SNMMI Annual Meeting Heads to Baltimore

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each year, it is a privilege to host the industry’s pre-
mier education and research meeting in molecular
imaging and nuclear medicine. SNMMI strives to
provide the nuclear medicine and molecular imaging com-
munity with the most up-to-date information in the field.
We look forward to having more than 4,000 attendees join
us this year in Baltimore, MD, for the 2015 Annual Meeting.

This year’s educational program provides physicians,
technologists, pharmacists, laboratory professionals, and sci-
entists an in-depth review of molecular imaging technolo-
gies, clinical applications, and translational and advanced
research topics. A total of 81 expert-led continuing education
sessions have been organized by the Scientific Pro-
gram Committee on topics ranging from PET/CT for
neurologic disorders to alpha therapy for bone metastases
to SPECT/CT in thyroid and parathyroid disease. A wide
array of workshops and research sessions will be held, in-
cluding an educators’ forum, review courses, and the CT and
MRI Case Review Workshop. Full Annual Meeting attendees
may attend the premeeting MIRD Radiopharmaceutical Do-
simetry Symposium on June 4–5, which will update attend-
ees on the current status of radiopharmaceutical therapy, with
a particular emphasis on the key role played by dosimetry.

The SNMMI Scientific Programming Committee received
more than 2,000 abstract submissions for this year’s scientific
sessions. The abstracts will be grouped into 10 tracks repre-
senting 66 categories. More than 90 oral scientific sessions will
be offered for physicians, scientists, and pharmacists, with 8
oral sessions for technologists and technologist students.

SNMMI is proud to host a complimentary Patient
Education Day on Sunday, June 7. The program will explore
issues and concerns from a patient perspective and connect
attendees with advocacy organizations and leading experts in
various disease areas such as thyroid cancer, heart disease,
and dementia, demonstrating the positive role molecular
imaging and therapy can play in the treatment of disease.

I would also like to encourage you to make plans to attend
the Sunday and Monday morning plenary sessions and the
Wednesday Henry N. Wagner, Jr., MD, Highlights Sym-
posium. For this year’s Wagner Lectureship, François Bénard,
MD, chair of Functional Cancer Imaging and head of the Di-
vision of Nuclear Medicine at the University of British Colum-
bia, will discuss cyclotron-based 99mTc production. This year’s
Technologist Plenary Session, focusing on quality and patient
care, will be presented by Rosemary Gibson, senior advisor to
the Hastings Center and an editor for JAMA Internal Medicine.

In addition to our educational offerings, more than 160
major manufacturers of equipment, products, and services
will be exhibiting at the conference from Saturday evening through
Tuesday afternoon. This is a great
opportunity for attendees to see
demonstrations of the latest inno-
vations in molecular imaging and
nuclear medicine technology. The
Opening and Welcome Reception
will be held on Saturday evening
from 6–8 pm, with live musical en-
tertainment and refreshments.

Meeting attendees will again be able to customize
the meeting experience via a mobile app that offers
quick and easy access to the entire educational program
and exhibits. The app allows users to build a personalized
schedule, search and filter education sessions, receive
alerts, record and share notes, and access information
about restaurants and attractions in Baltimore’s Inner
Harbor area. The “SNMMI Events” app is available through
iTunes, Google Play, and the Amazon App Store for
Android.

The Annual Meeting will feature many opportunities to
network with colleagues, beginning Saturday, June 6, with
the Hot Trot 5K Run/Walk, followed by the SNMMI First
Timer’s Orientation, the SNMMI–TS First Timer’s Brunch,
the Knowledge Bowl and Luncheon sponsored by the
Young Professionals Committee and the Nuclear Medicine
Residents Organization, and the Poster Hall Mixer on
Sunday, June 7.

Attendees will be able to continue their experience after
the meeting with SNMMI’s Virtual Meeting. This unique
digital video library includes synchronized presenter slides
and audio of the 70 most popular sessions, Opening Plenary,
Monday Plenary, and Wednesday Henry N. Wagner, Jr., MD,
Highlights Symposium. CME, ACPE, and VOICE credits will
be available to participants.

We hope that attendees will enjoy all that Baltimore has
to offer. The Convention Center is located in the historic
Inner Harbor area, also the home of the Maryland Science
Center and National Aquarium. Known for its beautiful
harbor and distinct neighborhoods, unique museums, and
the world-renowned Johns Hopkins Hospital and Univer-
sity of Maryland Medical Center, the city is beautiful and
diverse.

I look forward to what is sure to be a rewarding week of
learning, networking, and fun. Early-bird registration ends
April 9. For more information or to register, please visit
http://www.snmmi.org/AM.
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