

that purpose we have offered discounted fees for members in training and have extended an invitation to technologists and technologists in training to join the NOC. We continue to develop collaborations between the various councils and sections of the SNM. These activities are essential in our

efforts to strengthen the common cause of SNM and to nurture the professional aspirations and needs of our membership.

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From the SNM Radiopharmaceutical Sciences Council

This has been a very active year for the SNM Radiopharmaceutical Sciences Council (RPSC) as a result of continuing isotope supply issues. In addition, RPSC has undergone a “re-imagination” of our scientific and continuing education programming. One of my goals has been to ensure RPSC participation and representation in all SNM activities related to our 3 areas of competency: (1) molecular imaging; (2) radiochemistry and radiopharmaceuticals; and (3) dosimetry.

The RPSC has focused on providing value to its members and advocating on their behalf. We have accomplished several goals this year. At the SNM Annual Meeting in Toronto, Canada, we were proud to present the first Michael J. Welch, PhD, Award to Wynn Volkert, PhD, from the University of Missouri. Dr. Volkert is a long-standing member of the RPSC and has made significant contributions to the SNM molecular imaging community. We look forward to designating future awardees for this important prize.

Another major accomplishment for this year was the re-categorization of the Radiopharmaceutical Chemistry Track at the SNM Annual Meeting to better reflect the radiopharmaceutical science that we do and to stay in touch with other changes in the SNM program, such as new molecular imaging initiatives. Other important accomplishments were the categorical seminar on “Molecular Imaging of Hypoxia Biology,” presented at the meeting in Toronto, as well as the 3 continuing education sessions organized by our members: Pradeep Garg, PhD; Robert Mach, PhD; Sally Schwarz, MS; Jeffery P. Norenberg, PharmD; and Henry Van Brocklin, PhD. Another highlight was the well-attended basic sciences summary session presented by Welch. The poster/mixer session, which

allowed time to view posters and enjoy refreshments, was a huge success because of an increase in sponsorship, good publicity, and improved organization at the mixer.

Two full educational sessions were held at the 2010 SNM Mid-Winter Meeting in Albuquerque, NM. The educational topic was “Development of a Radiopharmaceutical for Molecular Imaging—from Bench to Bedside.” The 2 sessions included 8 speakers and were designed for clinicians, scientists, pharmacists, and technologists wishing to gain experience in the rapidly evolving field of molecular imaging, especially in PET and SPECT imaging. The role of nuclear medicine imaging was discussed, including constraints involved in developing new and novel imaging agents.

For the 2010 SNM Annual Meeting in Salt Lake City, UT, we are organizing 3 continuing education sessions. The first is cosponsored by the National Cancer Institute on the development of radiopharmaceuticals, and the second is cosponsored by the SNM Molecular Imaging Center of Excellence on apoptosis. The third session will focus on animal imaging.

I look forward to another productive year for the RPSC and to working together with the other councils to achieve our educational goals.

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From the American College of Nuclear Medicine

The newly expanded American College of Nuclear Medicine (ACNM) has nearly 620 members. The journal *Clinical Nuclear Medicine*, which all college members will receive, will feature the logo of the ACNM on its cover, and we will have articles in it every month. We will write about such topics as reimbursement, politics, regulatory issues, leadership, availability of radiopharmaceuticals, residency

training, and college activities. Selected biographical sketches of leaders in the ACNM will also be included.

Our 2010 annual meeting will feature lectures on pulmonary imaging, radiopharmaceutical developments, SPECT and PET/CT, MR imaging for nuclear medicine professionals, etc. Also included will be talks on federal government interactions and events in the District of