

SNM and International Initiatives

The annual meeting of the Society of Nuclear Medicine (SNM) is serving increasingly as an arena for collaboration and development among nuclear medicine researchers and practitioners from around the world. One third of the participants and one half of submitted abstracts for the 2000 SNM meeting (June 3–7) in St. Louis, MO, came from outside the United States.

In recognition of the Society's growing profile in world medicine, the SNM Board of Directors announced in St. Louis its intention to propose to host the 2010 annual meeting of the World Federation of Nuclear Medicine and Biology (WFNMB). The World Federation meeting is held every 4 y and has not been hosted by the United States since 1978. In a related move, the Board voted to support the application of Seoul, South Korea, as the site of the 2006 WFNMB meeting. The next meeting of the WFNMB will be held in Santiago, Chile, September 29–October 4, 2002.

The SNM Board also met in St. Louis with leaders of the European Association of Nuclear

Medicine (EANM) to formulate preliminary plans for a joint scientific research project. In addition, the EANM and SNM plan to host scientific sessions at one another's respective annual meetings in Paris (this month) and Toronto (2001). Such sessions for the international exchange of information take on special urgency as nuclear medicine continues to evolve differently in countries with diverse organizational and regulatory structures for medical practice and research. At the 2000 SNM meeting, ALSBIMN, the Latin American international organization, hosted a successful session on general nuclear medicine, and other such sessions are planned for the 2001 SNM meeting in Toronto.

SNM leaders also met in St. Louis with delegations from Italy, Korea, Spain, Germany, Japan, Chile, Thailand, Australia, New Zealand, and Canada. Talks with representatives of the Canadian Society of Nuclear Medicine (CSNM) addressed issues associated with forming a closer relationship between the SNM and CSNM and preparations for the Toronto meeting.

Symposium on Isotope and Radiation Applications in Taiwan

More than 500 physicians and other scientists attended the 2000 Symposium on Isotope and Radiation Applications (SIRA) at the Institute of Nuclear Energy Research (INER) in Lung-Tan, Taiwan, Republic of China (ROC), May 18–19, 2000. This biannual symposium was organized by INER and the Chung Hua Nuclear Society, with the assistance and support of 17 government agencies and private organizations, including the ROC Society of Nuclear Medicine.

The meeting's main theme was "Isotopes and Radiation Advancing Human Health," with 6 focal topics: radioisotope facilities and programs; isotope and radiation therapy; boron neutron capture therapy; radiation applications in agriculture, herbal medicine, and industry; functional imaging applications in medicine and pharmacology; and neuroimaging and



Organizers and invited speakers at the 2000 Symposium on Isotope and Radiation Applications, Lung-Tan, Taiwan, Republic of China, May 18–20, 2000.

applications. The organizing committee invited 16 scientists and physicians from the United States, Canada, Australia, Japan, South Korea,

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