

A Strong Springboard for the Future

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As 2016 comes to a close and we begin a new year, I am pleased to report that SNMMI is in a strong financial position. In fiscal year 2016, revenue (\$10.9 million) exceeded expenses (\$10.8 million) (see graphics below). The Annual Meeting in San Diego, CA, drew close to 6,000 attendees and garnered \$2,119,645—nearly \$200,000 more than was budgeted. In FY2016, the SNMMI Capital Fund's value grew by close to 10% and was ~\$6 million as of September 30.

For fiscal year 2017, the SNMMI budget is \$10.88 million. This will continue to fund the wide range of programs that are part of the society's 5-year strategic plan, including development of appropriate use criteria (AUC); new technologies; promoting quality, value, and safety; and enhancing the professional workforce and environment for nuclear medicine and molecular imaging professionals.

New SNMMI projects for FY2017 include

- Development of the Quality Systems Personnel Training Program, which will crosstrain chemists and pharmacists—providing the theoretical knowledge and practical experience needed to assume responsibility for small-scale manufacture, quality control, and release of radiopharmaceuticals;
- Six new AUC in development, bringing the total to 10 so far; and

- The second Global Initiative, which concerns the availability of radiopharmaceuticals around the world, already underway with a preliminary survey.

Also of note, *The Journal of Nuclear Medicine* will have a new editor in January: Johannes Czernin, MD. The society is most grateful to Dominique Delbeke, MD, PhD, for her years of service as *JNM* editor. The journal continues to provide members with articles on cutting-edge research and news on critical issues in nuclear medicine and molecular imaging.

Our field has evolved and issues have changed in the past few years, so it is time to reexamine our strategic plan. A strategic planning committee will begin work on a new 5-year plan in April.

From the Clinical Trials Network and the Centers for Excellence to educational and professional development programs, as well as advocacy efforts, the society is continuing to expand and strengthen programs and services for members and working to ensure the highest quality of care for patients.

I thank the many volunteers who have given and continue to give their time and expertise to help SNMMI achieve its goals. I also thank all the members of the Committee on Finance and SNMMI's board of directors, councils, and committees for their commitment to ensuring that the society is financially sound. We look forward to continued success in the new year and beyond.

