

Korea Hosts 9th WFNMB Congress

The 9th Congress of the World Federation of Nuclear Medicine and Biology (WFNMB) was held October 22–27 in Seoul, Korea. More than 3,480 participants from 75 countries attended scientific sessions, symposia, continuing medical education sessions, and summits and toured extensive commercial and scientific exhibits. Special features of the meeting were the social events and cultural presentations arranged by host members of the Korean Society of Nuclear Medicine.

“As a President of the WFNMB, it was my privilege and honor to serve the WFNMB office for the last 4 years, and I encourage continued support for the WFNMB and its activities,” said Myung-Chul Lee, MD, who served as WFNMB president in the years leading up to the congress.

“On behalf of the organizing committee, it was also our great pleasure to host such a prestigious congress,” said Soo-Kwo Chung, MD, chair of the congress organizing



Opening ceremonies included marching bands, musical performances, traditional dances, and high-tech video displays.



Myung-Chul Lee, MD, WFNMB president, welcomed attendees to the 9th Congress.

committee. “We hope that all attendees had a memorable time during the congress and look forward to meeting them again in the future congresses.”

Statistics published by the organizers indicate the international nature of the meeting and worldwide interest in rapidly evolving nuclear medicine techniques. Invited speakers came from Asia and Oceania (43%), Europe (25%), North America (29%), Latin America (2%), and Africa (1%). The top 5 topics presented in oral and poster presentations were PET applications in oncology (151), radiochemistry and radiopharmacy (103), cardiology (96), neuroscience (88), and non-PET oncology.

The February year-in-review issue of Newsline will include additional reports from the WFNMB meeting, along with messages from the new president and from attendees at the 2 world summits held in conjunction with the meeting. For additional information and an extraordinarily comprehensive photographic and video record of the meeting and allied activities, visit www.wfnmb.org/congress2006/index.htm. ✨