

## New Officers for SNMMI and SNMMI-TS

**A**t the SNMMI Annual Meeting in Denver, CO, from June 10 to 14, both the SNMMI and SNMMI Technologist Section (SNMMI-TS) welcomed new officers. Elected at earlier meetings by the memberships of the 2 organizations, these individuals will serve in these positions through June 2018.

### SNMMI President

Bennett S. Greenspan, MD, MS, professor of radiology at the Medical College of Georgia, Augusta University, assumed office as the 2017–2018 SNMMI president. “As SNMMI president, in the year ahead I will focus on the new Value Initiative and strategic plan, which emphasize quality of practice, research, and development; strengthening education and the workforce pipeline; advocacy for molecular imaging, nuclear medicine, and targeted therapy procedures that improve patient care; and outreach that explains the field’s critical role in modern medicine,” he said.

Greenspan holds a master of science degree in medical physics from the University of California Los Angeles, and earned his medical degree at the University of Illinois (Chicago). He completed residencies in diagnostic radiology and nuclear medicine and is certified by the American Board of Radiology (ABR) and the American Board of Nuclear Medicine. He has been a faculty member in radiology at the Mount Sinai School of Medicine (New York, NY), the University of Rochester (NY), the University of Missouri–Columbia, and Washington University (St. Louis, MO). Greenspan is devoted to teaching clinical nuclear medicine, medical physics, and radiation safety to nuclear medicine and radiology residents. His research and scholarly interests include PET/CT imaging in oncology, evaluation of osteoporosis, and the effects of low-level radiation. He has been a coinvestigator on 11 funded research projects.

Greenspan is a fellow of the American College of Radiology (ACR) and the American College of Nuclear Medicine (ACNM). He serves on the American Board of Science in Nuclear Medicine (ABSNM) and the Nuclear Medicine Technology Certification Board (NMTCB). He is past chair of the SNMMI Committee on Councils and served as cochair of the ACR Nuclear Medicine Procedure Guidelines Committee. He is a member of 3 committees of the American Association of Physicists in Medicine (AAPM). He has been president of the American College of Nuclear Physicians (ACNP), the Missouri Radiological Society, the SNMMI Academic Council (twice), the Missouri Valley Chapter of SNMMI (twice), and the ABSNM. At SNMMI, he has served on the Board of Directors and on the boards of



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the Academic Council, Advanced Associate Council, Nuclear Oncology Council, and Computer and Instrumentation Council. Greenspan has also served on the boards of the ACNM, the Intersocietal Commission for the Accreditation of Computed Tomography Laboratories, and the Academy of Radiology Research, as well as on the executive councils of the ACNP and the ACR Intersociety Summer Conference. Greenspan is a member of numerous committees and task forces of the SNMMI, ACNM, ACR, Radiological Society of North America, Association of University Radiologists, AAPM, and NMTCB. He has also been an ABR oral board examiner.

Consistent with his interest in ensuring that nuclear medicine delivers the highest quality of care, Greenspan serves on the SNMMI Quality and Evidence Committee, is a reviewer for quality assurance in nuclear medicine for the ACR, and was a member of the PET Quality and Reporting Task Force of SNMMI’s PET Center of Excellence. With his focus on quality and value, Greenspan will continue SNMMI’s development of appropriate use criteria and updating procedure guidelines for many nuclear medicine imaging procedures. He will also work on establishing more efficient and timely approval of novel radio-tracers. His ultimate focus is on improving patients’ lives. “These improvements can lead to more appropriate utilization of diagnostic nuclear medicine exams and also radionuclide therapy, which will benefit patients,” he said. “These goals can be facilitated by working closely with other societies and governmental agencies.”

### SNMMI President-Elect

Satoshi Minoshima, MD, PhD, professor of radiology and chair of the Department of Radiology and Imaging Sciences at the University of Utah (Salt Lake City), assumed office as 2017–2018 SNMMI president-elect. “As SNMMI president-elect, I will promote value-driven practice and strong research and development in nuclear medicine and molecular imaging, with a focus on interdisciplinary collaboration through the SNMMI Value Initiative and the new strategic plan,” he said.

Minoshima earned his medical degree and doctorate from the Chiba University School of Medicine (Japan). He was previously on the faculties of the University of Michigan (Ann Arbor) and the University of Washington (Seattle), where he was also vice chair for research in the Department of Radiology. He has published the results of seminal studies on innovative imaging approaches in neurodegenerative disease and other brain disorders. His contributions to the field include discovery of metabolic



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posterior cingulate abnormalities in early Alzheimer disease and invention and worldwide dissemination of diagnostic statistical mapping technology for molecular brain imaging. He served as president of the SNMMI Brain Imaging Council and currently serves as chair of the SNMMI Scientific Program Committee.

His recognitions and awards include the Tetalman Memorial Award (1996) and the Kuhl–Lassen Award (2006) from SNMMI and the Distinguished Scientist Award from the society's Western Regional chapter (2011). In collaboration with national and international members, he has created numerous initiatives for the SNMMI Annual and Mid-Winter Meetings and has worked on a variety of projects for the society. He has also contributed to a wide range of educational activities that advocate for functional brain imaging and promote nuclear medicine and molecular imaging practice.

Minoshima's goals for the year ahead are to advance and lead the SNMMI Value Initiative, which has 5 critical domains: quality of practice; research, development, and discovery; workforce pipeline and life-time education; outreach; and advocacy. He is looking forward to working with SNMMI members in supporting this important initiative for the society and for the field. "This is the time to elevate the value of nuclear medicine and molecular imaging in health care," he said.

### SNMMI Vice President–Elect

Vasken Dilsizian, MD, professor of radiology and medicine and chief of the Division of Nuclear Medicine at the University of Maryland School of Medicine (Baltimore), assumed office as the 2017–2018 SNMMI vice president–elect. "The indispensable factor of sustaining any field of science or intellectual endeavor is the influx of new ideas and solutions to previously unsolved—but in principle solvable—problems," he said. "The most fruitful areas of growth in nuclear medicine are those that have been neglected between the various established imaging disciplines. It is within these neglected boundaries where targeted radionuclide-based imaging offers the greatest opportunities for growth."

Dilsizian graduated from Tufts University School of Medicine (Boston), followed by internal medicine residency at Georgetown University School of Medicine (Washington, DC), a fellowship in cardiology at Boston University Medical Center and Massachusetts General Hospital (Boston, MA), and nuclear medicine residency at the National Institutes of Health (Bethesda, MD). He is a diplomate of the American Boards of Internal Medicine, Cardiovascular Diseases, and Nuclear Medicine.



Vasken Dilsizian, MD

He has been involved in many councils, committees, and task forces at SNMMI as well as the American College of Cardiology (ACC), American Heart Association, and American Society of Nuclear Cardiology (ASNC). He served as president of the Cardiovascular Council of the SNMMI (2013–2014) and was awarded the 2014 Hermann Blumgart Award for contributions to the science of nuclear cardiology. He was the SNMMI Henry N. Wagner, Jr., Cardiovascular Nuclear and Molecular Imaging Lecturer in 2014 and 2015. He is on the boards of directors of the SNMMI and ASNC and was program chair of the ASNC 2014 scientific sessions. In 2016, he became a Master of ASNC for his contributions to the field of nuclear cardiology and for holding senior leadership positions within the society. He serves as chair of the ACC Task Force on clinical competence and training in nuclear cardiology and is a member of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission Advisory Committee on the Medical Uses of Isotopes.

Dilsizian has published more than 200 peer-reviewed articles and invited editorials, 10 books, and 43 book chapters. He serves as deputy editor of the *Journal of the American College of Cardiology—Cardiovascular Imaging* and section editor of the *Journal of the American College of Cardiology*, as well as on other editorial boards.

His goals for the year ahead include partnering with other professional and international organizations to strengthen SNMMI's advocacy efforts and increasing international membership to promote SNMMI as the leading scientific and educational society. He will also develop collaborative training pathways with radiology and other specialties to strengthen nuclear medicine by educating the next generation of physicians and clinician–scientists in hybrid and molecular imaging. "Cultivating the development and clinical translation of new diagnostic and therapeutic radiopharmaceuticals and their integration into patient management and appropriate use guidelines is the very vital lifeline of our organization," Dilsizian said. "Such developments would ensure the SNMMI's survival in the new millennium."

### SNMMI-TS President

Kathleen M. Krisak, BS, CNMT, a nuclear medicine technologist at the Holyoke Medical Center (MA), was elected as the 2017–2018 SNMMI-TS president. "As president of the SNMMI-TS, I will focus on providing expanded educational opportunities for nuclear medicine technologists to keep their skills current in a constantly evolving field and to stay abreast of new guidelines and regulations," she said. "This includes appropriate training and credentialing for multimodality imaging. Providing quality care to patients is our guiding purpose."



Kathleen M. Krisak, BS, CNMT

Krisak has been a nuclear medicine technologist for more than 30 years and has spent her career in the Nuclear Medicine Department of Holyoke Medical Center, where she first served as a clinical instructor and was department manager from 1986 to 2002. She has an AS in nuclear medicine from Springfield Technical Community College (MA) and a BS in natural sciences from Worcester State College (MA) as well as NMTCB nuclear medicine certification. In addition to her SNMMI-TS membership, she is a member of ASNC.

She has been actively involved in SNMMI for many years. As an SNMMI-TS board member, she has served as secretary; chaired the Finance, Scientific Program, and Abstracts committees; and been a member of numerous other committees. She has served as president of the society's New England Chapter 3 times and has been a moderator and presenter at SNMMI Annual Meetings and New England Chapter meetings. Krisak was named a fellow of the SNM-TS in 2008 and received the SNMMI-TS Technologist of the Year Award in 2014. She is also the recipient of a service award from the New England Chapter.

Krisak said that during her year as president she would “emphasize advocacy at the state and national levels and work to strengthen communication with, and engagement of, technologists, so that we are collaborative in our efforts to advance the field of nuclear medicine and molecular imaging.”

### **SNMMI-TS President-Elect**

Norman E. Bolus, MSPH, MPH, CNMT, program director and assistant professor at the University of Alabama at Birmingham (UAB) School of Health Professions, Clinical and Diagnostics Sciences, Department for the Master of Science in Nuclear Medicine Technology Program, and interim program director of the Master of Science in Health Physics Program, was elected as the 2017–2018 president-elect of the SNMMI-TS. “As president-elect of SNMMI-TS, I will focus on 3 goals that I ran on for this elected position: to change the legal title for nuclear

medicine technologists so they are officially listed as professionals in the eyes of the U.S. government, to increase membership within the society, and to support advocacy efforts for the SNMMI-TS, including scope of practice issues within the profession,” he said.

Bolus has BS degrees in biology and nuclear medicine technology, both from UAB. He also holds 2 master's degrees from the UAB School of Public Health—a master of public health in occupational health and safety with a radiation safety emphasis and a master of science in public health in environmental toxicology. He has been a nuclear medicine technologist for more than 25 years and has spent his career in various positions within UAB, both in the hospital and educational sides of the university. He began his career as a staff technologist at UAB Hospital and made a lateral transfer to the nuclear medicine technology program. In that program he has been a technologist, lab instructor, teacher, and clinical coordinator, and he became program director in 2007. In 2016 he was also named as interim program director of the UAB Master of Science in Health Physics program, which he was instrumental in beginning at the university in fall 2016.

Bolus has been actively involved in SNMMI for many years. He has been editor in chief of the *Journal of Nuclear Medicine Technology* for 6 years. He is a past chair of the SNMMI-TS Educators' Committee and has served on many SNMMI and SNMMI-TS committees. He is also a past treasurer and a past president of the Southeastern Chapter of SNMMI. He has served in every elected position and is twice a past president of the Alabama Society of Nuclear Medicine. Bolus was named a fellow of the SNMMI-TS in June 2012 and received the Outstanding Educator Award in June 2010. He also received the Southeastern Chapter SNMMI-TS Distinguished Service Award in October 2013.



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