

SNM Annual Meeting in Toronto, June 18–22, 2005

For its 52nd Annual Meeting, the SNM will return to Toronto, Canada, with enhanced scientific and educational offerings, expanded poster categories, an entertaining agenda of social events, and more! The 2005 meeting will be held June 18–22 at Toronto's Metro Convention Centre, where the Society met in 2001.

To meet the unique learning needs of annual meeting attendees, the SNM Scientific Program Committee and the SNM Technologist Section (SNMTS) Program Committee have teamed to present an educational and scientific program



Air Canada Center at night with the Space Needle in the background. Photo credit: Tourism Toronto.

Categorical Seminars

Full-day seminars on Saturday, June 18, will offer in-depth discussion on single topics of clinical or academic interest. To register for these courses visit www.snm.org/am.

Physician Categorical Seminars

CAT 1: PET/CT in Clinical Practice: "Nuts and Bolts" and Beyond

Organized by the Society of Nuclear Medicine Correlative Imaging Council

CAT 2: Dementia Imaging: Metabolism, Blood Flow, and Beyond

Organized by the Society of Nuclear Medicine Brain Imaging Council

CAT 3: An Introduction to Cancer Biology and the Development of Radiopharmaceuticals for Imaging and Treating Cancer

Organized by the Society of Nuclear Medicine Nuclear Oncology Diagnosis and Therapy Council

CAT 4: PET/CT in Oncology: Focus on the Referring Physician: What Does Your Referring Physician Want from PET/CT?

Organized by the Society of Nuclear Medicine PET Center of Excellence

CAT 5: PET/CT Instrumentation: What's Available and How it Works

Organized by the Society of Nuclear Medicine Computer and Instrumentation Council

CAT 6: Cardiovascular Molecular Imaging: A View to Clinical Applications

Organized by the Society of Nuclear Medicine Cardiovascular Council

CAT 7: Pediatric PET, PET/CT, and CT Anatomy for the Nuclear Medicine Physician

Organized by the Society of Nuclear Medicine Pediatric Imaging Council

Technologist Categorical Seminars

Organized by the Society of Nuclear Medicine Technologist Section

TSCAT 8: Nuclear Oncology: Past, Present, and Future

TSCAT 9: PET/CT: The Tried and True and a Look at What's New!

TSCAT 10: Nuclear Cardiology Primer: Understanding the Basics of Nuclear Cardiology

SNM 52nd Annual Meeting at a Glance*

Saturday, June 18

7:15 AM–10:30 AM	House of Delegates Meeting
10:00 AM–6:00 PM	Categorical Seminars
2:00 PM–3:30 PM	Technologist Section Advocacy Boot Camp
6:00 PM–8:00 PM	Welcome Reception
8:00 PM–Midnight	Saturday Evening Event: Broadway North

Sunday, June 19

6:45 AM–8:15 AM	“Daybreak” CE Session: Grantsmanship
7:30 AM–8:30 AM	Concert
8:30 AM–10:00 AM	Opening Plenary
10:00 AM–5:00 PM	Exhibit Hall
10:00 AM–7:30 PM	Scientific and Educational Poster Hall
10:30 AM–12:00 PM	CE Courses and Scientific Abstract Presentations
10:30 AM–12:00 PM	Technologist Plenary
12:00 PM–1:00 PM	Technologist Section First Timer’s Lunch
12:00 PM–2:30 PM	Visit the Exhibit Hall/Lunch
1:00 PM–2:30 PM	Technologist CE Courses and Scientific Abstract Presentations
2:30 PM–4:00 PM	CE Courses and Scientific Abstract Presentations
4:00 PM–4:30 PM	Technologist Section: Visit the Exhibit Hall
4:15 PM–5:45 PM	CE Courses and Scientific Abstract Presentations
6:00 PM–6:45 PM	“Meet the Author” Session I
6:30 PM–8:30 PM	User Meetings Group 1
6:45 PM–7:30 PM	“Meet the Author” Session II

Monday, June 20

6:00 AM–8:00 AM	User Meetings Group 2
7:00 AM–7:00 PM	Scientific and Educational Poster Hall
8:00 AM–9:30 AM	CE Courses and Scientific Abstract Presentations
9:00 AM–5:00 PM	Exhibit Hall

9:45 AM–11:15 AM	Second Plenary Session
11:15 AM–12:30 PM	Dedicated Exhibits/Lunch
12:30 PM–2:00 PM	CE Courses and Scientific Abstract Presentations
2:00 PM–2:30 PM	Dedicated Exhibits
2:30 PM–3:15 PM	“Meet the Author” Session III
2:30 PM–4:00 PM	CE Courses
3:15 PM–4:00 PM	“Meet the Author” Session IV
4:00 PM–4:30 PM	Dedicated Exhibits
4:30 PM–6:00 PM	CE Courses and Scientific Abstract Presentations
6:30 PM–8:30 PM	User Meetings Group 3

Tuesday, June 21

6:00 AM–8:00 AM	User Meetings Group 4
7:00 AM–7:00 PM	Scientific and Educational Poster Hall
8:00 AM–9:30 AM	CE Courses and Scientific Abstract Presentations
8:30 AM–9:30 AM	Technologist Business Meeting
9:00 AM–5:00 PM	Exhibit Hall
9:45 AM–11:15 AM	Third Plenary Session
11:15 AM–12:30 PM	Dedicated Exhibits/Lunch
12:30 PM–2:00 PM	CE Courses and Scientific Abstract Presentations
2:00 PM–2:30 PM	Dedicated Exhibits
2:30 PM–4:00 PM	CE Courses and Scientific Abstract Presentations
4:00 PM–4:30 PM	Dedicated Exhibits
4:30 PM–5:15 PM	“Meet the Author” Session V
4:30 PM–6:00 PM	CE Courses
5:15 PM–6:00 PM	“Meet the Author” Session VI
9:00 PM–1:00 AM	Technologist Party

Wednesday, June 22

7:00 AM–11:15 AM	Scientific and Educational Poster Hall
8:00 AM–9:30 AM	CE Courses and Scientific Abstract Presentations
9:45 AM–11:15 AM	CE Courses and Scientific Abstract Presentations
11:30 AM–1:00 PM	Annual Meeting Highlights

*times subject to change

of unmatched quality. The varied offerings include categorical seminars, continuing education courses, scientific paper and poster sessions, and presentations by keynote speakers. Continuing education credits will be available for those attending these sessions.

In the exhibit hall, representatives from more than 190 top nuclear medicine industry, publishing, and organizational entities will showcase the latest products and services. The meeting will also feature a number of special events, including 3 plenary sessions, the presentations of

awards for specific and cumulative achievement, and, as always, many opportunities to network and socialize with members of the nuclear medicine community from around the world.

What’s New?

Clinicians and scientists will benefit from the new Basic Science “summary sessions,” highlighting the most important science topics presented in the Radiopharmaceutical Chemistry and Computer/Instrumentation tracks.

A substantial effort has gone into expanding the focus and content of posters presented at the meeting. A new Educational Exhibits poster category will include displays that summarize and review clinical or research topics. To increase the involvement of young professionals in SNM activities, the meeting planners this year will sponsor a new Young Professionals Poster session. Eligible applicants for this session include medical students, residents, fellows, graduate students, or young physicians or scientists less than 3 years out of training. The SNM, in association with the SNM Young Professionals Committee of the Academic Council, will recognize the best research-based or clinically oriented posters submitted to the Young Professionals Track.

In a new feature designed to enhance the learning experience of attendees and emphasize the international nature of the meeting, 2 posters will be presented from the Asian Regional Cooperative Council for Nuclear Medicine: "Molecular Imaging Using Sodium/Iodide Symporter Gene" and "Clinical Hypoxia Imaging Using SPECT in Patients with Cerebral, Myocardial, or Tumoral Hypoxia."

Attendees will also be able to test their interpretation skills by reading case-of-the-day posters from the Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center. Cases will change daily, and correct diagnoses will qualify submitters for entry in a lottery for complimentary registration at next year's SNM meeting in San Diego, CA. Answers to the previous days' questions will be available at snmCentre, the hub of Society activities in the convention center.

Additional Educational Offerings

Three special 2-day sessions will precede the formal opening of the meeting. One, designed for scientists and to be offered on June 17 and 18, will present "Transla-

tional Applications of Molecular Imaging and Radionuclide Therapy." Topics to be covered will include "In Vivo Tagging and Imaging Assays," "Technical Aspects of Small Animal Imaging," "In Vivo Imaging," and "Bench to Bedside Translational Studies: The Role of a Diagnostic Scan in Therapy Selection." The second 2-day session, to be offered on June 18 and 19, is a Nuclear Medicine Board Examination review course for residents seeking certification and physicians preparing for maintenance of certification. A similar 2-day course for technologists preparing for the Nuclear Medicine Technology Certification Board Examination will also be offered on June 18 and 19 and will include a mock examination.

A 3-day course, "CT Workshop: Radiology-Based Training for the Nuclear Medicine Technologist", will be offered June 18–20, and is designed to prepare nuclear medicine technologists for the CT Certification Examination. Lectures and presentations will focus on cross-sectional anatomy, radiation exposure, instrumentation, 3D and 4D imaging protocols, and SPECT and PET/CT applications.

Get organized with the SNM Online Meeting Planner, scheduled to launch in April 2005. This user-friendly tool is a virtual personal assistant that allows attendees to log on and find the information they need to make the most of their time at the annual meeting. Attendees will find everything from session schedules and course topics to faculty bios, CE credit information, and more. After launch, the Online Meeting planner will be available at www.snm.org/meetingplanner.

Watch the SNM 2005 Annual Meeting Web site (www.snm.org/am) for more information or see the preliminary program mailed with this issue of *JNM*. ✨

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through radiopharmaceutical development and molecular nuclear medicine activities to study uses of radioisotopes for noninvasive diagnosis and targeted, internal molecular radiotherapy. The current programs also encourage the development of a new generation of radiolabeled molecules and technologies for molecular delivery of radioisotopes.

The Effects of Deep Budget Cuts

Most, if not all, of these efforts would be seriously undermined by the proposed cuts, which would be exacerbated by other proposed funding reductions to the DOE national laboratory infrastructure. Under the 2006 budget request, the total DOE budget would drop by 2%, from \$23.9 billion in FY 2005 to \$23.4 billion, and the total Office of Science budget would be reduced by 3.8%, from \$3,599.6

million to \$3,462.7 million. Overall, BER programs would be cut by more than 21%. Thakur noted that the almost two-thirds reduction in the portion of the BER budget designated for medical applications does not even adequately reflect the severity of cuts to nuclear medicine. "Much of the remaining \$13.6 million is actually slated to go to non-nuclear medicine purposes," he said. "The loss to nuclear medicine through these proposed cuts would be truly devastating to researchers in our field, many of whom will be forced to leave ongoing projects uncompleted and curtail plans for investigations that promised significant insights and potential patient benefit."

Details on the 2006 FY proposed budget for the DOE Office of Science are available in a budget highlights document at: www.mbe.doe.gov/budget/06budget/Content/Highlights/06_highlights.pdf under Section 3, Science (p. 72).