Expanded Programs, Sound Finances for SNMMI

As SNMMI wraps up its 2013 fiscal year, we are proud to share both our programmatic and financial accomplishments. During the past year, the society has expanded its portfolio to include several new initiatives to advance the field of nuclear medicine and molecular imaging. In addition, we end the year with our financial health the strongest it has been in 25 years.

Over the past year, SNMMI has fully incorporated programming for amyloid imaging, optical imaging, international education, and outreach to referring physician and patient groups into its operating budget. These additions complement the society’s ongoing initiatives to advance nuclear medicine and molecular imaging through research, education, advocacy, and quality. These mainstay programs were quite successful in 2012 and 2013. SNMMI celebrated its 60th Annual Meeting in Vancouver, British Columbia, with nearly 6,000 attendees, more than 110 continuing education sessions, and more than 2,000 scientific papers and posters. The Journal of Nuclear Medicine continued to publish influential articles, and SNMMI advocacy efforts resulted in advances in practice, isotope production, and basic research funding.

For the past several years SNMMI has been very successful in its financial planning—meeting and exceeding its goals. This success continued in fiscal year 2013, as the society met its budget expectations allowing SNMMI to continue to offer new programs and services to benefit members. SNMMI has also grown its operating reserves, and its capital investment fund is at its highest level ever—just short of 50% of the society’s operating budget.

For fiscal year 2014, SNMMI will operate on an ~$11 million budget, which will be aligned with programs that are part of the society’s new strategic plan. The plan will focus on advancing the development of new technologies; increasing the appropriate use of radionuclide therapy; promoting quality, value, and safety; and enhancing the professional workforce and environment for nuclear medicine and molecular imaging professionals.

I would like to thank the SNMMI volunteers who have helped us reach this level of programmatic and financial success, in particular Richard B. Noto, MD, chair of the SNMMI Committee on Finance. Dr. Noto’s guidance has been invaluable to the society over the past several years, helping us to reach the goals set forth by the society. The SNMMI board of directors, councils, and committees also played important roles bringing the society to its current state. We look forward to continued success in the coming year.

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