

LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

Although, as always, it seems impossible to believe, another year has inevitably concluded—the time to evaluate past performance, take inventory, and make projections for the forthcoming year. The Society of Nuclear Medicine observed its Twenty-fifth Anniversary and The *Journal of Nuclear Medicine* completed its twentieth year of publication. This year we were also furnished objective evidence (from a scientific evaluating institute) of the increasing stature of the *Journal*. There is no doubt to whom we owe this commendation for quality of achievement—our staff of reviewers. It is they who spend their limited time evaluating in depth the work of others, contributing to the scientific quality and accuracy of each manuscript. Many authors have expressed their appreciation for the referees' efforts, noting that their manuscripts have been enhanced through the input of others. It is to the "backbone" of the *Journal* staff that we express our sense of obligation and sincere gratitude. The reviewers who have contributed their efforts during the past year are listed below.

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