

SNMTS Honors Member Contributions, Achievements

The SNMTS honored the contributions of members, named new fellows, and announced the selection of the year's outstanding technologist and outstanding educators on June 5 during the SNM Annual Meeting in Washington, DC.

President's Distinguished Service Award

SNMTS President D. Scott Holbrook, CNMT, recognized the contributions of Cindi Luckett-Gilbert, CNMT, PET, RT(N), of Charlotte, NC, and Lynne T. Roy, CNMT, RT(N), MBA, of Los Angeles, CA, by awarding each with the 2007 President's Distinguished Service Award. "With this honor, SNMTS recognizes the value and exemplary degree of service both Cindi Luckett-Gilbert and Lynne Roy have brought to the society and to the profession," said Holbrook. "These 2 individuals have made significant, career-long contributions to the Technologist Section."

Luckett-Gilbert, supervisor of PET/CT imaging for Presbyterian Hospital in Charlotte, is also chair of the hospital's Radiology Process and Improvement Committee and a member of its Radiology Forms and Radiation Safety Committees. Active for many years in SNMTS, Luckett-Gilbert is certified in PET and as a nuclear medicine technologist by the Nuclear Medicine Technology Certification Board (NMTCB) and as a nuclear medicine technologist by the American Registry of Radiologic Technologists (ARRT). She is an appointed member to the South Carolina Radiation Quality Standards Association and a member of its South Carolina Nuclear Medicine Advisory Legislation Board. She has made numerous presentations and has authored abstracts, essays, trade publication articles, and case studies.

Roy has served as director of the Department of Imaging at Cedars-Sinai Medical Center in Los Angeles since 1992. From 1989 to 1992, she was manager of its nuclear medicine department, where she has also served as acting manager, chief technologist, and nuclear cardiology supervisor. She was previously nuclear medicine chief technologist at Touro Infirmiry in New Orleans, LA. She is a past president of SNMTS and has chaired many of the society's committees and task forces. She is active at the state level and has served on the California Radiation Control Advisory Board. She has authored numerous publications, delivered many presentations, and been recognized with both local and national awards. Roy is certified by both ARRT and NMTCB and has been an SNMTS fellow since 1997.

New SNMTS Fellows

Howard K. Teng, CNMT, of San Jose, CA, and William L. Hubble, MA, CNMT, RT(R)(N), of Columbia, IL, were



Outgoing SNMTS president Holbrook (left) presents Luckett-Gilbert with the Presidential Distinguished Service Award.

named 2007 SNMTS fellows. This honor, established by the SNMTS National Council in 1995, recognizes professional excellence and acknowledges significant contributions by technologists to the practice of nuclear medicine. "These 2 SNMTS members—with their respective accomplishments—join an elite group of nuclear medicine professionals who have received this honor," said Holbrook.

Teng is a nuclear cardiology technologist and radiation safety officer with the Cardiac Evaluation Center in San Jose. An active SNMTS member, he has more than 30 years of experience performing a full range of diagnostic and therapeutic nuclear medicine procedures in a variety of clinic situations. Hubble is associate professor, academic chair, and program director of nuclear medicine technology in the Department of Medical Imaging and Radiation Therapeutics, Doisy College of Health Sciences, at Saint Louis University (MO). Active in SNMTS, he has nearly 30 years of experience in the field.

Outstanding Technologist Named

Antonella Guardiola, CNMT, the nuclear medicine resource and technical coordinator at Northwestern Memorial Hospital (Chicago, IL) was named 2007 SNMTS Outstanding Technologist in recognition of her outstanding service and dedication to the field of nuclear medicine



Scott Holbrook honors Guardioli as the SNMITS 2007 Outstanding Technologist.

technology. The award was funded by the Education and Research Foundation for SNM and includes a plaque and \$750.

“Antonella Guardioli’s extraordinary work and dedication to her patients merits this special recognition,” said Holbrook. “Among her many achievements, she promotes the value of nuclear medicine technology and mentors new technologists. She consistently goes above and beyond what is expected.”

Guardiola has served as Northwestern’s chief technologist for 6 years, overseeing a department that performs an average of 70 studies each day. Her responsibilities include scheduling of performed procedures and the workload of 18 technologists and managing physician orders/requests and patient concerns. As technical coordinator, she is involved with computer processing and the manipulation of medical images and data storage. She is also the clinical supervisor for 12 students for the hospital’s School of Nuclear Medicine.

Before becoming the nuclear medicine resource coordinator in 2004 and technical coordinator in 2006, Guardioli served as Northwestern’s nuclear cardiology resource coordinator and staff nuclear medicine technologist. Previously she was a registered nuclear medicine technologist and chief nuclear medicine technologist at Edgewater Medical Center (Chicago, IL) and a staff nuclear medicine technologist at Holy Family Medical Center (Des Plaines, IL) and Westlake Hospital (Melrose Park, IL).

Guardiola received her associate’s degree in applied science and her nuclear medicine certification from the College of DuPage (Glen Ellyn, IL). She holds certifications from NMTCB and ARRT. “I would like to express my appreciation to SNMITS for giving me the opportunity

to share my experience and learn from others within our field,” she said. “I have great enthusiasm for my profession and will continue to dedicate my efforts in mentoring others for the advancement of nuclear medicine technology.”

SNMITS Outstanding Educators

Kathleen H. Murphy, CNMT, NCT, RT(N), MS, of Seymour, CT, and Mary Anne Owen, RT(N), MHE, of Augusta, GA, were named as 2007 SNMITS Outstanding Educators. “These 2 SNMITS members are enthusiastic and inspirational educators and mentors and lifelong learning proponents,” Holbrook said. “They are driving forces, spending countless hours developing curriculum, including online learning programs, and training staff. They influence not only educational programs but the students themselves. Educators like Kathleen Murphy and Mimi Owen, with their unique dedication and commitment to quality health care, are the reason that countless technologists enter the field.”

Since 1996, Murphy has served as a professor and program director of nuclear medicine technology at Gateway Community College (GCC) in North Haven, CT. In this position, she administers all aspects of the program (including strategic planning and assessment, budgeting and allocation of resources, selective admission process, student advising/counseling and supervision of related staff), develops curricula in accordance with accreditation standards, trains clinical staff, ensures that the latest technological advances are available in classroom and at clinical sites, and incorporates active learning methods into all courses. A radiation safety officer, she has increased the number of clinical internship affiliates, resulting in a 50% increase in the number of students enrolled in the program.

Murphy served previously as the president/independent consultant of Murphy Educational Endeavors, developing an online continuing education course module in ethics and courses for the business management program at Albertus Magnus College (New Haven, CT). From 1985 to 1992, she worked in the Yale–New Haven Hospital Nuclear Cardiology Department and in 1992 became the clinical coordinator in the nuclear medicine technology program there.

Murphy, an SNMITS Fellow and long-time active member, is certified as a nuclear medicine technologist and as a nuclear cardiology technologist by NMTCB and as a registered technologist by ARRT. She has received numerous awards, including a certificate of appreciation from the Nuclear Medicine Industry Association of North America, the College Life Recognition for Valuation Contributions to the Students of GCC, and the Pioneer in Distance Education award from Connecticut Community College System. She has made numerous presentations and is the author of many publications, including books, chapters, peer-reviewed journal articles, and abstracts.

Owen has served since 2001 as an assistant professor and program director of nuclear medicine technology in the Department of Biomedical and Radiological Technologies

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Outstanding *JNMT* Articles for 2006

Frances Neagley, CNMT, editor-in-chief of the *Journal of Nuclear Medicine Technology (JNMT)*, presented awards to the authors of 3 articles chosen as the most outstanding 2006 contributions to *JNMT* at the 2007 SNM Annual Meeting in Washington, DC. The lead authors or their representatives received plaques and honoraria in a ceremony held during the annual business meeting of the SNMSTS on June 5.

Sergi López-Gandul, Gumer Pérez-Moure, J.R. García-Garzón, Marina Soler-Peter, Marc Simó-Perdigó, and Francisco Lomeña received the first-place award for “Intravenous Furosemide Injection During ^{18}F -FDG PET Acquisition” (*J Nucl Med Technol.* 2006;34:228–231). The second-place award went to Ryan S. Jackson, Thomas C. Schlarman, William L. Hubble, and Medhat M. Osman for “Prevalence and Patterns of Physiologic Muscle Uptake Detected with Whole-Body ^{18}F -FDG PET” (*J Nucl Med Technol.* 2006;34:29–33). The third-place award was presented to Geoffrey M. Currie, Philip A. Towers, and Janelle M. Wheat for “Improved Detection and Localization of Lower Gastrointestinal Tract Hemorrhage by Subtraction Scintigraphy: Phantom Analysis” (*J Nucl Med Technol.* 2006;34:160–168).

“These papers represent the broad range of investigative endeavors—across the spectrum of clinical, radiopharmaceutical, technological, and basic sciences—in which



Lomeña (right) accepts the plaque for the first-place Editor's Choice award from Neagley at the SNMSTS Business Meeting on June 5.

nuclear medicine technologists are involved today,” said Neagley. “We congratulate this year’s awardees and all those whose contributions continue to make *JNMT* a vital resource that is constantly evolving to meet the changing scientific and professional needs of our readers.” ✨

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at the Medical College of Georgia (Augusta). She is responsible for all clinical imaging didactic instruction for entry-level nuclear medicine student technologists and prepares students for national registry exams. She is also responsible for administrative duties (such as recruitment, accreditation, and all aspects of nuclear medicine technology certificate and baccalaureate level programs). Owen develops and oversees implementation and administration of distance-learning initiatives, develops curricula, and directs instruction for clinical application of didactic materials, radiologic management, nuclear cardiology, emerging technologies, and problem- and case-based learning formats in radiologic education. She created and maintains a public access online teaching case database to engage clinical faculty with instruction formats and case development. She served previously at the Medical College of Georgia as the clinical education coordinator of the

nuclear medicine technology program, the technical adviser and Web designer for a multidisciplinary course in allied health sciences.

A long-time active SNMSTS member, Owen is certified as a registered technologist by ARRT. She has received numerous awards, including a pilot research grant from SNM’s Education and Research Foundation for the creation of an online case study database for nuclear medicine technologist education, a Bristol-Myers Squibb educational teaching grant, and a teaching and technology grant from the Medical College of Georgia. She has made numerous presentations and is the author of many publications (including the seminal position paper on the development of a nuclear medicine practitioner), abstracts, and peer-reviewed journal articles.

Murphy and Owen each received \$750 and a plaque as SNMSTS Outstanding Educators. The Education and Research Foundation for SNM provided funding for this award.

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