

New Officers for SNMMI and SNMMI-TS

At the SNMMI Annual Meeting in St. Louis, MO, during the second week of June, both the SNMMI and SNMMI Technologist Section (SNMMI-TS) welcomed new officers. Elected at an earlier meeting by the membership of the 2 organizations, these individuals will serve in these positions through 2015.

SNMMI President

Peter Herscovitch, MD, director of the PET Department at the National Institutes of Health (NIH) Clinical Center in Bethesda, MD, became 2014–2015 SNMMI president. He holds a medical degree from McGill University and completed his internship and residency at Royal Victoria Hospital, both in Montreal, Canada. He completed a residency in neurology at McGill University and a fellowship in PET at the Mallinckrodt Institute of Radiology at Washington University School of Medicine (St. Louis, MO). Herscovitch was an attending physician at Barnes Hospital and an instructor and assistant professor of neurology and radiology at Washington University School of Medicine. He has served at the NIH Clinical Center since 1987. He was named chief of the PET section that year and in 2005 was appointed director of the PET department. He is certified by the National Board of Medical Examiners and the Royal College of Physicians of Canada.

An SNMMI member since 1983, Herscovitch has been involved in many councils, committees, task forces, and other groups. He served most recently as SNMMI president-elect, chaired the Scientific Program Committee, served on the Center for Molecular Imaging Innovation and Translation board of directors, and was a member of the Ethics and Education Committees. He received the Kuhl–Lassen Brain Imaging Award in 2000. He is also a member of the Radiological Society of North America, American College of Physicians, American Academy of Neurology, International Society of Cerebral Blood Flow and Metabolism, and World Molecular Imaging Society. He has published more than 160 peer-reviewed journal articles and authored 3 books and 33 book chapters.

“As the society celebrates its 60th anniversary, as president, I would like to build on the accomplishments of my predecessors,” said Herscovitch. “We will strengthen the practice of clinical nuclear medicine and develop quality measures and evidence-based guidelines through our new Department of Evidence and Quality. In addition, we will actively pursue the translation of new radiopharmaceuticals to the clinic and will enhance our outreach program to both patients and health care professionals to increase understanding and awareness.” He added that he will place



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emphasis on not only retaining but increasing SNMMI membership: “We are a specialized society that provides unique benefits and programs for nuclear medicine and molecular imaging professionals. It’s important to ensure that professionals know of these services and take advantage of them.”

SNMMI President-Elect

Hossein Jadvar, MD, PhD, MPH, MBA, tenured associate professor of radiology and of biomedical engineering at the University of Southern California (USC), became 2014–2015 SNMMI president-elect. He received his undergraduate degree in chemical engineering from Iowa State University (Ames) followed by a master of science in biomedical engineering from the University of Wisconsin (Madison) and a master of science in computer engineering, as well as a doctorate in bioengineering, from the University of Michigan (Ann Arbor). He received his medical degree from the University of Chicago Pritzker School of Medicine (IL) and a master of public of health degree from Harvard University (Cambridge, MA), as well as an executive master of business administration degree from USC.



Hossein Jadvar, MD, PhD, MPH, MBA

Jadvar has been an attending physician at USC Keck Medical Center and Norris Comprehensive Cancer Center since 1999. He has served in the capacities of physician, educator, and researcher in nuclear medicine and molecular imaging. His involvement with SNMMI includes serving as SNMMI vice president-elect, member of the House of Delegates, a director-at-large on the SNMMI Board of Directors, president of the PET Center of Excellence, chair of the Committee on Publications, member of the SNMMI Correlative Imaging Council Board of Directors, and member of *The Journal of Nuclear Medicine* editorial board. He also served as vice chair of the SNMMI Scientific Program Committee. Jadvar is a member of SNMMI’s Pacific Southwest Chapter and is on the Steering Committee of the Western Regional Society of Nuclear Medicine (WRSNM). He is a past recipient of the SNMMI Mark Tetalman Young Investigator Award and the WRSNM Distinguished Scientist Award. He has published more than 95 journal articles, 3 books, and 23 book chapters and holds 9 patents.

“Over the next year I will continue to direct my focus to shepherding the execution of the recently developed SNMMI strategic plan in a timely and effective manner,” said Jadvar. “As we begin the second year of this 3-year plan, we have refined our goals and tactics, and implementation will take on significant importance.” He plans to encourage activities to increase the appropriate utilization

of radioisotope therapy—one of the main goals of the strategic plan: “A new SNMMI Radioisotope Therapy Center of Excellence has been proposed that will give focus to and create a home for this important and rapidly expanding area within nuclear medicine. The goal of the center would be to create synergy among the current and future efforts of the SNMMI in this area.”

SNMMI Vice President-Elect

Sally W. Schwarz, MS, RPh, research associate professor in radiology at Washington University School of Medicine (St. Louis, MO), assumed office as 2014–2015 SNMMI vice president-elect. She is codirector of the cyclotron facility and is a PET nuclear pharmacist for the Mallinckrodt Institute of Radiology cyclotron at Washington University. She received her bachelor of science degree in pharmacy from the University of Iowa (Iowa City) and her master of science degree in radiopharmacy from the University of Southern California (Los Angeles). She is board certified in nuclear pharmacy by the American Pharmacists Association. She has held other academic roles at Washington University, including research scientist in radiology and research instructor in radiology, as well as serving as a nuclear pharmacist for the division of nuclear medicine.

Within SNMMI, Schwarz currently serves as chair of the SNMMI Committee on Pharmacopeia and as cochair of the SNMMI Coalition for PET Drug Approval. She has held many positions within the Radiopharmaceutical Sciences Council, including president, and has been appointed to serve on the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) Taskforce and the Clinical Trials Network Manufacturing Committee. Schwarz has dedicated many years to the Missouri Valley SNMMI chapter, serving as councilor. She serves on the Physical Analysis Expert Committee for the United States Pharmacopeia, is chair of the Washington University Positron-Emitting Radionuclides and Cyclotron Safety Subcommittee, and serves on the editorial board for *Nuclear Medicine and Biology* and as treasurer for the International Society of Radiopharmaceutical Sciences, among other activities. She has published 23 journal articles and 11 book chapters and has been an invited speaker for more than 50 presentations.

Schwarz’s goals for the coming year include educating members on the documentation needed for various regulatory requirements, developing a commercial and academic group to interface with the FDA on new clinical PET drugs, and gathering core resources for investigational compounds that show promise for FDA approval to help facilitate access to research compounds, enabling clinical trials. “As a nuclear pharmacist, I have a unique perspective and have worked with diverse groups of people including clinicians,



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researchers, technologists, and regulatory groups,” said Schwarz. “I would like to facilitate movement of new imaging and therapeutic drugs into humans for clinical trials and work with the FDA to expedite the review and approval process.”

SNMMI-TS President

April Mann, MBA, CNMT, NCT, RT(N), manager of Noninvasive Cardiology at Hartford Hospital (CT), was elected 2014–2015 president for the SNMMI-TS. She began her career in nuclear medicine technology nearly 25 years ago as a staff technologist and, since 1991, has been employed at Hartford Hospital. She has served there in several roles, including technologist, supervisor, and manager, with a focus on nuclear cardiology.



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Mann has served in many SNMMI-TS positions, most recently as SNMMI-TS president-elect, Finance Committee chair, and on the Membership and Publications Committees. An active member of the SNMMI New England Chapter Technologist Section, she has also served her region since 1996, including as 2012–2013 president of the chapter and as administrator for the past 13 years. Within the field, Mann has contributed as a leader in multiple capacities, serving on the Nuclear Medicine Technology Certification Board, on the board of directors for the Intersocietal Commission of Accredited Nuclear Laboratories, and in several roles within the American Society of Nuclear Cardiology. She has published 20 journal articles and 4 books and given more than 150 presentations on nuclear medicine and molecular imaging.

Mann noted that the field of nuclear medicine and molecular imaging continues to face external pressures, including continued scrutiny as a result of patient radiation exposure, perceptions of overutilization of testing, decreases in reimbursement, and loss of technologist jobs. During her term, she will focus on providing training and education on the various credentialing pathways for technologists and will address quality and safety issues in regard to nuclear medicine technology. “Under the leadership of Scott Holbrook, BS, CNMT, the section has worked through several important initiatives that have helped to grow and change the field,” said Mann. “Over the next year, I plan to continue several of the initiatives started in the previous year, while adding a few additional areas of focus that, I hope, will strengthen the section and field.”

SNMMI-TS President-Elect

Aaron Scott, MIS, CNMT, NMAA, a nuclear medicine advanced associate at Gwinnett Medical Center (Lawrenceville, GA), became 2014–2015 SNMMI-TS president-elect. He received a bachelor of science degree in biology from Clark Atlanta University (GA) as well as a bachelor of

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