

SNM Heads to “Crossroads of the West”

SNM’s 57th Annual Meeting has much to offer to members and colleagues who travel to Salt Lake City, UT, from June 5 through 9. No other event allows members of the molecular imaging and nuclear medicine community to come together in one place and take advantage of valuable educational and networking opportunities. A top-notch educational program, exceptional networking opportunities, and an attractive destination are just a few of the reasons why this year’s meeting is a must-attend event.

Education is centrally important to medical professionals throughout their careers—especially because technology in this field is rapidly advancing. The SNM Annual Meeting provides attendees with dozens of ways to update and supplement their knowledge, keeping them at the forefront of molecular imaging and nuclear medicine. Using the online meeting planner, attendees can browse session topics and plan a schedule that maximizes both interest and continuing medical education credits. Through categorical seminars, case reviews, and poster and plenary sessions, the educational program provides a forum for the exchange of scientific ideas to promote the advancement of medicine.

We are pleased that SNM remains the premier event for educational and networking opportunities in molecular imaging and nuclear medicine. This year, we are excited to offer expanded poster categories, updated courses and sessions, and an entertaining agenda of social events. Peter Herscovitch, MD, chief and senior attending physician of the PET department at the National Institutes of Health in Bethesda, MD, has guided the direction of the educational component of the annual meeting as the chair of the SNM Scientific Program Committee. Herscovitch has created a dynamic and comprehensive program based on selections from more than 1,900 submitted abstracts. He and the cochairs have invested significant time and effort to ensure that this year’s meeting brings forth the best and most relevant research available.

This year’s cochairs and the tracks they are leading are: Jordan H. Hankins, MD, Educational Exhibits; Jorge A. Carrasquillo, MD, Oncology–Basic; Neeta D. Pandit-Taskar, MD, Oncology–Clinical Diagnosis; Paul E. Kinahan, PhD, Instrumentation and Data Analysis; Pradeep Garg, PhD, and Sally W. Schwarz, MS, RPh, BCNP, Radiopharmaceutical Chemistry; Janis P. O’Malley, MD, General Clinical Specialties; Mark I. Travin, MD, Cardiovascular; Julie C.

Price, PhD, Neurosciences; Heather Jacene, MD, Molecular Imaging–Nonradioactive/Multimodal Imaging; Nancy M. Swanston, CNMT, RT(N), PET, Technologist; and Anthony W. Knight, MBA, CNMT, RT(N), NCT, Technologist Student.

As much as SNM’s meetings are places for learning, they are also frequently places where strategic decisions are made. Each year, the most influential leaders and decision makers of the industry take the opportunity to convene during SNM’s Annual Meeting. The meeting brings together the chief stakeholders in molecular imaging and nuclear medicine, including nuclear medicine groups from China and Australia and representatives from corporations, government, and other medical associations. These groups meet to plan, coordinate, and share ideas, making the decisions that shape the growth and path of the profession. SNM is pleased to once again offer this opportunity for collaboration in Salt Lake City.

SNM is excited to hold its meeting in Salt Lake City for the first time. Home of the 2002 Winter Olympics, Salt Lake City is nestled at the foot of mountains that receive an average of 500 in of snow each year—but by the SNM Annual Meeting in early June, the average temperature is an ideal 78°. With the Salt Palace Convention Center and most of the hotels located close together in the downtown area, it is easy to navigate on foot or by light rail. An attractive, safe, and growing city, Salt Lake offers unequalled views, a thriving economy, fine dining (and drinking), exciting nightlife, remarkable history, warm hospitality, and year-round outdoor recreation within minutes in every direction.

We are looking forward to once again uniting physicians, scientists, program directors, laboratory professionals, exhibitors, educators, technologists, technologist students, and medical students from around the world to showcase scientific and innovative investigations in the field of nuclear medicine and molecular imaging and therapy. For more information and to register, visit www.snm.org/am.



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