiothoracic Imaging

2. Twilights Tuesdays
   Ameren Concert Series
   Tuesday, September 30, 2014
   The Missouri History Museum in Forest Park
   Pack up a picnic basket, your (leashed) dog, blankets, the family and more, then head over to the Missouri History Museum for great free concerts on Tuesdays this September. Acts include the Ticket to the Beatles (Sept. 2), R&B and Tribute to Chaka Khan by Tish Haynes-Keys (Sept. 9), Fanfare (Sept. 16), Chuck Berry Tribute by The Berry family (Sept. 23), Kool and the Gang Tribute by Julius Williams (Sept. 30).
   mohistory.org/twilight-tuesdays

Soulard Oktoberfest
Friday, October 10, 2014 – Sunday, October 12, 2014
Soulard Neighborhood, 3rd Street & Lafayette
Be German for the weekend and head to historic Soulard neighborhood to take part in the annual Oktoberfest festivities. The three-day authentic German festival features German Folk Dancers, German foods and German beers along with a selection of popular local and domestic beers.
www.soulardoktoberfest.com

The Rungevity Rock ‘N’ Roll St. Louis Marathon & 1/2 Marathon Presented by The Quinn Family Foundation
Saturday, October 18, 2014 and Sunday, October 19, 2014
Downtown St. Louis
Event highlights include a Rock ‘n’ Roll St. Louis 5K on Saturday, October 18 at 8:00 a.m. and a Marathon, 1/2 Marathon, 2-Person 1/2 Marathon Relay and a 5K on Sunday, October 19 at 7:00 a.m. The marathon and ½ marathon courses highlight many of St. Louis’ scenic neighborhoods, historic areas and beautiful parks with tree lined streets and rolling hills. The loop course starts and finishes in downtown. There will also be music, cheerleaders and entertainment every mile, a finish line festival & concert featuring Big Data, and a 2-day health & fitness expo, open to the public, at America’s Center (Oct. 17 from 1:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. & Oct. 18 from 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.) and Boston qualifier.
runrocknroll.competitor.com/st-louis

Haunted Hayloft
Friday, October 24, 2014 – Sunday, October 26, 2014
Purina Farms
Enjoy not-so-scary Halloween fun. Activities include pumpkin painting, puppet shows, magic shows, storytelling and of course trick-or-treating in the hayloft of the barn. Kids ages 12 and under can participate in the costume contest each day. Reservation slots available between 4:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. on Friday and Saturday and 2:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. on Sunday.
www.purinafarms.com

Boo at the Zoo Spooky Saturday
Saturday, October 25, 2014
The Saint Louis Zoo in Forest Park
Mummies and daddies are invited to bring their little ghouls and goblins for safe and free trick-or-treating, entertainment, and games along the Pumpkin Trail. Children are encouraged to wear costumes. 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
www.stlzoo.org/ (314) 646-4771

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December 8, 2014
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Presented by Tal Laor, Cincinnati ???
Hosted by Pediatric Radiology

December 11, 2014
Wendell G. Scott Lecture
Presented by Samuel Achilefu

Introductions

July
William Bennett, IT Project Manager III – ERL
Jeremiah Long, Assistant Professor – Musculoskeletal Radiology
Manu Goyal, Instructor – Neuroradiology
James Derek Stensby, Instructor – Musculoskeletal Radiology
Paula Leiva, Instructor – Barnes St. Peters Hospital
Elizabeth Sheybani, Instructor – Pediatric Radiology
Junbin Han, Postdoc Research Associate – Radiological Chemistry Lab
Rob Marshall, Operations & System Spec III – MIR Computer Section

August
Frank Brooks, Instructor – Cardiovascular Imaging Lab
Stacy Sisk, Secretary III – Neuroradiology

September
Usmaan Shah, Research Tech II – Radiological Chemistry Lab
Regina Grandberry, Sr. Grants/Budget Specialist – Research Grant Administration
Supum Lee, Research Tech II – Radiological Chemistry Lab