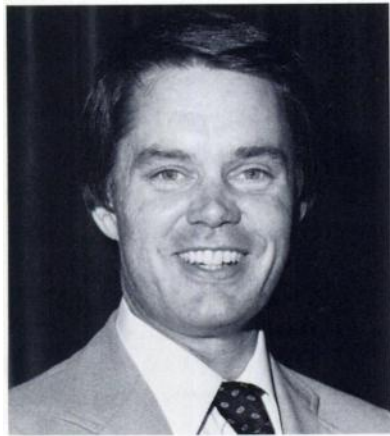


Technologist Section Sees 100% Growth in Abstracts

INVESTIGATORS INCREASE ABSTRACT SUBMISSIONS TO SNM 33RD ANNUAL MEETING IN 1986

The number of abstracts submitted to The Society of Nuclear Medicine's (SNM) 33rd Annual Meeting has increased by 20% over last year's submissions,



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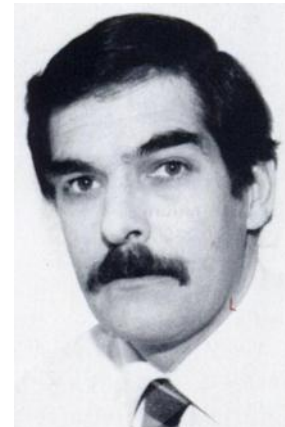
reported the SNM Education and Meetings Department.

A total of 1,305 submissions were reviewed by the SNM Scientific Program Committee—up from 1,088 submissions in 1985. The committee has accepted 745 abstracts (460 for oral presentations and 285 for poster sessions) for the 1986 meeting, which will be held on June 22-25 at the Washington Convention Center in Washington, DC.

A significant increase was noted in several categories, including general radiopharmaceutical chemistry, computers and data analysis, endocrine, gastroenterology, neurology, oncology, bone/joint, and dosimetry/radiobiology. Submissions declined in other categories, such as positrons,

halogenated radiopharmaceuticals, and instrumentation.

The Scientific Program Committee, under the chairmanship of Philip O. Alderson, MD, director of the



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GUIDELINES FOR PACS PUBLISHED

The American Hospital Association (AHA) recently published a guideline report (Vol. 4, No. 16) in its hospital technology series on picture archiving and communications systems (PACS), local area networks designed to transmit, display, and store medical images within and outside radiology departments.

"An analysis in this report concludes that a PAC system intended to embrace all imaging, including X-ray images now captured on film, is infeasible from a practical point of

view; a PACS embracing all the digital modalities is feasible but probably not cost-effective; but certain subsystems of PACS, such as one confined to nuclear medicine, teleradiology, optical disk archives, telephone access to dictated reports, radiology department management systems, and computerized report composition and transcription systems, may well be cost-effective and desirable from other points of view," concluded the AHA.

[For more information, contact: AHA, Division of Technology

Management and Policy, 840 No. Lake Shore Dr., Chicago, IL 60611 (312) 280-6000.]

Siemens Medical Systems, Inc., an instrumentation company in Iselin, NJ, has published a 10-page brochure entitled "PACS: Technology in Progress."

The publication outlines factors regulating the rate of PACS evolution and includes a guide for purchasing decisions. [For more information, contact: Siemens, Marketing Services, 186 Wood Ave. So., Iselin, NJ 08830 (201) 312-8790.] ■

Department of Nuclear Medicine at the Columbia-Presbyterian Medical Center in New York, completed the peer review process in February, and the annual meeting programs will be mailed in late April.

(An early mailing will be sent by the end of March with complete in-

formation on housing and registration.)

The SNM Technologist Section realized a 100% increase in abstract submissions with 92 this year compared to 45 in 1985. The Technologist Section's Scientific and Teaching Sessions Committee, chaired by Robert

J. English, CNMT, of the Nuclear Medicine Department at Brigham and Women's Hospital in Boston, accepted 48 submissions.

Scientific exhibit submissions also doubled in 1986, with 96 compared to 45 last year, and 20 technologist exhibits compared to 12 last year. ■

Scientific Abstract Submissions and Sessions for SNM Annual Meetings form 1983-1986

Category	Number of Submissions 1983	Number of Sessions 1983	Number of Submissions 1984	Number of Sessions 1984	Number of Submissions 1985	Number of Sessions 1985	Number of Submissions 1986	Number of Sessions* 1986
Instrumentation	50	4	71	4	66	4	52	3
Computers and Data Analysis	73	4	82	4	107	5	122	6
Radioassay	18	2	14	1	13	1	13	1
Radiopharmaceutical Chemistry	136	5	130	5	145	5	148	7
General			[38]		[26]		[47]	
Short-lived			[26]					
Halogenated			[40]		[44]		[21]	
Technetium			[26]		[36]		[34]	
Positrons					[39]		[12]	
Proteins							[34]	
Dosimetry/Radiobiology	23	1	21	1	16	1	29	2
Bone/Joint	44	3	33	2	40	2	82	4
Cardiovascular	224	13	223	10	214	12	247	14
Correlation of Imaging Modalities	11	1	14	1	0	0	0	0
Endocrine	32	2	41	2	37	2	53	3
Gastroenterology	82	6	77	4	64	4	98	6
Hematology	21	2	29	2	29	2	22	2
Infectious Disease and Immunology	18	1	23	1	24	0	47	3
Immunology			[8]		[15]		[23]	
Infectious Disease			[15]		[9]		[24]	
Neurology	55	4	75	5	99	6	149	9
Nuclear Magnetic Resonance (NMR)**	14	1	26	2	35	2	0	1
Clinical	[12]		[22]		[25]			
Instrumentation	[2]		[4]		[10]			
Oncology	74	4	65	4	87	5	121	6
Pediatrics	22	2	14	1	13	1	21	2
Peripheral Vascular	14	0	24	1	17	0	22	1
Pulmonary	41	2	41	2	38	2	34	2
Renal/Electrolyte/Hypertension	27	2	21	2	37	3	45	3
Veterinary Nuclear Medicine/Other	5	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	984	60	1,024	54	1,088	57	1,305	75

*Each session generally consists of six papers.

**Although no abstracts were submitted in this category, NMR papers in other categories were combined into one NMR session. Abstracts submitted in any category may have been assigned to a session in a different category.