



Dear Friends and Colleagues,

I am hopeful that this newsletter finds you in good health and spirits. World events continue to be at the forefront of all our thoughts. Let us all hope for a quick end to the war in Iraq and for the individuals and families already suffering due to this war.

The officers of the IASNM are Dr. Chatinya Divgi (Secretary) & Dr. Padmakar Kulkarni (Treasurer). The Board of Directors (2001-2003) are Sushama Bhargava, M.D., Belur Chandramauli M.D., M., Muzafar Hussein, M.S., Vimal Sodhi, M.D., and Raja Shankar, M.D. The Executive Director is Dr. Kulkarni M.D. I am currently the acting president with my term expiring this year. There is no Vice President at the current time.

A web site for our society continues to be expanded. It can be found at the URL (www.IASNM.org). I urge you to visit the web-site and provide input on how to improve it. We will continue to refine this site so that it serves as a focal point for organizing IASNM activities. Full membership information can be found at the web site.

In order to promote scholarship between scientists in India and the U.S., IASNM is again sponsoring travel fellowships for young scientists from India who have accepted abstracts for the SNM 2003 meeting. Further details including an application form may be found at the IASNM web site. Please encourage our colleagues in India to apply.

It was my pleasure to represent the IASNM in Kolkotta, India on December 2002 for the SNMI annual meeting. Dr. Henry Wagner graced us with his attendance and gave an excellent plenary lecture on the history of Nuclear Medicine. Thanks to General Electric for helping to sponsor the trip. I would like to thank all of the SNMI members for being such great hosts. I would like to particularly thank Dr. (Mrs.) Mridula Misra who did an excellent job in hosting the meeting.

The 2003 SNMI meeting is tentatively scheduled for December 11-13 in Bhopal, India. Please contact Dr. B. Sanyal (organizing secretary) at jncancer@sancharnet.in for more information. If you are interested in going please let me know via e-mail.



The next SNM meeting will be in New Orleans, Louisiana in June 2003. I need your help to make this one of the best attended IASNM meetings to date. We had a great turnout in Los Angeles in June 2002, so let's make an effort for an even better turnout this year. We are planning a dinner as well as an awards ceremony. **Please mark your calendars for Sunday June 22, 2003 from 7:00–11:00 pm.** A newsletter in May 2003 and reminders will provide additional details.

I urge you to pass this newsletter on to your colleagues who may be interested in joining IASNM. We need to continue to increase membership and particularly recruit younger members in order to help unify our activities over the next decade.

I look forward to seeing you in New Orleans.

Sincerely,

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