

History of the Hans Geissberger Award

Mr. Geissberger was born in Remigen, Switzerland in 1900. After immigration to the U.S., he established residence in Nashville, TN in the 1920's where he joined the Radiology staff of Vanderbilt University Hospital. It was at Vanderbilt that he completed extensive research work concerning the use of cones and filters on the first x-ray unit the university acquired which was one of the few in the U.S. at the time.

He was active in the development of the criteria for operating x-ray equipment. Mr. Geissberger was committed to the education of the operators of x-ray equipment and served as an instructor in Vanderbilt's training program for 37 years. He also taught refresher courses on the national level.

He was instrumental in the establishment of the ASRT, officially joining in 1937, and the ARRT. In 1959 he was elevated to Fellow of the ASRT, the 14th member of the ASRT to be so honored. At the time of his death, he was a member emeritus of the ASRT.

Mr. Geissberger presented numerous scientific papers at the state and national levels and published articles in the X-Ray Technician journal. He was very active in the Tennessee society and became active in the VSRT when becoming chief technologist at Richmond Memorial Hospital in Richmond, Virginia. He remained there until his retirement.

He was honored by the VSRT with life membership and in 1961 an annual lecture at the Fall Seminar was established in his name. He died July 15, 1985, at age 84.