

## *President's Letter*

It is my pleasure to report to you that plans are proceeding apace for the 12th Annual Meeting of the Society to be held at the Americana Hotel in Bal Harbour. The dates for the scientific program are June 17-19, 1965. The Scientific Program Committee under the able Chairmanship of Dr. Merrill Bender of Buffalo, New York has been very active and I believe that their program format will be both successful and effective. As you will note on page x in this issue, the Program Committee has issued their "First Call for Papers" together with appropriate instructions. The scientific program of a scientific society provides an opportunity for its members to inform its colleagues of new discoveries, techniques and procedures. There is indeed a great deal of basic and clinical research now being conducted within the field of nuclear medicine and as scientists it is our responsibility to make such information available, whether it be presented as a paper at the annual meeting, as a scientific exhibit, or an article in the Journal of Nuclear Medicine.

Dr. Joseph Workman of Baltimore, Maryland will serve as Chairman of the Scientific Exhibit Committee. Specific instructions for those who wish to prepare a scientific exhibit appears on page xi of this issue. Many who attended the Society's 11th Annual Meeting in California this past June indicated that the scientific exhibits proved to be a real highlight of the meeting. Ample space for scientific exhibits will be made available and we urge that you consider this graphic approach for presenting new scientific data in the field of nuclear medicine.

Professor G. Failla has been selected as the Nuclear Pioneer for the Society's Sixth Annual Nuclear Pioneer Lecture. Dr. Edith Quimby of New York City has graciously consented to present the Nuclear Pioneer Lecture honoring Professor Failla. The Society has been indeed most fortunate in receiving the acceptance of many world renowned scientists in presenting the Nuclear Pioneer Lecture Series. Such presentations have become the scientific high-point of our annual meetings.

The Local Arrangements Committee, under the Chairmanship of Dr. Albert Gilson of Coral Gables, Florida is hard at work preparing a most interesting calendar of social events of interest to both the men and women. More details will appear in subsequent issues of our Journal. I urge that all members of the Society, as well as interested non-members, to mark their calendars and set aside the third week of June 1965 as an opportunity for relaxation as well as continuing education in nuclear medicine. Attractive hotel rates have been arranged for the entire family, including your children.

At the request of the AMA Liaison Committee, it is suggested that society members, who are now making plans to either present papers or prepare a scientific exhibit for the forthcoming Annual Meeting of the American Medical Association (to be held in New York City, June 20-24, 1965) request that their application be included in the Section on Nuclear Medicine. The reasons, I am sure, are obvious and will greatly enhance the eventuality of such a section being established by the American Medical Association.

The Society takes this opportunity to wish you and your family a very joyous holiday season and a happy and prosperous New Year.

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President