

South Africa Hosts WFNMB Congress

The 10th Congress of the World Federation of Nuclear Medicine and Biology (WFNMB) was held September 18–23 in Cape Town, South Africa. More than 800 participants from 63 countries, including 100 speakers, attended the scientific sessions and summits and toured commercial and scientific exhibits. Special features of the meeting were the social events and cultural presentations arranged by host members of the South African Society of Nuclear Medicine. This included the presidential dinner at the Mount Nelson Hotel in Cape Town and the WFNMB 2010 Congress dinner at the Spier Wine Estate.

Most speakers attended at their own expense in a show of support for this international event, to share their expertise, and to meet colleagues from the world. From SNM, attendees included Dominique Delbeke, MD, PhD; Frederic H. Fahey, DSc; Michael M. Graham, PhD, MD; Hossein Jadvar, MD, PhD, MPH, MBA; Lale Kostakoglu, MD, who organized the SNM sessions; Val J. Lowe, MD; Martin P. Sandler, MD; and Brian M. Zeglis, PhD. The SNM booth was staffed by SNM Chief Executive Officer Virginia Pappas, CAE, who had the opportunity to introduce many attendees to SNM offerings.

“As president of the WFNMB, it was my privilege and honor to serve the WFNMB office for the last 4 years, and I encourage continued support for the WFNMB and its activities,” said Annare Ellman, MD, who served as WFNMB president in the years leading up to the congress. Under the leadership of Ellman, the WFNMB expressed an interest in establishing a permanent office for the federation. Discussions regarding management applicants were held at both the Governing Council and the Delegate Assembly meet-



Left to Right: Horacio Amaral, MD, 8th WFNMB president; Annare Ellman, MD, 10th WFNMB president; Dominique Delbeke, MD, PhD, SNM president; Hans Biersack, MD, 7th WFNMB president; Myung-Chul Lee, MD, 9th WFNMB president.

ings, and the majority of votes supported the Association Management Company, which manages the European Association of Nuclear Medicine. The general opinion was that a permanent office managed by a professional management company should bring experience and infrastructure to planning for future WFNMB meetings.

“On behalf of the organizing committee, it was also our great pleasure to host such a prestigious congress,” said Thea Eiselen, MD, chair of the congress organizing committee. “We hope that all attendees had a memorable time during the congress and look forward to meeting them again in future congresses.”

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