

Alavi Receives Honorary Doctorate

At its 187th commencement ceremonies on May 21 in Philadelphia, PA, the University of the Sciences awarded Abass Alavi, MD, an honorary doctor of science (DSc) degree for his pioneering work in ^{18}F -FDG PET imaging. The award was presented by Gary Sayed, PhD, provost and senior vice president for academic affairs of the University of the Sciences. Alavi is currently a professor and director of research education in the University of Pennsylvania Department of Radiology's Division of Nuclear Medicine.

Alavi has been the recipient of numerous awards and honors, including an honorary doctorate in medicine and surgery from the University of Bologna in 2007 and the Georg Charles de Hevesy Nuclear Pioneer Award from SNM in 2004. In



Gary Sayed, PhD (left), presented an honorary doctorate from the University of the Sciences to Abass Alavi, MD (right).

research grants; and the Bradley-Alavi Student Fellowship Awards.

making the award, Sayed noted Alavi's status as an internationally recognized pioneer in the advancement of PET imaging and as the author of more than 650 peer-reviewed scientific publications. Sayed added that Alavi's contributions to nuclear medicine extend well beyond his own research: "He is a devoted educator, and his former students and research fellows now occupy leading positions in nuclear medicine worldwide." Alavi's support for educational and research opportunities through the Education and Research Foundation of the SNM was also noted, including the Alavi-Mandell awards, which recognize trainees and young scientists published as senior authors in *The Journal of Nuclear Medicine*; pilot

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