

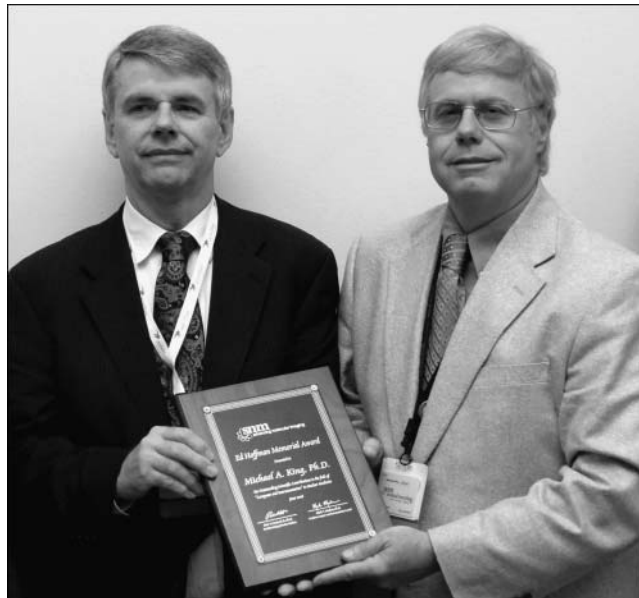
King Receives Hoffman Award

Michael A. King, PhD, professor of radiology at the University of Massachusetts Medical School (Worcester) and director of the Medical Physics Group within its nuclear medicine division, was presented with the 2006 Edward Hoffman Memorial Award on June 4 at the SNM Annual Meeting in San Diego, CA. This award, given by the SNM Computer and Instrumentation Council, recognizes outstanding scientific contributions to the field of computers and instrumentation in nuclear medicine.

“It is a great honor to be so recognized by my peers and having my name so associated with Dr. Hoffman, who was an outstanding scientist, mentor, and person,” said King. “I would like to thank committee members for selecting me from a sea of deserving candidates and all who have inspired me and from whom I have benefited during my career—mentors, colleagues, students, fellow scientists, physicians, technologists, reviewers, and funding sources. All have contributed to nuclear medicine being a wonderland for me.”

King’s research interests include correction for causes of image degradation in nuclear medicine, such as attenuation, distance-dependent spatial resolution, and scatter; tomographic image reconstruction for SPECT and PET; assessment of image quality by task performance studies using human and numerical observers; quantization of activity and assessment of function; and image segmentation and computer vision applications in nuclear medicine.

The Hoffman Award is presented in memory of the late Edward J. Hoffman, PhD, former president of the Institute



Michael King, left, accepted the Edward Hoffman Memorial Award from Mark Madsen, outgoing president of the SNM Computer and Instrumentation Council.

of Electrical and Electronics Engineers Nuclear and Plasma Sciences Society, who died in 2004. Simon R. Cherry, PhD, of the University of California at Davis, received the first award in 2005. ✧

Blumgart Award Honors Schwaiger

At the 2006 Annual Meeting of the SNM in San Diego, CA, the Society and its Cardiovascular Council recognized Markus Schwaiger, MD, with the Herrmann Blumgart Award for his pioneering work in cardiovascular radionuclide imaging and services. Schwaiger is director of the nuclear medicine department at the Technische Universität (Munich, Germany) and dean of the university’s school of medicine. “I am very honored and proud to be among the group of very established recipients of this award,” he said. “This award emphasizes the role of the SNM in advancing the field of nuclear cardiology. I feel extremely fortunate for having excellent support in my research activities.” Schwaiger is an adjunct professor of internal medicine with the University of Michigan and has served as director of research for the Institute of Radiology at the Germany Heart Center in Munich. He especially thanked Heinrich Schelbert, MD, PhD, Michael Phelps, PhD, and David Kuhl, MD, adding, “I am most grateful to all collaborators, fellows, and students I had the opportunity to work with.”



Markus Schwaiger, left, received the Herrmann Blumgart Award from Albert Sinusas, outgoing president of the SNM Cardiovascular Council.