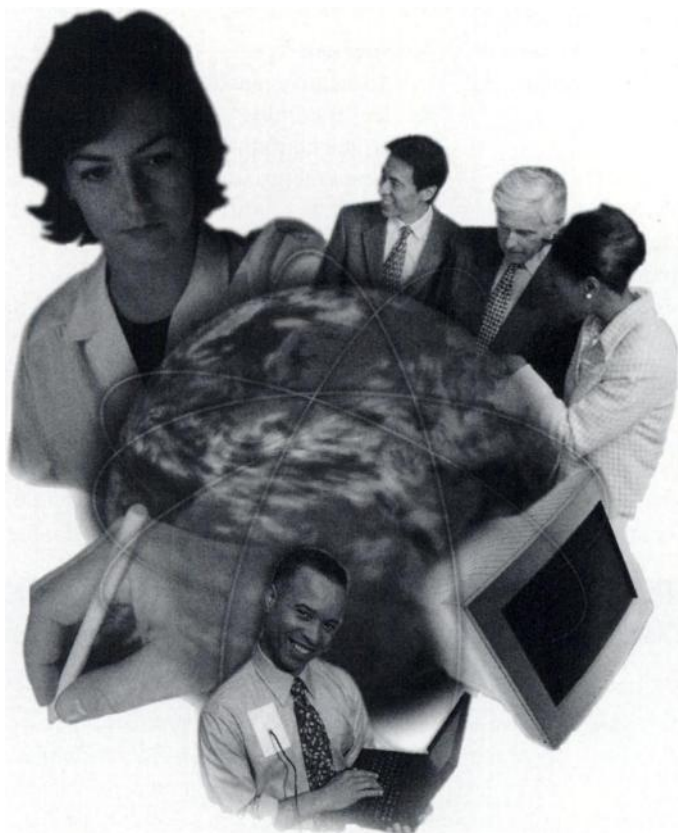


Something for Everyone at the 2000 SNM Annual Meeting



The 47th Annual Meeting of the Society of Nuclear Medicine will be held June 3–7 in St. Louis, Missouri. Scientific sessions, educational programs, special events, and SNM traditions promise to make this year's meeting the most exciting and rewarding yet.

For the 23rd consecutive year, Henry N. Wagner, Jr., MD, of the Johns Hopkins Medical Institutions, will share his views of the presented papers. Dr. Wagner will relate current advances to previous work and future directions in the field of nuclear medicine. And in the Chapter Bowl on Monday, June 5, attendees will cheer on teams from the Missouri Valley and New England chapters.

A special highlight of this year's meeting will be the SNM Technologist Section (SNMTS) Women's Seminar on June 3 at the Edison Theatre on the campus of Washington University. Open to the public, this session will offer the most current information on prevention, diagnosis, and treatment of osteoporosis, cardiac

disease, and breast cancer. Nuclear medicine professionals will discuss the latest diagnostic procedures. Proceeds from the event will benefit local efforts to prevent and treat breast cancer and osteoporosis.

For the first time, you can plan your Annual Meeting activities online. Go to the Annual Meeting Web site at www.snm.org/am and access our Itinerary Planner. Follow the instructions to plan your educational schedule in advance.

Scientific and Educational Programs

Members of the SNM Scientific Program Committee and the SNMTS Scientific and Teaching Committee have developed this year's program based on input from last year's attendees. By addressing the concerns you have and the topics you want to know more about, a strong and evolving educational and scientific program is guaranteed each year. The 2000 program is made up of sessions approved for 1 or more of the following credit types: AMA category 1, ACPE, CAMPEP, and SNMTS VOICE. In addition, as part of the Abstract Program, attendees can earn AMA category 1 credit for attending scientific paper sessions and Meet-the-Author poster sessions. There will be more than 85 scientific paper sessions and 4 Meet-the-Author poster sessions.

Attendees will have 3 opportunities to attend User Meetings at this year's Annual Meeting. User Meetings will be held Sunday, June 4, and twice on Monday, June 5.

Scientific sections will be organized into 6 tracks, supplemented by Legislative/Regulatory and Educators'/Business tracks.

Radiopharmaceutical Chemistry

The Radiopharmaceutical Chemistry track includes categorical seminars, continuing education courses, papers, and posters covering various related topics, including absorbed dose calculation, radiopharmaceutical surrogates, and radionuclide therapy.

General Clinical Specialties

The General Clinical Specialties track covers several areas of interest to nuclear medicine

professionals, including renal/electrolyte/hypertension, pediatrics, gastrointestinal medicine, and musculoskeletal medicine. Endocrinology and infectious disease topics are included in this track. Also featured this year are continuing education courses covering bone imaging, parathyroid localization, and radiation safety, as well as categorical seminars on pediatric nuclear medicine and clinical nuclear medicine.

Cardiovascular

The Cardiovascular track addresses all aspects of nuclear medicine in cardiology. Issues relevant to both the diagnosis and treatment of cardiovascular disease will be addressed. Course topics include myocardial perfusion imaging, acquisition and processing of myocardial perfusion studies, and myocardial perfusion SPECT.

Oncology

The Oncology track includes a categorical seminar, continuing education courses, papers, and

posters addressing issues relevant to nuclear medicine in oncology. Topics to be covered include monoclonal antibodies in oncology, scintimammography, the sentinel node in surgical oncology, and imaging and therapy of thyroid carcinomas.

Neurosciences

The Neurosciences track covers all areas of nuclear medicine relevant to brain imaging. This track contains the popular Brain SPECT Imaging Practica, with 3 individual continuing education sessions.

Instrumentation and Data Analysis

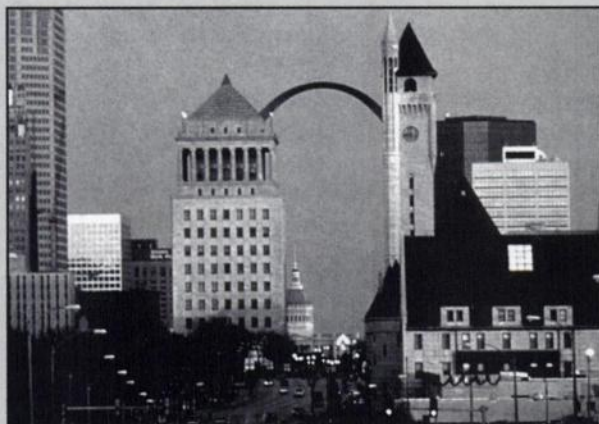
The Instrumentation and Data Analysis track includes a categorical seminar, continuing education courses, papers, and posters covering topics relevant to instrumentation and data analysis. This track contains the Radiobiological Effects of Ionizing Radiation (REIR) continuing education courses.

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St. Louis: There's More than Meets the Arch

Despite a full schedule of sessions at the SNM meeting, there will still be time to explore St. Louis—a city that wears its history proudly and welcomes visitors with what some have called “Southern warmth and Northern know-how.”

St. Louis earned its nickname, Mound City, from the earthen structures left by its first inhabitants, the Mississippian Indians. In 1764, French fur traders founded the modern city and named it for Louis IX, the Crusader King of France. Just 18 miles south of the confluence of the Mississippi and Missouri Rivers, St. Louis was the perfect site from which to trade with Indians in the fur-rich lands to the west and was the last stop for pioneers, mountaineers, trappers, and travelers heading to the frontier.



After centuries as a hub of river and land commerce, St. Louis remains a vital city with lots to offer visitors. In the renewed commercial district, vast warehouses have been transformed into art-filled playgrounds and restored as restaurants. Dining out is an adventure in good taste that soars to gourmet heights. Whether you're in the mood for fire-grilled tuna at the Canyon Café or shrimp etouffée at Lagniappe's, there are choices to tempt all diners. And local food historians maintain that the 1904 St. Louis World's Fair introduced such American classics as iced tea and the ice cream cone. Add this rich food history to the area's French, Italian, and German influences, and it's safe to say that the city offers the best of heartland American cooking and the most interesting of melting-pot dining adventures.

From the top of the great silver Gateway Arch, a 30-mile panorama of St. Louis is laid out below. Paddlewheel riverboats cruise the Mississippi River. Horse-drawn carriages clop along the cobblestones taking visitors for rides into the past. Tree-lined avenues, shop-filled blocks, and a world of creative cuisine are tucked away beside graceful homes from another century. Jazz and blues clubs abound from downtown to Laclede's Landing to Union Station. In the urban oasis of Forest Park you'll find the Great Park, the zoo, the art museum, science center, and history museum—all free of charge! And, of course, there's Busch Stadium, home of the St. Louis Cardinals.

Find out more about what St. Louis has to offer by checking into the Web sites at www.stlouissmissouri.org or www.getintostlouis.com.

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CVs and cover letters to interview techniques and follow-through advice. Subscribers can access an HPSA site introduction to every facility featured in any month's listings. Subscription terms are for 6, 9, or 12 months and come with a full money-back guarantee.

The program is currently adding a group of attorneys with nationwide experience in immigration and nat-

uralization regulations. This addition is designed to guide each subscriber to the right attorney for his or her individual needs, usually after a written employment agreement has been reached between the J-1 physician and an HPSA facility.

For more information about the program, contact Paul Harris or Renée Olita at doctorsincharge@hotmail.com or 970-884-7017.

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Other topics addressed in this track include attenuation correction in cardiac studies, cost effectiveness in oncology/cardiology, and multi-head gamma coincidence imaging.

Legislative/Regulatory

The Legislative/Regulatory track includes courses with emphases on legislative and regulatory matters in nuclear medicine. These are designed to give nuclear medicine professionals an understanding of current legislation and effects on the field. Future legislation and what nuclear medicine professionals can expect from regulatory organizations will

be addressed in several continuing education courses and categorical seminars.

Educators/Business

The Educators/Business track addresses the reality that many nuclear medicine professionals have varied roles and need continuing education in nonclinical areas, such as marketing and business management. Also included in this track are courses for nuclear medicine educators and students.

—Lauren M. Parr
SNM Course Manager

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als who work at interdisciplinary interfaces and do not fall into the traditional silos of the membership sections. Leadership of the IOM is especially concerned about the 'coastal-skewing' of membership: the Midwest is under-represented in comparison with the east and west coasts. Efforts are underway to encourage the nomination of distinguished scientists from the country's midsection.

In 1999 the NAS broke ground for a new building, located in the block formed by E and F and 5th and 6th

Streets in northwest Washington. This eleven-story building will house almost all of the program staff of the Academies and will have two floors of state-of-the-art conference areas, auditoria, and lecture rooms. The IOM will occupy the 7th and 8th floors of the building, scheduled for completion by fall of 2001.

For More Information

For information on the IOM and its programs, projects, and special events, visit the Web site at www4.nas.edu/IOM.

In Memoriam Dov Front, MD

Stanley Goldsmith, MD, past editor of *The Journal of Nuclear Medicine*, reported to Newsline the January 16 death of Dov Front, MD, PhD, in Haifa, Israel. Front was the Director of Nuclear Medicine at the Rambam Medical Center in Haifa. He held the Dr. Paul and Rose N. Geysler chair in clinical radiology at that center and was on the Technion medical faculty.

He was a frequent contributor to the nuclear medicine literature and a past member of the Society of Nuclear

Medicine. He is probably best known for his imaging studies of lymphoma using ^{67}Ga scintigraphy, with a recent focus on this technology as a predictor of response to therapy. Front trained many physicians who went on to make significant contributions in nuclear medicine, including Ora Israel, MD, his successor at the Rambam Medical Center, and Ruth Hardoff, MD, Director of Nuclear Medicine at the Beilinson Hospital of the Rabin Medical Center near Tel Aviv.