

New Editor-in-Chief Plans Changes for *The Journal of Nuclear Medicine*



Martin P. Sandler, MD

Martin P. Sandler, MD, the next Editor-in-Chief of *The Journal of Nuclear Medicine (JNM)*, will publish the first issue of his 5-year term in January 1999. Sandler has been affiliated with Vanderbilt University School of Medicine, Nashville, TN, since 1980 and is currently professor of radiology and medicine, chief of the section of nuclear medicine and PET and vice-chairman of the department of radiology and radiological sciences. In addition to coediting 5 textbooks, Sandler has coauthored 77 scientific articles, 58 book chapters and 67 abstracts. He has acted as a reviewer for many journals and has served on the editorial boards of *JNM* and *The European Journal of Nuclear Medicine*.

Sandler joined the Society of Nuclear Medicine in 1983. He is a member of the Society's House of Delegates and past president of the southeastern chapter and of the Correlative Imaging Council.

Although the basic scientific content and editorial intent will remain the same, the January 1999 issue of *JNM* will reflect several changes (see the revised Information for Authors in this issue, pages 1652–1654):

- A new cover, which reflects current publishing trends while maintaining the journal's dignified appearance, has been designed.
- To increase the scientific impact of each issue, only multicase studies will be published. Therefore, case reports will no longer appear.
- The First Impressions feature will be discontinued.
- To keep readers apprised of ongoing research endeavors and clinical studies, a Rapid Communications feature will be initiated. These brief descriptions of leading-edge studies will be two-page articles with only two illustrations and no more than five references. It is Sandler's goal to publish these timely pieces within 3 months of acceptance. Authors may subsequently elaborate on their findings in a longer article.
- In an effort to ensure the highest quality of review of submitted articles, *JNM* will be adopting a masked review process, which is used by most journals in the imaging field.
- There will no longer be a monthly editorial column. Substantive issues will be addressed in this forum on an ad hoc basis.
- The importance of every article will be highlighted by beginning each article on a new page. Additionally, the page margins will be widened.
- The journal will adopt American Medical Association style for references.
- Refinements are being made to the *JNM* Editorial Office's peer review and manuscript tracking database that will streamline the editorial process and may, in the future, make it possible for authors to check the status of their submissions online.

These changes are being implemented to keep *JNM* as up-to-date as possible while retaining the high quality of basic science and clinical articles that have put *JNM* at the top of its field. To

assist in this effort, Sandler has appointed 9 Associate Editors with expertise in a wide spectrum of fields relating to nuclear medicine. These individuals will participate in both the review process and the scientific editing of manuscripts. The following have been appointed as Associate Editors:

Abass Alavi, MD
University Hospital of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA
R. Edward Coleman, MD
Duke University Medical Center, Durham, NC
Dominique Delbeke, MD, PhD
Vanderbilt University Medical Center, Nashville, TN
Vasken Dilsizian, MD
National Institutes of Health, Bethesda, MD
Joanna S. Fowler, PhD
Brookhaven National Laboratory, Upton, NY
Sanjiv S. Gambhir, MD, PhD
UCLA School of Medicine, Los Angeles, CA
Conrad E. Nagle, MD
William Beaumont Hospital, Troy, MI
James A. Patton, PhD
Vanderbilt University Medical Center, Nashville, TN
S. Ted Treves, MD
Boston Children's Hospital, Boston, MA

In addition, Sandler will draw on the experience of 11 consultants from Vanderbilt who have backgrounds in many areas of imaging and research:

A. Bertrand Brill, MD, PhD, radiation dosimetry and instrumentation
Jeffrey A. Clanton, MS, RPh, nuclear chemistry and radiopharmacology
S. Julian Gibbs, DDS, PhD, radiation biology
M. Reza Habibian, MD, general nuclear medicine
Kimberly J. Halliburton, CNMT, nuclear medicine technology
Robert M. Kessler, MD, neuroradiology/PET
William H. Martin, MD, nuclear medicine and oncology
C. Leon Partain, MD, PhD, nuclear medicine and radiology
David R. Pickens, PhD, computers and instrumentation
Ronald R. Price, PhD, physics and instrumentation
William R. Riddle, PhD, instrumentation

—Tom Ebers