Carmine M. Valente Distinguished Service Award
The Carmine M. Valente Distinguished Service Award was established in 2016, with its first presentation occurring at the 2017 AIUM Annual Convention in Orlando, Florida. Dr Valente served as Chief Executive Officer from 1997–2016 and significantly contributed to the AIUM and the ultrasound community as a whole by furthering the multi-disciplinary nature and collaborative efforts of the organization during his tenure. This annual presentation honors an AIUM member whose longstanding contributions in the furtherance of the AIUM mission warrant special merit, as chosen by the AIUM staff and President.

Charlotte G. Henningsen, MS, RT(R), RDMS, RVT, FSDMS, FAIUM
Charlotte G. Henningsen, MS, RT(R), RDMS, RVT, FSDMS, FAIUM, has put her all into helping the AIUM to empower and cultivate a global multidisciplinary community engaged in the use of medical ultrasound through raising awareness, providing education, sharing information, and undergoing research.

Just within the prior 10 years, she has served as the AIUM’s Second Vice President, has been (and still is) Chair of the AIUM Future Fund: Lifelong Learning committee, was Chair of the Annual Convention Committee, and has been a member of the Awards Task Force, the Clinical Standards Committee, the Detailed 1st Trimester Parameter Task Force, the Finance Committee, the Membership Committee, the Nominating Committee, and the EER Task Force. In addition, she is the CME Test Editor for the JUM, is the AIUM’s representative in the WRMSD Grand Challenge Alliance, and helps with the Sonography Education Grant, is faculty of the lecture “How to Perform a Standard OB Ultrasound Examination in the Second and Third Trimester,” and is a frequent speaker.

As an example of all she has contributed to, during her time with the Clinical Standards Committee, she helped develop Practice Guidelines on the FAST exam, infertility scans, extremity artery evaluations, exams of the abdomen, and documentation. And as a member of the 76811 Task Force, led by the AIUM and the Society for Maternal-Fetal Medicine (SMFM), Ms Henningsen also helped develop the “Consensus Report on the Detailed Fetal Anatomic Ultrasound Examination: Indications, Components, and Qualifications” (J Ultrasound Med 2014; 33:189–95. doi: 10.7863/ultra.33.2.189).

Despite devoting so much of her time to the AIUM, her primary jobs are professor at Adventist University of Health Sciences, and adjunct faculty to the Florida Hospital Emergency Medicine Residency Program. In addition, Ms Henningsen has written several chapters in textbooks, was author of the Society of Diagnostic Medical Sonography (SDMS) National Certification Exam Review, Obstetrics and Gynecology, and co-authored the Clinical Guide to Sonography. And she served as the president of the SDMS from 2009 to 2011.
Given Ms Henningsen’s commitment to the AIUM and the ultrasound community, she is truly deserving of the Carmine M. Valente Distinguished Service Award.