

SNMMI Virtual Meetings Go Above and Beyond

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Twice each year, at the SNMMI Mid-Winter and American College of Nuclear Medicine (ACNM) Meeting and the SNMMI Annual Meeting, members of the nuclear medicine and molecular imaging community gather to share education and research that advance the profession and the field as a whole. Over the past year, SNMMI has reimagined its meetings, creating in-depth virtual platforms that allow attendees to learn and interact seamlessly with each other.

The society's first meeting of 2021, the SNMMI Mid-Winter and ACNM Annual Meeting, took place in January and was held entirely online. The meeting included educational, scientific, and professional offerings and was a tremendous success, with significant increases in both registration and participation. More than 600 unique participants from around the globe were in attendance.

This meeting marked the first time SNMMI offered live sessions during a virtual meeting, and they were very well received. The program featured 3 educational tracks highlighting the latest innovations and techniques in the field, with a special track focusing on therapy. Additional technologist, council, and Center of Excellence sessions were available, extending beyond the 3.5 days of the formal joint meeting. Session content will be available to participants via the SNMMI Learning Center for 3 years, beginning in March.

In the Mid-Winter Meeting Virtual Exhibit Hall, attendees viewed videos and downloadable presentations and connected with industry personnel by direct text and video chat. Virtual industry symposia featuring information on the latest innovations in imaging and radiopharmaceuticals were well attended by meeting participants.

SNMMI's Annual Meeting, our second major meeting of the year, will be held June 11–15, also virtually. Although the roll-out of the COVID-19 vaccine has been a positive step, it will be months before the pandemic is fully behind us. Our highest priority is the health and safety of everyone involved in the Annual Meeting, so the decision has been made to hold the event virtually again this year. We plan to make 2021 an even bigger and better meeting than 2020.

The 2021 virtual Annual Meeting will include many more concurrent continuing education and scientific sessions than were offered in 2020. In addition to a robust



continuing education program, SNMMI will present 4 pre-meeting categoricals, as well as plenary sessions throughout the meeting. A virtual Science Pavilion will feature cutting-edge scientific research (more than 1,300 scientific abstracts have been submitted to the meeting). A virtual Exhibit Hall will include approximately 100 customized industry booths featuring the latest products and services; attendees will be able to interact with exhibit personnel and download videos and presentations. In addition, the meeting will feature 14 industry satellite symposia, as well as user meetings.

The Highlight Country of this year's Annual Meeting is Korea. The Korean Society of Nuclear Medicine will present an overview of nuclear medicine advances in Korea during the Opening Ceremony and will also organize 3 continuing education sessions.

New types of virtual networking events are under development to foster the unique collaboration among participants that is a hallmark of our Annual Meeting. Favorite networking events will also be back in 2021, including the virtual Hot Trot 5K, "Drink and Think" happy hours, the Early Career Professionals Committee Knowledge Bowl, and more.

I encourage you to join SNMMI and your colleagues—leading molecular imaging and nuclear medicine physicians, radiologists, cardiologists, pharmacists, scientists, lab professionals, and technologists representing the world's top medical and academic institutions and centers. Registration and additional meeting information is available at www.snmmi.org/am. We look forward to seeing you virtually in June at the Annual Meeting.