

Peter H. Arger, MD, Excellence in Medical Student Education Award

The Peter H. Arger, MD, Excellence in Medical Student Education Award was established in 2013, with its first presentation occurring at the 2014 AIUM Convention in Las Vegas, Nevada. Dr Arger has contributed much to the AIUM and to the growth of diagnostic ultrasound, but his true passion has been ultrasound education. This annual presentation honors an individual whose outstanding contributions to the development of medical ultrasound education warrant special merit.

Michael Blaivas, MD, MBA, FAIUM, FACEP



Ultrasound in medicine would not be where it is today if it weren't for the many individuals who share their knowledge with others. Michael Blaivas, MD, MBA, is one of those essential individuals, as he has spent his career bringing ultrasound to medical students.

Within 3 years of receiving his MD, Dr Blaivas became an attending physician at Christ Hospital and Medical Center in Oak Lawn, Illinois, and although which hospital he works for has changed, his devotion to teaching medical students has continued as he has remained an attending physician or professor (of Emergency Medicine at the Medical College of Georgia, 2002–2007). Today, Dr Blaivas is an attending physician at St Francis Hospital in Columbus, Georgia, and at Piedmont Hospital in Newnan, Georgia.

Throughout his career, Dr Blaivas has received many awards as evidence of the great work he has done with medical students. His awards include the American College of Emergency Physicians (ACEP) Ultrasound Section Achievement Award for Ultrasound Education and Research (2010), the Society of Critical Care Medicine (SCCM) Recognition Award for being the SCCM *Ultrasound Textbook* editor (2016), and the ACEP Ultrasound Section Certificate of Recognition for Contributions and Dedication to the Ultrasound Management Course for Future Ultrasound Leaders (2017), along with many others.

In addition to the profound impact Dr Blaivas has had on medical students as an attending physician, he has also taken the time to give numerous presentations at meetings and conferences for the ACEP, the Society for Academic Emergency Medicine, the AIUM, and others to aid in continuing medical education because he knows that the need for more ultrasound education doesn't end. He has also been in leadership positions on committees, courses, and journals, adding even more of his influence to the continued development of ultrasound in medical education. One such example of his leadership on a journal is Dr Blaivas is currently a deputy editor for the *Journal of Ultrasound in Medicine*.

Dr Blaivas has also created or helped create more than 200 publications, including articles, books, and a video. His many contributions have included such items as *Ocular Ultrasound Point-of-Care Educational Modules* (online) and the *Ultimate Guide to Ultrasound Guided Procedures* (book), as well as numerous others.

The contributions Dr Blaivas has made to medical ultrasound education have had a fathomless impact on the many students who have shared his classroom, so the AIUM is bestowing the Peter H. Arger, MD, Excellence in Medical Student Education Award on him, a most-deserving educator.