

SNMMI Mid-Winter Meeting Warms Up in Orlando

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SNMMI is excited to kick off the new year with the 2016 Mid-Winter Meeting, to be held January 28–31 at the Hilton Walt Disney World Hotel in Orlando, FL. This 4-day event will bring together leading molecular imaging and nuclear medicine professionals representing the world's top medical and academic institutions and centers.

The SNMMI 2016 Mid-Winter Meeting will provide an in-depth review of advances in hybrid imaging, SPECT and amyloid PET, the role of PET/MR in molecular imaging, targeted radionuclide therapy, translational cardiovascular imaging, quantitative PET imaging in clinical research, emerging technologies, and much more. The meeting will begin on Thursday, January 28, with a full-day program sponsored by the American College of Nuclear Medicine (ACNM).

On Friday, January 29, we will begin the full 3-day SNMMI/SNMMI-TS educational program. These educational sessions have been designed in collaboration with several SNMMI councils and will cover a wide variety of topics that include emerging and established roles of imaging in heart failure, ^{18}F -FDG PET monitoring of tumoral response, first-in-human PET and imaging tracers, theranostics in nuclear medicine, radioactive therapy and Graves ophthalmopathy, and an update on the final 2015 American Thyroid Association guidelines.

We are excited to collaborate with ACNM once again to offer the popular CT Case Review course for nuclear physicians. On Friday and Saturday, January 29 and 30, more than 80 cases—including head and neck, chest, abdomen and pelvis, and musculoskeletal system—will be reviewed for credit. In addition, an MRI Case Review session will be held on Saturday and will include 20 cases on the brain and body.

The technologist track will include the future of imaging in nuclear medicine, opportunities for nuclear medicine technologists, and achieving quality and safety for the patient. The SNMMI-TS will also host their annual Leadership Academy, which will assemble a group of SNMMI-TS leaders who understand the crucial role of leadership development and are eager to begin the path to SNMMI-TS leadership and organizational success.

The SNMMI Mid-Winter Meeting will also offer attendees the opportunity to connect and meet new colleagues who share similar interests. The exhibit hall will be open during the day on Friday and Saturday in the South Ballroom of the Hilton. Attendees can meet with top companies who will share the latest technologies and products available in the field. The Friday evening exhibit hall reception is open to all meeting attendees.

The ACNM banquet and awards dinner will be held on Thursday, concluding the group's day-long program. During the dinner, ACNM leadership will recognize outstanding leaders in the field, as well as resident abstract winners.

I would like to thank the volunteers who have been instrumental in developing an amazing program for this year's meeting. These individuals include Satoshi Minoshima, MD, PhD, chair of SNMMI's Scientific Program Committee; Nicolaas Bohnen, MD, PhD, chair of SNMMI's Mid-Winter Meeting Scientific Program Committee; Eleanor S. Mantel, CNMT, NCT, chair of the SNMMI-TS Program Committee; and Erin Grady, MD, CCD, program chair of the ACNM meeting. Their dedication to the SNMMI 2016 Mid-Winter Meeting has ensured that the program will cover the relevant topics necessary to benefit our members.

In addition to the scientific sessions at the meeting, I encourage attendees to get out and discover all that Orlando has to offer. The city provides an array of options for every visitor to ensure an unforgettable experience. Visit the many theme parks, shopping, dining, arts, and culture and explore the exciting nightlife.

SNMMI is proud to have developed a program filled with leading educational offerings highlighting current trends in our profession. Registration is now open and additional information about the meeting, including housing, can be found at www.snmmi.org/mwm.



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