

ing closely with basic scientists and clinicians," Lim said, "dedicating a year to this fellowship will prepare me for the teamwork skills needed for a career in academic medicine."

The longstanding Annual Mallinckrodt Fellowship Program was established to facilitate original research in nuclear medicine. The award is aimed at furthering research involving the development of single photon radiopharmaceuticals or beta emitters to be used in nuclear medicine oncology.

Both the Mallinckrodt and Dupont fellowships were announced at the Society's Annual Business Meeting. Other award recipients at the meeting

included Carol Marcus, PhD, MD, who received the 1999 SNM Distinguished Service Award, and Mark Rotman, PhD, National Institutes of Health, and Kenneth McKusick, MD, who received SNM Presidential Distinguished Service Awards.

Rotman and McKusick were recognized for their contributions to coding and reimbursement issues and government relations, respectively. Similarly, Marcus received the Distinguished Service Award, said SNM President James Fletcher, for her "continuous support of the SNM Government Relations Committee in its efforts to deal with regulations promulgated by numerous government agencies."

Education & Research Foundation of Society of Nuclear Medicine

For the second time in four years, Abass Alavi, MD, chair, Department of Nuclear Medicine at the University of Pennsylvania Hospital and past president of the Education and Research Foundation of the Society of Nuclear Medicine, has made a large donation to the Education and Research Foundation (ERF). At the recent Annual Meeting of the Society of Nuclear Medicine, Alavi presented Conrad Nagle, MD, president of ERF, with a check for \$30,000 to additionally fund the Alavi/Mandell Fund. Income generated by the Fund will provide future awards within the Education and Research Foundation.

Kenneth McKusick, MD, treasurer of the ERF has been elected by its board as president-elect, to assume

office following the Society's Annual Meeting in the year 2000.

Other actions by the Education and Research Foundation include the creation of the Joseph Ross, MD, Trainee Award. Currently, a \$25,000 fund created by the Board is expected to generate income of \$500-\$1,000 which the ERF will then donate to the Society of Nuclear Medicine to allow the Awards Committee of SNM to select trainees to receive the award for presentations at the Annual Scientific Meeting. These awards will likely begin at the Annual Scientific Meeting of 2001 and will be announced by the Society at the time the awards are instituted.

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and atoms, circulating, bumping into each other, fitting and sticking, controlling processes at the local level rather than at some master control center in the brain. For example, if herpes simplex virus, aflatoxin, arsenic, and iron all happen to meet in one's liver, one is likely to develop liver cancer.

This Annual Meeting provides evidence that people are now integrating and collaborating rather than competing with others in different fields of medicine. But we still have problems. The number of approved NDAs by the FDA is too low. Perhaps we can piggyback radionuclide studies that are being used in Phase I, II, and III studies of stable drugs in order to obtain information relative to the radionuclide as well as to the stable drug. It is permissible under FDA regulations to use radio-

tracers that have INDs in studies of stable drugs. For example, beta CIT is being used as part of drug trials designed to measure the effectiveness of stable drugs in Parkinson's disease.

Another problem that has been around for half a century and is getting worse is that the phrase "nuclear medicine" conjures up horrific science-fiction-inspired images of grave, dangerous procedures. The time has come to bring hormesis to the attention of the public. Progress is made only when purposeful and determined persons are relentlessly guiding it. At every crossing on the road to the future, every leader is opposed by thousands of persons who relentlessly guard the past. Always remember, as Dag Hammarskjöld said, "Only he who keeps his eye fixed on the far horizon will find his right road."