## 32ND SNM ANNUAL MEETING—PRELIMINARIES

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he Society of Nuclear Medicine's Annual Meeting is scheduled to run from June 2-5, 1985 at the Albert Thomas Convention and Exhibit Center in Houston.

Three pre-Meeting seminars will be held on Saturday, June 1, for nuclear medicine practitioners, referring physicians, and senior technologists. Topics such as cardiovascular nuclear medicine, correlative imaging, and radiopharmaceutical chemistry will be discussed. There will be an additional fee for the pre-Meeting seminars of \$70 for SNM members and \$90 for nonmembers.

The pre-Meeting Referring Physician Symposium will address the efficacy of nuclear studies in the evaluation of coronary artery disease, gastrointestinal bleeding, tumors, and hepatobiliary dysfunction—an unbiased assessment to define when nuclear medicine becomes the procedure of choice. Referring physicians in the greater Houston area are invited to attend free of charge.

Beginning Sunday, June 2, the Annual Meeting will provide attendees with an extensive display of information. Six hundred scientific papers, exhibits, and posters will be available with the most up-to-date thinking on such topics as SPECT, NMR, computers and data analysis, radiopharmaceutical chemistry, GI and cardiovascular nuclear medicine, oncology, and infectious disease.

In addition, 16 continuing education courses will inform practitioners and technologists in the field of the best techniques and procedures available. A nuclear medicine review course will be offered as well, providing valuable assistance to candidates preparing for the American Board of Nuclear Medicine (ABNM) exam. A four-day education program for chief, staff, and administrative technologists will devote itself to the discussion of clinical procedures, the study of scientific papers, and management seminars. In addition, a Radioassay Council workshop will be held to address treatment of hyperthyroidism and detection of neonatal hypothyroidism.

Physicians, basic scientists, and technologists attending the Annual

Meeting may claim a maximum of 34 hours of Continuing Medical Education credit in the form of AMA Category 1, ACPE, and VOICE credit.

In addition to the seminars and workshops, there will be a major exhibit by manufacturers of nuclear medicine products. Display cameras, computers, radiopharmaceuticals, and accessories will be on show at the convention center.

The fees to attend the 32nd Annual Meeting are \$100 for SNM members and \$195 for nonmembers. Special rates have been arranged at seven hotels: Four Seasons (headquarters), Hyatt Regency Houston, Hotel Meridien, Sheraton Houston, Intercontinental, Warwick Post Oak, and Inn on the Park. Hotel accommodations will be offered in April, and a housing form will be distributed by SNM. Reservations must be made by May 2. Shuttle bus service will be provided from all hotels to the convention center.

SNM's official air travel agent, Garber Travel, will offer a discount off coach fares on Republic Airlines and Eastern Airlines flights, and will confirm the lowest available fares from all cities via all airlines. Nationwide, call (800) 225-4570; in Massachusetts, call (617) 787-0600. (Ask for the SNM desk.)

Attendees might want to take note of the following deadlines for submission of abstracts: scientific exhibits, Thursday, February 21; works in progress, Monday, April 1. The Early Bird program will be mailed on March 5, and the final program in mid-April.

Attendees should also note that this year's Meeting is a Sunday-through-Wednesday schedule, not the traditional Tuesday-through-Friday schedule.