

SNM Annual Meeting Focuses on Molecular Imaging/Nuclear Medicine Research

Research covering the most recent advances in understanding, diagnosing, and treating some of the most troubling and intractable diseases of modern times will be shared in more than 1,600 scientific presentations and posters during SNM's 53rd Annual Meeting, June 3–7, at the San Diego Convention Center.

More than 4,000 physicians, technologists, scientists, and pharmacists are expected at the meeting, the world's largest event for molecular imaging and nuclear medicine professionals. The educational and scientific program at the 53rd Annual Meeting is tailored to provide attendees with the most current and important information available in the field. SNM and SNMTS will also present about 100 continuing education courses focusing on PET/CT, cardiovascular imaging, brain imaging, pediatric nuclear medicine, oncology diagnosis and therapy, and radiation safety.

"Medical practitioners, technologists, scientists, physicists, and pharmacists from around the world come to this premier scientific and educational event to discover just how far molecular imaging and nuclear medicine have pushed our understanding of human disease," said SNM President Peter S. Conti, MD, PhD. "From Alzheimer's to schizophrenia, from breast cancer to thyroid cancer, molecular imaging and nuclear medicine research have a proven record of leading to improvements in the diagnosis and treatment of life-threatening diseases that affect millions each year."

Among the featured speakers will be:

- Simon R. Cherry, PhD, professor of biomedical engineering and director of the Center for Molecular and Genomic Imaging, University of California, Davis. Cherry will present, "Of Mice and Men and Positrons: Advances in PET Imaging Technology," as the annual Henry Wagner Lecture on Sunday, June 4, from 8:30 to 10:00 AM.
- Alexander Gottschalk, MD, a pioneer researcher and author who helped shape modern medical imaging, will address "How to Interpret and Report the V/Q Scan in the Post PIOPED II Era" during the Cassen Lectureship on Monday, June 5, 9:45–10:45 AM. Gottschalk worked with the first clinically useful prototype Anger scintillation camera and performed the first dynamic camera studies of the brain and heart using ^{99m}Tc .
- C.W. Metcalf, expert in stress management and adapting to change, reveals "Life Skills for the 21st



The buttresses lounge at the San Diego Convention Center provides a place for informal meetings and spectacular views of the city.

Century" during the SNM Technologist Section's June 4 plenary session, 12:45–2:15 PM. Metcalf is the co-author of *Lighten Up: Survival Skills for People Under Pressure*.

- Henry N. Wagner, Jr., MD, director of the division of radiation health sciences at Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, MD, will once again discuss what's on the horizon for the molecular imaging/nuclear medicine profession during his annual Highlights Lecture on Wednesday, June 7, from 11:30 AM to 1:00 PM. In his 29th Highlights Lecture, Wagner will summarize the meeting's significant findings and current trends in molecular imaging/nuclear medicine. Wagner will also announce his annual Image of the Year.

A full listing of all continuing education programs, scientific sessions, and other events is available at www.snm.org/am under EDUCATIONAL AND SCIENTIFIC PROGRAM. ✧