

Thought Leaders to Gather at 2019 SNMMI Annual Meeting in Anaheim, CA

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This June 22–25, more than 5,000 leading nuclear medicine and molecular imaging professionals from around the world will travel to Anaheim, CA, to take part in SNMMI’s 2019 Annual Meeting. We are pleased to present a robust offering of education courses, scientific and research presentations, and networking events that will not only help professionals in their personal careers but also help propel further advances in the field of nuclear medicine and molecular imaging.

The meeting kicks off on Saturday with 8 in-depth categorical seminars designed for professionals to explore a single topic of clinical, scientific, or academic interest. Highlights this year will include a seminar on regulatory considerations for theranostics sponsored by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration and a seminar discussing the use of radiopharmaceuticals for molecular imaging of mental disorders, sponsored by the National Institutes of Health and the National Institute of Mental Health. SNMMI will also host a welcome reception on Saturday evening, opening the exhibit and poster halls to meeting attendees. This year’s welcome reception will honor Canada as the 2019 SNMMI Annual Meeting Highlight Country. During the reception, the Canadian Nuclear Medicine Association will make a presentation introducing attendees to aspects of their country and culture.

In the 60 years since the introduction of the Anger camera, the development of new state-of-the-art instrumentation has been at the heart of nuclear medicine progress. This year’s Annual Meeting plenary sessions, to be held on Sunday and Monday, will celebrate innovations in instrumentation and will feature keynote speakers who are true leaders in nuclear medicine technologies. In addition to hearing from these thought leaders, SNMMI will present significant awards, recognize accomplishments in the field, and hold its business meeting during these plenary sessions. On Tuesday afternoon, SNMMI will also hold its not-to-be-missed Henry N. Wagner, Jr., MD, Highlights Session featuring a synopsis of research from the Annual Meeting and the announcement of the 2019 Image of the Year. Following the Highlights Session, we encourage attendees to join a champagne toast as we begin our countdown to the 2020 Annual Meeting in New Orleans, LA.

A comprehensive continuing education (CE) program offers the opportunity to earn more than 25 CE credits in 200-plus educational and scientific sessions. The meeting will include approximately 125 CE sessions, 80 scientific

sessions, and several specialty workshops, such as the Nuclear Medicine Review Course and Student Technologist Registry Review. Nuclear medicine and molecular imaging professionals will not be the only ones learning at the Annual Meeting—SNMMI’s Patient Education Day will take place on Sunday, June 23. Patients attending the education sessions will learn the basics of nuclear medicine and molecular imaging and participate in disease-specific breakout sessions that will provide information about how these technologies apply to them.

This year, SNMMI received more than 2,300 abstract submissions from around the world for its 2019 Annual Meeting. Approximately 1,200 of these abstracts will be on display in the Annual Meeting poster hall. On Sunday, June 23, a Poster Hall Mixer will be hosted by the Radiopharmaceutical Sciences Council and the Center for Molecular Imaging Innovation and Translation. Awards for best posters will be presented on Tuesday, June 25. SNMMI will also recognize the best abstract from each of the 60 countries represented at the Annual Meeting.

A trip to the SNMMI Annual Meeting would not be complete without a visit to the expansive exhibit hall featuring the latest technologies and groundbreaking products and services from more than 160 top nuclear medicine and molecular imaging companies. Attendees will be able to take advantage of the training showcase theater in the exhibit hall on Sunday and Monday, including 30-minute interactive training sessions on a variety of topics. In addition, exhibit hall “Hot Spots” will be back in 2019, offering attendees the chance to win \$300 simply by being in the right booth at the right time.

We hope that you will be able to join SNMMI and participate in the various social and networking events we have planned during the meeting. Saturday morning will begin with the fourth annual Hot Trot 5K to support the advancement of nuclear medicine technologists as well as a local California charity. Monday evening will feature multiple “Drink and Think” sessions, informal gatherings at local pubs and bars organized around specific areas of interest.

With its sunny weather, pristine beaches, legendary theme parks, and cultural sophistication, Anaheim is a prime location for SNMMI’s Annual Meeting. More information about the meeting can be found at www.snmmi.org/am2019. Early-bird registration ends on April 18. I look forward to an educational and productive meeting and hope you will join us.