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The Annual Meeting

Attendees gather from all over...

Physicians, scientists, technologists, old timers and first timers, beribboned members who helped assemble the gathering, and plain-badged ones who come to observe, listen and learn. Some are presenting papers orally or by poster and some are attending to listen and learn. Some will attend sessions from morning to evening; some will register but attend sporadically. Some will exhibit equipment and supplies, and some will evaluate the new resources and make purchase decisions or revise their previous plans.

Many greet old friends and former colleagues: How is the new job? What are the children doing now?

I think about those I see. She does not look any older than last year. He looks much older. He gained some weight. What *is* his name? I wish they would wear the identification tags higher so that I can read them; better yet, paste them on their foreheads.

And I wonder about those I do not see. Did they just skip the meeting this year? Are they covering the department, or are they at a graduation or a wedding? Did they leave nuclear medicine, or is it something more serious than that, more final?

I am looking forward to seeing you at the meeting.

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