

Two Annual Lectureships Introduced at SNM 2006

Two new lectureships were introduced at the June 2006 SNM Annual Meeting held in San Diego, CA.

The annual lectureships were created to honor 2 nuclear medicine figures who made significant contributions to the field and who died in 2005: Hal O. Anger and Robert J. Lull, MD.

Heinrich R. Schelbert, MD, PhD, editor-in-chief of *The Journal of Nuclear Medicine* and professor of molecular and medical pharmacology at the University of California at Los Angeles (UCLA), was selected to present the first 2006 Hal O. Anger Memorial Lecture on June 6. The Academic Council and the Education and Research Foundation for SNM jointly sponsored the presentation, which was titled “Tips for Getting Your Article, Abstract, or Exhibit Accepted.”



Heinrich Schelbert

“It is quite an honor to deliver a lecture named for a great man who is credited with developing the gamma camera and who revolutionized the nuclear medicine profession,” said Schelbert, the George V. Taplin professor of nuclear medicine at the David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA.

Schelbert’s major research interest has been the development and validation of noninvasive radionuclide imaging techniques for the study of cardiovascular function and the application of these novel techniques in the study of functional and metabolic consequences of coronary artery disease. Among his major accomplishments are the discovery of the specific pattern of blood flow and metabolism in chronically dysfunctional myocardium that is predictive of potential reversibility and the development and validation of PET-based techniques for measuring regional myocardial blood flow in absolute units using ^{13}N -ammonia.

Schelbert, who was previously awarded the SNM Georg Charles de Hevesy Nuclear Pioneer Award for his distinguished contributions to nuclear medicine, has edited several books on cardiovascular imaging, has published more than 300 peer-reviewed articles, and still serves as a regular reviewer for numerous cardiology and nuclear medicine journals. He is a 2-time recipient of the Georg von Hevesy Prize from the World Federation of Nuclear Medicine and Biology.

Jannette Collins, MD, MEd, a physician in the radiology department at the University of Wisconsin Hospital

and Clinics Authority (Madison), presented the first Robert J. Lull Memorial Lecture on June 5. Her talk, “Presentation Skills: How to Prepare and Give a Better Talk,” was organized by the SNM Academic Council. “I was honored to give the first Robert J. Lull Memorial Lecture,” said Collins. “As my academic work and promotion was—and is—based on educational scholarship, it was very meaningful for me to deliver a lecture on an educational topic in memory of a man who was passionate about education. Before his untimely death, Dr. Lull and I were working with other interested individuals to further the collaboration between the program directors of diagnostic radiology and nuclear medicine. This work continues, and my presence at the SNM meeting as the current president of the Association of Program Directors in Radiology reflected the growing relationship between APDR, the Association of University Radiologists, and SNM.”

Collins’s medical interests include thoracic and breast imaging and the education of residents, medical students, faculty, and other health care providers. The lecture was presented in memory of Lull, a physician and director of the nuclear medicine residency program at the University of California, San Francisco, and chief of nuclear medicine service at San Francisco General Hospital. ✧



After presenting the first Robert J. Lull Memorial Lecture, Jannette Collins, right, received a plaque from Darlene Metter, outgoing president of the SNM Academic Council.