

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.



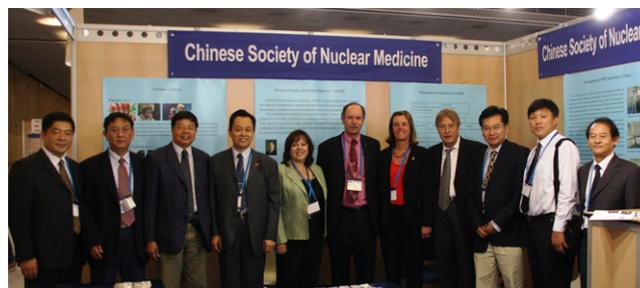
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Sino-American Conference Planned

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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