

SNMMI Mid-Winter Meeting Kicks Off New Year in Phoenix

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The SNMMI 2017 Mid-Winter Meeting will be held January 19–22 at the Arizona Grand in Phoenix, AZ. For 4 days, leading nuclear medicine and molecular imaging professionals from around the globe will gather to collaborate, share latest advances, celebrate successes, and discuss common interests and concerns.

Topics to be covered at the Mid-Winter Meeting include emerging technologies, latest developments in prostate cancer imaging and therapy, molecular imaging of infection, dose optimization in pediatric nuclear medicine, clinical neuroimaging, advances in cardiac SPECT, advances in molecular imaging of breast cancer, monitoring tumor response, new radiopharmaceuticals and the impact of reimbursement and appropriate use criteria on access, and more.

International collaboration is essential to advances in molecular imaging and nuclear medicine. This year, as part of the Chinese Society of Nuclear Medicine (CSNM)/SNMMI partnership, the 4th Sino-American Conference will take place the Wednesday before the Mid-Winter Meeting. On Thursday, during the American College of Nuclear Medicine (ACNM) meeting, abstracts will be presented by residents wishing to participate in the Chinese/U.S. Resident Exchange Program. Two residents from each country will then be selected to study in the other country under a leader within the field and to observe hospital procedures. Such exchanges further understanding and build friendships, which also lead to more effective scientific collaboration.

As always, the ACNM Annual Meeting will be held in conjunction with SNMMI's Mid-Winter Meeting, and this year it will feature an additional full day of ACNM programming—running both Thursday and Friday. The ACNM program includes a ^{68}Ga -DOTATATE Boot Camp and a session on the American Board of Nuclear Medicine: What's Next with MOC, as well as a flipped learning session on neuroendocrine imaging. The ACNM Award Ceremony and SNMMI/CSNM Sino-American Banquet will be held Thursday evening and will recognize outstanding leaders in the field, as well as resident abstract

winners and the winners of the Sino-American Conference Exchange Program.

The popular CT Case Review sessions will feature 88 cases, followed by 20 cases in the MRI Case Review sessions. Both are sponsored by the Correlative Imaging Council, PET Center of Excellence, and Young Professionals Committee.

The technologist track will include sessions on PET/MRI from the Technologist's Perspective and New Tracers in the Clinic: What Technologists Need to Know. The annual SNMMI-TS Leadership Academy will also be held, providing critical training for new leaders.

The exhibit hall will be open Friday, 9 AM–3 PM and 5–6:30 PM, and Saturday, 9 AM–12 PM, providing opportunities to learn about the latest technologies and products available in the field. The Friday evening exhibit reception is open to all attendees.

The outstanding programs put together for this year's meeting represent the work of many volunteers, and I extend a heartfelt thank you to each. In particular, I would like to thank Satoshi Minoshima, MD, PhD, chair of SNMMI'S Scientific Program Committee (SPC); Nicolaas Bohnen, MD, PhD, associate chair of the SPC for SNMMI's Mid-Winter Meeting; Kathleen Krisak, BS, CNMT, and April Mann, MBA, CNMT, NCT, RT(N), Mid-Winter Program cochairs of the SNMMI-TS Mid-Winter Program Committee; and KG Bennet, MD, chair of the ACNM Program Committee.

Between sessions and meetings, there is much to explore in Phoenix. The city offers a wide array of attractions from the Desert Botanical Garden and Heard Museum (with exhibits on native people of the southwest) to the Phoenix Art Museum, Roosevelt Row arts district, and Taliesin West (Frank Lloyd Wright's winter home). Great restaurants also abound.

Start planning your Mid-Winter schedule now to take full advantage of sessions, courses, and opportunities to network and collaborate! Registration is open and more information is available at www.snmmi.org/mwm.