

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

Columbia, mentoring in organizations, financing university imaging departments, and ways to lead during a period of change. A group discussion will focus on tips for job searching. Prizes will be given to the best abstract presentations, and young attendees giving the best presentations will be able to compete to attend a meeting in China later this year.

The ACNM also offers members of our Residents Organization (RO) leadership lectures and the opportunity to link up with an experienced mentor from another institution. *The Scintillator* is the name of our new RO newsletter. The RO has undertaken multiple new educational initiatives. In December, I arranged a conference including the president of the RO, the head of the SNM Young Professionals Committee, the leader of the fellows and residents of the American College of Radiology (ACR), and several SNM officers. All educational material on the Web sites of these societies of young physicians will be available free for all nuclear medicine and

radiology residents. ACNM and SNM representatives have also offered to give live and/or webinar talks for residents in radiology.

The joint Government Relations Committee of the SNM and ACNM includes many individuals from the ACNM. The ACNM has a seat on the ACR Council, whereas the SNM does not. We and SNM both send representatives to the Intersociety Summit Meeting. The ACNM works with many other groups to keep our fingers on the pulse of what is happening in Washington and to try to influence events. For more information, visit our Web site at www.acnmonline.org.



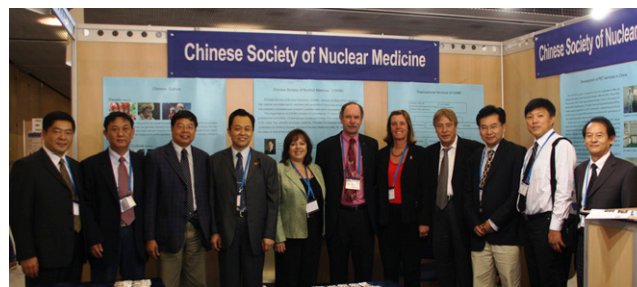
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Sino-American Conference Planned

The Chinese Society of Nuclear Medicine (CSNM) and SNM announced in December plans for a joint Sino-American Conference on Nuclear Medicine to be held in Beijing, China, October 28–31, with a focus on education and advancement of young professionals. Plans for the conference originated in a proposal brought by CSNM leaders to SNM leaders at the European Association of Nuclear Medicine annual meeting in Barcelona, Spain, in October 2009. A detailed proposal was jointly prepared, and the program is currently under development. The conference will feature a plenary session, in which leaders from both the CSNM and SNM will provide keynote addresses; image interpretation sessions; a young professionals presentation “tournament”; and continuing education offerings, as well as local tours and social events.

In early December, SNM leadership met with Erin Grady, MD, president of the American College of Nuclear Medicine Residents Organization, and K.G. Bennet, MD, chair of the SNM Young Professionals Committee, to solicit participation from their respective organizations. SNM plans to sponsor conference attendance by at least 2 residents. Criteria for selection of these individuals, to be based on quality of abstracts submitted by residents/young professionals for the SNM Annual Meeting, are being finalized at Newsline press time. Members of the conference



In Barcelona, Spain, in October 2009, CSNM and SNM leaders discussed plans for the conference.

organizing committee include: Jiahe Tian, MD; president of CSNM; Tie Wang, MD, vice president of CSNM; Rui An, MD, vice president of CSNM; Ruimin Wang, MD, secretary of CSNM; Fang Li, MD, president of the Beijing Nuclear Medicine Society and member of CSNM's Standing Committee; Michael M. Graham, MD, PhD, president of SNM; Dominique Delbeke, MD, PhD, president elect of SNM; and George Segall, MD, vice president elect of SNM. Details about the conference will be highlighted on the SNM Web site (www.snm.org) in the near future.

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