

# SNM Salutes Outstanding Contributors at 54th Annual Meeting

**M**ore than 4,000 doctors, scientists, and technologists attended the 54th Annual Meeting of SNM in Washington, DC, June 2–6. In addition to scientific sessions, poster presentations, special sessions, and a large technical exposition, several awards in recognition of outstanding service and achievement were presented during the meeting.

## Presidential Distinguished Service Award

Tom R. Miller, MD, PhD, professor of radiology in the Division of Nuclear Medicine at the Mallinckrodt Institute of Radiology at the Washington University School of Medicine (St. Louis, MO) received the SNM Presidential Distinguished Service Award on June 4. “With this award, SNM recognizes Tom Miller’s many significant contributions to the molecular imaging and nuclear medicine community. Dr. Miller has assisted in many areas for the society, including education, annual meetings, and publications,” said Martin P. Sandler, MD, 2006–2007 SNM president. “Dr. Miller has shown exemplary leadership throughout his career and has enhanced the society and our profession. He is a visionary for education. As chair for the SNM Committee on Education, he directed a strategic plan that has been successfully accomplished and is still a working document today. He oversaw the complete turnaround of our education program from in-person activities to online activities; this alone was a major accomplishment.”

Miller, who is also a professor of biomedical engineering, served for several years as chair of the SNM Scientific Program Committee. He is the former chair of the American Board of Nuclear Medicine (ABNM). His research focuses on PET tumor imaging and developing effective PET imaging agents for prostate cancer. Board certified in nuclear medicine and diagnostic radiology, Miller has been listed several times in the “Best Doctors of America.” A fellow of the American College of Radiology, he is also a senior member of the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE).

Miller received his bachelor’s degree from the California Institute of Technology (Pasadena) and his doctorate in nuclear physics from Stanford University (CA). A Fulbright Fellow in physics, Miller was a National Institutes of Health (NIH) postdoctoral fellow in radiology at the



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University of Missouri (Columbia) and an NIH postdoctoral fellow in physics at the M.D. Anderson Hospital and Tumor Institute (Houston, TX). He received his medical degree from the University of Missouri and completed his residency at the Mallinckrodt Institute of Radiology. He has authored several books, book chapters, and numerous journal articles.

## Presidential Distinguished Educator Award

Eva V. Dubovsky, MD, PhD, professor with the University of Alabama Birmingham (UAB) Health System, received the SNM Presidential Distinguished Educator Award on June 4. Dubovsky directed the SNM Nuclear Medicine Board Review course for many years and has been active in resident and fellow education.

Dubovsky received her medical degree from Charles University (Prague, Czechoslovakia), where she completed her internship and residency. She was a fellow at both Charles University and UAB. Her clinical interests include general nuclear medicine, renal nuclear medicine, and renal transplantation nuclear medicine. She is certified by the ABNM and has Czech certifications in nuclear medicine and as a nuclear medicine specialist. She has served as secretary and treasurer of SNM and as president of the society’s



Dubovsky, left, accepted the Presidential Distinguished Educator Award from Sandler at the second plenary session on June 4.

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Southeastern Chapter. She is a member of the ABNM and chair of the nuclear medicine residency review committee.

### Academic Council Lifetime Achievement Award

Alan H. Maurer, MD, professor of radiology and medicine and director of nuclear medicine at the School of Medicine at Temple University, Philadelphia, PA, was awarded the SNM Academic Council Lifetime Achievement Award on June 2.

Maurer's research interests include cardiac ventricular function and myocardial perfusion studies, gastrointestinal motility, and PET/CT molecular imaging. He holds bachelor's degrees in electrical engineering and human studies from Brown University (Providence, RI), a master's degree in biomedical electrical engineering from the University of Pennsylvania (Philadelphia), and a medical degree from the Temple University School of Medicine.



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### Kuhl-Lassen Lecture Award for Research in Brain Imaging

Richard E. Carson, PhD, professor of diagnostic radiology and biomedical engineering and codirector of the PET Center at Yale University, New Haven, CT, received the Kuhl-Lassen Lecture Award for Research in Brain Imaging on June 3. This annual award, presented by the SNM Brain Imaging Council, honors a scientist who has made significant contributions to the field of functional brain imaging using SPECT and/or PET. Carson's lecture topic was "Quantitative Neuroreceptor Imaging with PET: Madness in the Methods or Method to the Madness."

Before his tenure at Yale, Carson served as senior scientist and chief of the modeling and physics section in

the PET department at NIH. He received his doctorate from the Department of Biomathematics, School of Medicine, at the University of California, Los Angeles, and his bachelor's degree in applied mathematics/biology from Brown University.

Carson's research uses PET to measure a wide range of physiology, focusing on the development and applications of new tracer kinetic modeling methods and algorithms and on research in PET image reconstruction and image quantification. A primary focus of his biologic applications is the measurement of dynamic changes in neurotransmitters.

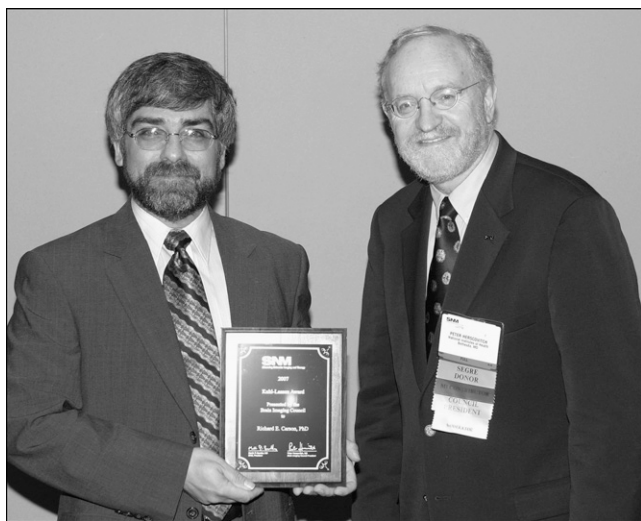
### Hermann Blumgart Award

On June 3, the SNM Cardiovascular Council recognized Marcelo F. Di Carli, MD, chief of nuclear medicine and director of noninvasive cardiovascular imaging at Brigham and Women's Hospital (Boston, MA), with the Hermann Blumgart Award for his pioneering work in cardiovascular radionuclide imaging and services. Di Carli is also an associate professor of radiology and medicine at the Harvard Medical School (Boston, MA).

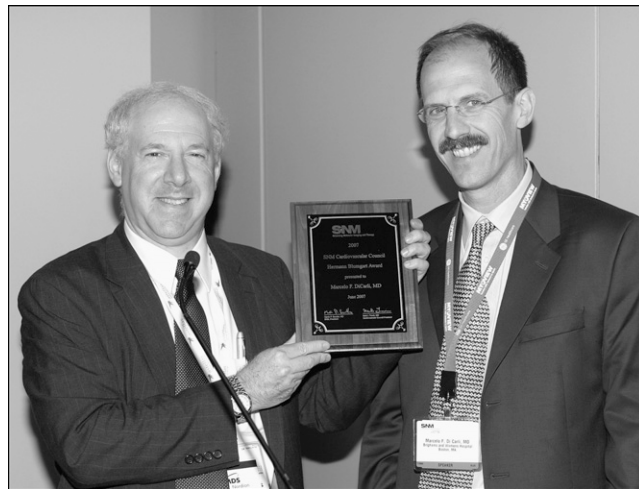
Di Carli's research interests include PET, myocardial blood flow and metabolism, and cardiac autonomic function. He received his medical degree from the University of Buenos Aires (Argentina). At the Institute of Cardiology and Cardiovascular Surgery, Favaloro Foundation (Buenos Aires) he completed his residency in nuclear medicine and a fellowship in cardiovascular disease. He completed a clinical fellowship in nuclear medicine at the University of California, Los Angeles, School of Medicine.

### Edward Hoffman Memorial Award

Joel S. Karp, PhD, director of the Department of Radiology PET Center with the University of Pennsylvania (Penn) Health System (Philadelphia), was named as the recipient of the Edward Hoffman Memorial Award on June 4.



Carson, left, was presented with the Kuhl-Lassen Award by Peter Herscovitch, MD, outgoing president of the SNM Brain Imaging Council.



Di Carli, right, accepted the Hermann Blumgart Award from Mark I. Travin, MD, outgoing Cardiovascular Council president.

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well as 4 book chapters and 1 book. Her interest and major contributions are in the area of radiation dose to the fetus and pregnant female. She served on the National Council on Radiation Protection and Measurements subcommittee on "Placental transfer of radionuclides" from 1986 to 1998. She also served on the editorial board of *The Journal of Nuclear Medicine* and as a consultant to the U.S. Food and Drug Administration Radiopharmaceutical Advisory Committee as well as to the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

Her contributions have been widely recognized. In 1993 she received the lifetime scientific achievement award from Women in Science. In 2000, the Southeast Chapter of SNM presented her with the Marshall Brucer Award for Distinguished Service to the Nuclear Medicine Community. She has also received awards from the Health Physics Society and the Federal Laboratory Consortium.

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**Marie Kijewski, DSc, current Computer and Instrumentation Council president, with Hoffman Award winner Karp and outgoing council president, James Halama, PhD, right.**

This annual award, presented by the SNM Computer and Instrumentation Council in memory of the former president of the IEEE Nuclear and Plasma Sciences Society, recognizes outstanding scientific contributions to the field of computers and instrumentation in nuclear medicine.

Karp has also served as director of the Penn Nuclear Medicine, Physics, and Instrumentation Group since 1988 and as a professor in the radiology department since 1999. In addition, he was a research associate professor from 1989 to 1993 and a research assistant professor, both with the Penn radiology department. Karp received his bachelor's

degree in physics from the State University of New York at Stony Brook and his doctorate in physics from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (Cambridge).

### **Berson-Yalow Award**

The authors of "Molecular Targeting of Prostate Cancer with Small Molecule Inhibitors of Prostate Specific Membrane Antigen (PSMA)" were presented with the Berson-Yalow Award on June 3. The SNM Scientific Program Committee funds this award, which is presented to investigators who have submitted the most original scientific abstracts and made significant contributions to basic or clinical radioassay.

John L. Joyal, PhD, who has been director of biology at Molecular Insight Pharmaceuticals, Inc. (Cambridge, MA) since 2005, accepted the award during the Radiopharmaceutical Sciences Council business meeting. Joyal has more than 20 years of oncology basic research and drug discovery experience, with expertise in cell and molecular biology, particularly in the areas of receptor biology, signal transduction pathways, and in vitro assay development. Before joining Molecular Insight, he was director of discovery research at Phylogix Pharmaceuticals (Waltham, MA), where he led a team evaluating the biology and mechanism of action of protein therapeutics for oncology supportive care. Abstract coauthors included K.P. Maresca, PhD; S.M. Hillier, PhD; F.J. Femia, PhD; C. Barone, PhD; C.N. Zimmerman, PhD; J.A. Barrett, PhD; W.C. Eckelman, PhD; and J.W. Babich, PhD.

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