A Tribute to Our JNM Associate Editors

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As I enter my eighth year as editor-in-chief, The Journal of Nuclear Medicine (JNM) continues to mirror the best in our field, reflecting an expanding international focus on the integration of new techniques, agents, and instrumentation into the broadest range of diagnostics, therapeutics, and theranostics. Our success is the result of the efforts of a constellation of extraordinary editorial and production contributors, who manage more than 1,100 submissions from around the globe every year.

I owe a special debt of gratitude to our expert volunteers who serve as JNM associate editors (AEs), bringing their subject matter expertise and scientific insight to the evaluation of these submissions, identifying the most promising work and providing oversight throughout the rigorous editorial process. Together, the JNM AEs are a powerful force, not only in maintaining the highest standards but in working with me to determine the future direction of the journal in a rapidly changing nuclear medicine landscape. They are also effective in outreach to their respective practice communities, actively recruiting leading authors and scientists with new and exciting investigative work and perspectives.

This year, H. William Strauss ended his long and productive service as the continuing education section AE, a role he has shared for the past 8 y with Dr. Heiko Schöder. Dr. Strauss will continue to serve as a consultant to the editor-in-chief. Dr. Schöder also stepped down from his continuing education responsibilities but will continue as an AE with special responsibilities for oncology topics, among many other important themes. Lale Kostakoglu and Hossein Jadvar are the new AEs for the continuing education section. Dr. Kostakoglu previously served as an AE for oncology, and Dr. Jadvar joined the AE team in July 2022.

Also joining the AE group last year was Thomas A. Hope, who, among other responsibilities, is helping the journal navigate the growing number of practice procedure standards and guidelines. As a member of the Society of Nuclear Medicine and Molecular Imaging Committee on Procedure Standards, he is well prepared for this role.

Marcelo F. Di Carli has stepped down after long-time service as the AE for cardiology topics, which he managed jointly with Frank M. Bengel. All of us at JNM thank Dr. Di Carli for his remarkable contributions and congratulate him on his appointment as the new editor-in-chief of the Journal of Nuclear Cardiology. Drs. Di Carli and Bengel also are the editors of an upcoming JNM special supplement on cardiovascular imaging. Sharmila Dorbala will join Dr. Bengel as the new JNM AE team member for cardiology.

Editing a discipline-leading medical journal is a rewarding challenge, possible only through the contributions of many individuals. I want to thank all the JNM AEs—those in changing roles and others who continue their valuable work—for their excellent counsel, dedication, and unfailing collegiality.