

of Care for Targeted Radiopharmaceutical Therapies,” which will soon be published.

The society is working on projects with both the International Atomic Energy Agency and the U.S. Department of Energy to make the benefits of nuclear and molecular imaging more available worldwide, particularly in resource-challenged countries.

SNMMI continues to participate in the Nuclear Medicine Global Initiative (NMGI), which has begun work on training requirements/education/recommendations for the practice of theranostics. The project, led by Jean-Luc Urbain, MD, PhD, aims to define the global availability of theranostics and impediments to training and education in the specialty. Another NMGI group, led by Andrew Scott, MD, is drafting a summary of its project on the availability of radiopharmaceuticals around the world.

Reaching Out Early to Medical Students. The use of nuclear medicine imaging and therapy will expand over the coming decades, so SNMMI is working on a number of initiatives to enhance the pipeline of medical students pursuing a career in the field. The society’s bylaws now include a membership category for medical students. SNMMI is exhibiting at medical conferences to introduce students in person to the field. In addition, we have established new

research grants to introduce high-achieving students to nuclear medicine, molecular imaging, and targeted radiotherapy as a potential career path by supporting their participation in a related research project.

Responding to the COVID-19 Pandemic. In March, as COVID-19 escalated across the world, SNMMI launched a COVID-19 Resource Center to consolidate information and resources to support members. The center includes information specific to nuclear medicine, such as advice on ventilation/perfusion studies and updates on radioisotope supply, as well as useful articles from *The Journal of Nuclear Medicine*, government agency resources on COVID-19, resources from other societies and organizations, and training and certification resources from nuclear medicine–related boards and associations. SNMMI has also launched a forum where members can raise issues and share solutions to COVID-related problems.

In coming months SNMMI will be working to engage the media in telling the story of nuclear medicine through a series of articles to raise awareness of this extraordinary medical discipline and, in particular, therapeutics. Our profession is taking enormous strides toward curing cancer. The public needs to know what nuclear medicine is, what it is doing, and where it will take us in the coming decade.

IAEA Launches Curie Fellowships for Women

On March 9 at its headquarters in Vienna, Austria, the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) launched a fellowship program to provide incentives for young women considering a career in nuclear science and technology. The Marie Skłodowska-Curie Fellowship Program is intended to increase the number of women studying in nuclear science and technology and nonproliferation studies through scholarships and work experience opportunities.

The IAEA will provide scholarships at an accredited university for up to 2 years for women pursuing a graduate degree in nuclear sciences and technologies or nonproliferation studies. Selected recipients will also have the opportunity to pursue 6–12-mo internships at the IAEA related to their fields of study. The program is open for students from IAEA Member States who meet the following criteria: female candidates; above average academic credentials; fluency in Arabic, English, Chinese, French, Russian, or Spanish; and acceptance by an accredited university for a relevant Master’s course. Up to 100 women per year will be selected, subject to availability of funding. The scholarship will cover university tuition fees up to a maximum of €10,000 per year and a lump sum payment for living expenses based on the cost of living for the university’s location, up to a maximum of €10,000 per year. Geographical

balance will be part of internal selection criteria. Fellowships will be awarded once per year. The first round of fellowships will be awarded for the academic year starting in 2021.

An outreach toolbox is under development to support universities and partners to encourage applications from qualified candidates. A dedicated webpage and, eventually, an alumni portal will be created, highlighting partners as well as students.

Countries expressing support included: Belgium, Canada, China, France, Japan, Kuwait, Morocco, The Netherlands, Pakistan, Paraguay, Poland, the United Kingdom, the United States, and Uruguay. The G77 group of countries, the Association of Southeast Asian Nations, the European Union, the Texas A&M system, the Australian Nuclear Science and Technology Organisation, and the Ban Ki-moon Centre for Global Citizens also expressed their support for the fellowship program.

Introductory information on the program is available at: <https://www.iaea.org/sites/default/files/20/03/marie-curie-fellowship-programme.pdf>. A related video and updated information are available at: <https://www.iaea.org/newscenter/multimedia/videos/marie-sklodowska-curie-fellowship-programme-launches>.

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