SNMMI Meetings Back in Full Swing

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With 2 years of the COVID-19 pandemic behind us, SNMMI and its meeting attendees have mastered the art of the virtual meeting, as was clear at the 2022 Mid-Winter Meeting and American College of Nuclear Medicine (ACNM) Annual Meeting held February 25–27. Although virtual meetings will remain a part of SNMMI’s education offerings in coming years, we are more than excited to be meeting again in person at the 2022 Therapeutics Conference and the 2022 Annual Meeting!

SNMMI Mid-Winter and ACNM Annual Meeting

When the Omicron variant derailed SNMMI’s plans for an in-person meeting, the society seamlessly transitioned to a virtual meeting, which was attended by more than 600 nuclear medicine and molecular imaging professionals. Thirty-three sessions were organized into 3 simultaneous tracks: ACNM Annual Meeting, cardiovascular, and general nuclear medicine. The Science Pavilion hosted on a new easy-to-use platform, including 64 posters, many of which included recorded presentations of the abstracts. The exhibit hall featured 26 companies, including title sponsor ITM.

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SNMMI Therapeutics Conference

The SNMMI Therapeutics Conference was held March 10–12 in New Orleans. The meeting featured some of the leading nuclear medicine experts in areas such as MIBG therapy, therapeutic dosimetry, prostate cancer, and neuroendocrine cancer, to name just a few. The speakers also included a patient and a medical oncologist presenting their perspectives on radiopharmaceutical therapy. In addition, we were joined by 33 companies in the exhibit hall for the meeting. We would like to thank all of our exhibitors and sponsors, particularly our title sponsor, ITM.

SNMMI 2022 Annual Meeting—In Person at Last

SNMMI now switches its focus to the 2022 Annual Meeting, to be held June 11–14 in Vancouver, BC, Canada. In addition to the in-person event, a full virtual program will offer live-streaming of many sessions, on-demand access to all sessions, virtual poster and exhibit halls, and virtual networking events. In-person attendees will also have access to the live-streamed content, providing the ultimate flexibility.

The meeting kicks off on Saturday, June 11, with a lineup of 8 categorical seminars covering a variety of exciting topics in nuclear medicine and molecular imaging, including imaging biomarkers in neurodegenerative and neuropsychiatric disorders, radiopharmaceutical therapies, “what’s now and what’s next” in prostate cancer diagnosis and treatment, and more.

The official opening ceremony on Saturday afternoon will feature an overview of the meeting as well as an address from the French Society of Nuclear Medicine, representing this year’s Highlight Country. An exhibitor reception will be held on Saturday night—a great chance to reconnect with colleagues in person. Sunday’s program begins with the Henry N. Wagner Jr., MD, Lecture, delivered by oncologist and researcher E.G. Elisabeth de Vries, MD, PhD, professor of medical oncology at University Medical Centre Groningen (The Netherlands). She will discuss her groundbreaking research on increasing the sensitivity of tumor therapies using advanced imaging techniques.

Additional plenary sessions will include the SNMMI Business Meeting/Anger Lectureship, the SNMMI-TS Award Recognition and Plenary Session, and the always-popular Henry N. Wagner, Jr., MD, Highlights Symposium, which will summarize scientific highlights from the Annual Meeting in the fields of neuroscience, oncology, cardiology, and general nuclear medicine.

Ninety educational sessions will provide attendees with an in-depth view of the latest research and development and insights into practical clinical application, with 60 continuing education sessions available for physicians, pharmacists, and physicists and 30 technologist-organized continuing education sessions.

More than 1,450 abstracts were submitted from around the globe for this year’s Annual Meeting, and the Scientific Poster Hall will showcase more than 1,000 posters. Forty-five scientific sessions will be offered. New this year are 12 “integrated” sessions combining lectures and related scientific oral presentations. Also new: SNMMI will host a large Meet the Author Session and Reception on Monday, June 13. On Tuesday afternoon, SNMMI will offer a series of poster oral presentations from award-nominated authors in the Scientific Poster Hall.

One of the best parts of in-person attendance is the opportunity to visit the Exhibit Hall. More than 140 companies will be on site in Vancouver, showcasing the latest advances in technology. Multiple industry satellite symposia will be offered on the Exhibit Hall floor throughout the meeting.

Special programming to be held during the Annual Meeting includes the Nuclear Medicine Review Course, Technologist Educators Forum, Physician Educators Symposium, and a new Grant Review Program. In addition, the meeting will feature a number of networking events, including the opening exhibitor reception, poster hall mixer, meet the author reception, and more.

SNMMI is committed to ensuring that appropriate and necessary health and safety protocols are in place for this event. We will follow all Centers for Disease Control and Prevention safety protocols and recommendations and will comply with all federal, state, and local regulations.

We look forward to seeing you in person at the 2022 Annual Meeting in Vancouver! To register, visit www.snmmi.org/am.