

## NUCLEAR MEDICINE COMMUNITY TO ASSEMBLE IN SAN FRANCISCO FOR ANNUAL MEETING

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**M**ore than 900 scientific papers representing some of the latest developments in nuclear medicine research will be presented at the 35th Annual Meeting of the Society of Nuclear Medicine (SNM) in San Francisco, California, at the George R. Moscone Convention Center from June 14 through June 17. More than 4,000 professionals in the field are expected to attend the conference, which will be the largest in the SNM’s history as measured by scientific submissions alone.

The sheer size of the meeting presented a few logistical hurdles. “For us, it was a case of an embarrassment of riches,” said Paul H. Murphy, PhD, assistant chief of nuclear medicine at St. Luke’s Episcopal Hospital, Houston, Texas, and chairman of the Scientific Program Committee. A 21% increase in the number of papers submitted this year over last combined with the high quality of the material led to an increase in the number of accepted papers, he pointed out, but not a corresponding increase in the amount of space at the Moscone Center. That space was more than adequate when booked five years ago.

### More Poster Sessions

“Although the number of scientific sessions was not expanded in proportion to the increase in submissions (83 this year, up from 75 in Toronto), we

increased the number of papers presented as posters to compensate,” Dr. Murphy said.

Richard Reba, MD, director of nuclear medicine at George Washington University Medical Center, Washington, DC, and SNM general program chair, believes that the effort that goes into a scientific meeting is well worthwhile because such gatherings are indispensable. “The things that go on at a meeting demand personal interaction. It’s different from reading a journal or listening to an educational tape. It’s an opportunity for peo-

ple to meet and to talk and to see each other that they might not otherwise have an opportunity to do,” he said. “It’s really an opportunity to learn how people think who are working in the same field as you are. . . . When things are published they’re finished, refined, reviewed. A meeting like this allows preliminary results to be presented and criticized.”

Opening day, Tuesday, June 14, will begin with the Plenary Session and introductory remarks by SNM President B. Leonard Holman, MD, Dr. *(continued on page 582)*



*Westbound motorists on the San Francisco-Oakland Bay Bridge view the city's skyline at dusk. (Courtesy of the San Francisco Convention and Visitors Bureau.)*



*San Francisco's cable cars are coasting over the city's hills again after a \$60 million renovation. (San Francisco Examiner photograph by Craig Lee. Courtesy of the San Francisco Convention and Visitors Bureau.)*

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Murphy and Marcia Boyd, CNMT, president of the SNM Technologist Section. Later that day Barbara Y. Croft, PhD, associate professor of radiology at the University of Virginia Hospital in Charlottesville, Virginia, will take office as the president of the Society.

### Award Winners

The Georg Charles de Hevesy Nuclear Medicine Pioneer Award will be presented by David E. Kuhl, MD, chief of the division of nuclear medicine of the University of Michigan Medical Center in Ann Arbor. This year's recipients are Seymour S. Kety, MD, associate director for the Basic Research Intramural Program, National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH), Bethesda, Maryland, and Louis Sokoloff, MD, chief of the Laboratory of Cerebral Metabolism, also at NIMH (see pp. 583-585). William C. Eckelman, PhD, vice president for diagnostics research and development of the Squibb Institute

for Medical Research in New Brunswick, New Jersey, will receive the 1988 Paul C. Aebersold Award for Outstanding Achievement in Basic Science Applied to Nuclear Medicine (see pp. 586-587).

The Fifth Annual SNM Lectureship will be presented by Henrich R. Schelbert, MD, chief of the cardiovascular section of the division of nuclear medicine and biophysics, University of California at Los Angeles School of Medicine. His topic is "Cardiac PET: Therapeutic Challenges in Diagnosis."

On June 13, the day before the formal opening of the conference, five categorical seminars will be offered. These are Cardiovascular Imaging Update: 1988; Correlative Imaging; Radiopharmaceutical Sciences Update; Nuclear Magnetic Resonance (NMR): Fast Imaging and Flow Techniques; and a workshop called Computers for the Computer Shy.

### Technologist Section

The Technologist Section educa-

tional program is offering an all-day pediatric workshop covering current scintigraphic techniques used in pediatric imaging involving oncology and the genitourinary, gastrointestinal, skeletal and cardiovascular systems. An educator's workshop on administration management skills will be held on Monday, and a half-day program on radiation safety will be held on Thursday, June 16. Technologist Section scientific papers are scheduled for Tuesday through Thursday. Other continuing education topics to be covered are Providing Health Care for Patients With AIDS, Advanced Imaging, and Nuclear Medicine Department Management.

The SNM Technologist Section National Council Meeting is set for Saturday, June 11. The business meeting will be held on June 16, when Paul Cole, CNMT, will be installed as the section's president.

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*A night view of Chinatown's Grant Avenue looking north from California Street. (Courtesy of the San Francisco Convention and Visitor's Bureau.)*