

SNMMI 2020 Annual Meeting—Virtual Edition

SNMMI will venture into new territory with its 2020 Annual Meeting, which will be an innovative virtual experience offered from July 11 through 14. The online meeting will feature an exceptional program of topics in nuclear medicine and molecular imaging, including a science pavilion highlighting the latest scientific research, an interactive virtual exhibit hall, networking events, and additional “surprise” elements. The easy-to-use virtual platform has been designed to mimic the dynamics of a physical meeting. “This promises to be an enriching experience for us all,” said SNMMI President Vasken Dilsizian, MD. “We wanted to do the planning and lay the groundwork to ensure that we could offer online the same vibrant, diverse, and scientifically cutting-edge content to which we have become accustomed at SNMMI Annual Meetings. Through the efforts of the entire SNMMI community—leadership, members, industry, presenters, and staff—we are confident that this will be both a success and a forward-looking bright spot as we emerge from challenging times.”

The 2020 SNMMI Annual Meeting—Virtual Edition will feature scientific and poster presentations in a variety of formats. State-of-the-art, interactive continuing education (CE) sessions will be offered on each of the 4 days. These will be 1-hour sessions with live chat functionalities for questions and discussion. Participants can earn approximately 25 CE credits over the course of the meeting. The Virtual Science Pavilion will be the destination for viewing abstract presentations and posters, including recorded oral presentations. Viewers will be able to ask authors questions by e-mail. As always, the meeting will conclude with the Highlights Symposium, at which expert presenters review the scientific highlights of the meeting and the SNMMI Image of the Year is announced.

Many of the online events and offerings will be familiar to attendees at past SNMMI Annual Meetings. At 2:30 on July 11, the meeting will begin with the traditional Opening Ceremony and Welcome Session. Each day’s schedule will include plenary sessions with noted speakers and a range of annual awards and named lectures. The plenary session on July 12 will feature additional welcome remarks and the annual Henry N. Wagner, Jr., MD, Lectureship, this year delivered by Jagat Narula, MD, PhD, who will speak on “Molecular Imaging in Cardiovascular Medicine: Setting Tiny Targets for Greater Goals.”

Between special events and educational/scientific sessions, participants can visit the Virtual Exhibit Hall, with customized virtual booths from top industry suppliers in nuclear medicine and molecular imaging, including videos and downloadable presentations. Participants will also be able to schedule direct interactions with exhibit personnel while visiting their booths. The value of networking at SNMMI Annual Meetings will be replicated for participants with offerings such as Molecular Hub Meet-Ups for first-time attendees, a movie viewing party, the annual President’s Town Hall and Reception, facilitated group chats, and 1-on-1 attendee messaging. Even the annual Hot Trot 5K Run/Walk will be held, with participants running or walking at their own locations and posting the results. Proceeds will benefit the SNMMI-Technologist Society Professional Development and Education Fund.

Special scientific sessions will address topics of current interest, including a session on Nuclear Medicine in the Time of COVID-19, organized by the SNMMI COVID-19 Taskforce; on Theranostics: How to Do Radiation Safety Right, organized by the Quality and Evidence Committee; New Imaging Boot Camp: FES, ¹⁸F-DOPA, New Net Imaging Agents, FAPI, organized by the Clinical Trials Network; On the Horizon: Developing Techniques, New Isotopes and Production Chemistry, organized by the Center for Molecular Imaging Innovation and Translation; and Prostate Cancer Theranostics: Applications of Molecular Targeted Radiotherapy, organized by the Therapy Center of Excellence.

Registration and Attendance

The 2020 SNMMI Annual Meeting—Virtual Edition will be free for SNMMI members. Nonmembers may either join SNMMI to attend at no cost or pay a modest registration fee. Registration for the meeting is available at: www.snmmi.org/AMregister. Answers to frequently asked questions are available at: <http://www.snmmi.org/AM2020FAQ>.

