

Categorical Seminars Offered on Future Directions of Nuclear Medicine

SNM 33RD ANNUAL MEETING DRAWS THOUSANDS TO WASHINGTON FOR SCIENTIFIC COMMUNICATION

“A new idea, a new conception, is born in the privacy of one man’s or one woman’s dreams. But for that conception to become part of the body of scientific theory, it must be acknowledged by the society of which the individual is a member. In turn, the collective effort provides the ground out of which new ideas grow. Scientific knowledge as a whole grows out of the interaction—sometimes complex, always subtle—between individual creativity and communal validation.”*

The Society of Nuclear Medicine’s (SNM) 33rd Annual Meeting opens Sunday, June 22, at the Washington Convention Center in Washington, DC, with an all-encompassing program of scientific papers, invited lectures, categorical seminars, and continuing education courses.

Thousands of nuclear medicine scientists, physicians, technologists, and industrial representatives will assemble in the United States capitol city to exchange the results of basic and clinical investigations, as well as to view new products in the Technical Exhibits area.

“There is no better opportunity than the Annual Meeting to share the exciting new developments in our field, organize our Society’s activities, renew old friendships, and advance our science,” said Philip O. Alderson, MD, chairman of the SNM Scientific Program Committee.

The 1986 program includes 448 papers, 283 posters, 69 scientific ex-



The White House, home of the United States President, is the oldest public building in Washington, DC, the city where The Society of Nuclear Medicine will hold its 33rd Annual Meeting on June 22–25, 1986. To the US nuclear medicine community, Washington is also the home of government regulators and sources of federal funding, and the meeting program includes several presentations on political and socioeconomic affairs.

(Courtesy of the Washington Convention & Visitors Assoc.)

hibits, and 44 works-in-progress.

Investigators submitted 20% more abstracts this year than for any previous SNM meeting, and the program has expanded to eight simultaneous sessions, including 15 in cardiovascular studies, nine in neurology, six in oncology, six in gastroenterology, seven in radiopharmaceu-

ticals, and three in instrumentation.

The Technologist Section’s Scientific and Teaching Sessions Committee, chaired by Robert J. English, CNMT, introduces a new feature this year with a technologist poster session of 18 studies. The scientific portion includes 27 papers with sessions

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on computers and data analysis, gastroenterology, radiopharmaceutical chemistry, oncology, neurology, and nuclear medicine technology.

For the first time, the SNM program will include the Herrmann L. Blumgart Cardiovascular Lectureship, given by Robert H. Jones, MD, of Duke University Medical Center. Dr. Jones will speak on the "Clinical and Prognostic Impact of Left Ventricular Function Studies in Coronary Artery Disease" (Mon., June 23, 3:30-4:00, Rm. 40).

The SNM New England Chapter has chosen Dr. Jones to receive its annual Herrmann L. Blumgart Award later this year, and the chapter has arranged for Dr. Jones and future recipients to give a special lecture each year during the SNM Annual Meeting.

Awards Ceremonies

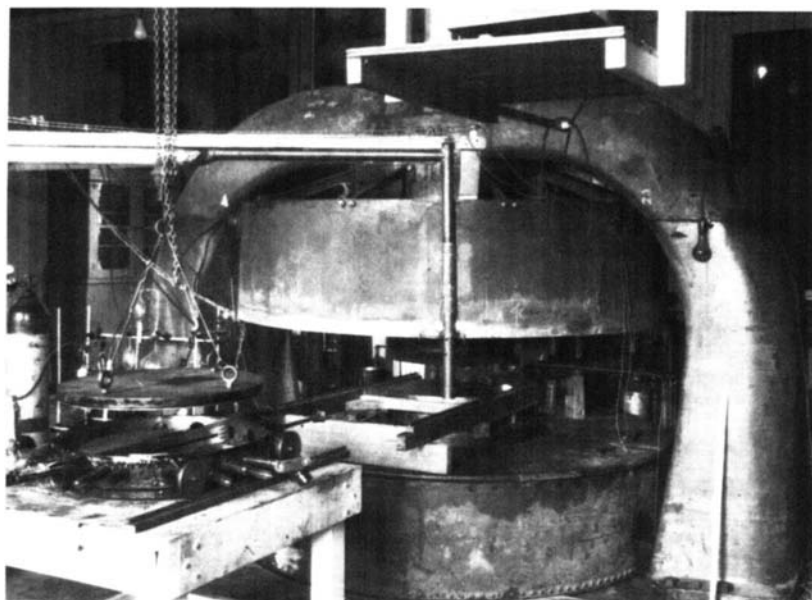
On Sunday, June 22, the meeting opens with the plenary session, where Rosalyn S. Yalow, PhD, and Mrs. Miriam Berson, on behalf of her late husband, Solomon A. Berson, MD, will receive the Georg Charles de Hevesy Nuclear Pioneer Award for the development of radiimmunoassay (RIA) (see page 745).

Following Dr. Yalow's acceptance, Henry N. Wagner, Jr., MD, will give the Third Annual SNM Lectureship, "Images of the Brain: Past as Prologue."

More scientists will be honored at the SNM Business Meeting (Sun., June 22, 5:00-6:00, Rm. 40).

James S. Adelstein, MD, PhD, will receive the Aebersold Award for Outstanding Achievement in Basic Science Applied to Nuclear Medicine (see page 757).

William G. Myers, PhD, MD, will accept the SNM Distinguished Educator Award, and this meeting also marks his retirement after 13 years as the Society's historian (see page 751). He will later give his



This 27-inch cyclotron and an exhibit of the Radiation Laboratory of Ernest O. Lawrence, PhD, at the University of California, Berkeley, as it appeared in 1936, are on display at the Smithsonian Institution's National Museum of American History in Washington, DC. Dr. Lawrence conceived the idea for the cyclotron in 1922, and was awarded the Nobel Prize for this discovery in 1939. In addition to the "Atom Smashers" exhibition, the museum also includes the Hall of Medical Sciences with displays that trace the development of medical care through machines, instruments, and other artifacts. "The medical collection is particularly strong in the areas of radiology and cardiology," according to the museum staff.

(Courtesy of Lawrence Berkeley Laboratory)

Nuclear Medicine Milestones lecture, emphasizing the impact of the discovery of radioactivity in Paris 90 years ago (Wed., June 25, 10:30-12:00, Rm. 13).

The SNM Education and Research Foundation will present the Sixth Tetalman Memorial Award to Richard L. Wahl, MD, of the University of Michigan. This award is given annually to a promising nuclear medicine investigator, aged 35 or younger, in memory of the late Marc Tetalman, MD, a young physician-scientist who was killed in 1979 during a robbery attempt.

Itsuo Yamamoto, MD, will receive the Berson-Yalow Award for Originality In, and Contributions to, Basic or Clinical Radioassay (see page 742).

The Business Meeting also brings the parliamentary process of the SNM directly to the membership, and

attendees will hear annual reports from officers and have an opportunity to comment on the actions of the SNM Executive Committee and Board of Trustees. The new SNM president, Howard J. Dworkin, MD, will also officially take office here.

The Technologist Section will hold a Business Meeting (Tues., June 24, 5:00-6:00, Rm. 20), where members will hear an update on the National Council and various projects of the Section. In addition, awards will be presented, and the outgoing president will hand the gavel over to the new chief executive officer.

Gordon E. Wynant, CNMT, will receive an award for his paper, "Experimental and Clinical Validation of a Radionuclide Angiographic Method for Assessing Myocardial Dyskinesis," from the Society's Education and Research Foundation. Mr. Wynant will make a

special presentation of his paper between scientific sessions. (Tues., June 24, 2:30, Rm. 13-14).

For the ninth consecutive year, Henry N. Wagner, Jr., MD, will conclude the Annual Meeting with his Scientific Meeting Highlights, a broad overview of significant 1986 abstracts (Wed., June 25, 3:00-4:30, Rm. 40).

Continuing Education

The 20 continuing education courses have been approved for AMA Category 1 and VOICE credit, with four approved for continuing pharmaceutical education credit (ACPE). These sessions include seminars on RIA, radiolabeled antibodies, single-

photon emission computed tomography (SPECT), positron emission computed tomography (PET), nuclear magnetic resonance (NMR), and bone densitometry.

Additional seminars are scheduled to cover socioeconomic issues that affect practitioners in the United States, such as the attitudes of hospital administrators and referring physicians toward nuclear medicine, and the impact of changes in the funding of graduate medical education on nuclear medicine residencies.

Neil M. Abel, of the US Food and Drug Administration (FDA), will moderate a discussion on the federal regulatory aspects of investigational radiopharmaceuticals. In addition, Norman L. McElroy, of the US Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC), will cover his agency's requirements for these experimental agents (Tues., June 24, 10:30-12:00, Rm. 40).

Categorical Seminars

On Saturday, June 21, the SNM will offer five pre-meeting categorical seminars, full-day sessions sponsored by several SNM councils.

The Correlative Imaging Council has organized a course entitled, "Nuclear Medicine: The Next Five Years," which will cover promising developments in radiopharmaceuticals, instrumentation, and several imaging modalities. The course will also cover new modes of therapy using non-sealed sources.

A day-long session on controversies and new developments in heart imaging will be presented by the Cardiovascular Council, and the Radiopharmaceutical Science Council is sponsoring a seminar on *in vivo* chemistry.

An update on the issue of low-level radioactive waste disposal and a marketing seminar will be offered by the American College of Nuclear Physicians (ACNP).

Howard J. Dworkin, MD,

president-elect of the SNM, will moderate a continuing education session that also covers marketing, as well as the office organization and financial management of a successful nuclear medicine practice (Tues., June 24, 3:30-5:00, Rm. 40).

Images for the Internist

The SNM will conduct a special day-long seminar, "Images for the Internist and Surgeon," organized by William D. Kaplan, MD, chairman of the Continuing Education and Course Approval Subcommittee.

The morning program will offer two parallel sessions: surgeons will hear about nuclear medicine procedures as they apply to acute cholecystitis, acalculous cholecystitis, postop biliary tree, gastrointestinal bleeding, and osteomyelitis; internists will learn about radionuclide studies related to bone metastases, acquired immunodeficiency syndrome (AIDS), pulmonary embolus, and cardiac disease.

Both groups will participate in a combined afternoon session covering sports injuries, infection and inflammation, and tumors. (The seminar will be held on Saturday, June 21, at the J.W. Marriott Hotel; registration fee is \$20.)

This year's social program includes a full range of tours of Washington and the surrounding area, such as an after-dark champagne tour, and a day in colonial Williamsburg.

The Nuclear Medicine Department of the National Institutes of Health (NIH) will host visitors for a special tour (Sun., June 22, 6:30-9:15) of the facility that includes two new cyclotrons and the PET scanning suite (see page 749).

[For meeting registration forms and more information, contact: Education and Meetings Dept., The Society of Nuclear Medicine, 136 Madison Ave., New York, NY 10016 (212) 889-0717.]

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The United States Capitol, where the Senate and House of Representatives debate legislation. The SNM Annual Meeting program includes 19 tours of the Washington area, including one of Capitol Hill, the Supreme Court, and the Library of Congress. (Courtesy of the Washington Convention & Visitors Assoc.)