



Dear Friends and Colleagues,

It is springtime again - that time of the year to look forward to new life and new opportunities. It portrays the end of winter and the cold weather and the dawn of a season filled with life and promises as we look ahead. Building on a strong foundation, we are looking ahead for greater achievements for the IASNM. During the past year, the IASNM took several steps toward strengthening the organization and expanding its services and we all have to be proud of that.

The cordial relationship between the IASNM and SNM(I) is rapidly growing. As planned, the IASNM will again have a strong presence in India, at the time of the annual meeting of the SNM(I) in Mysore. The dates are December 15 – 18, 2004. A list of speakers and topics is being finalized and further announcements will be made shortly.

Please mark your calendars! As you all know the 2004 annual meeting of the SNM is scheduled for June 19 - 23 in Philadelphia, PA. This year is a particularly proud moment for all of us. As you all know, Dr. Mathew Thakur will be installed as the president of the SNM at the meeting in Philadelphia. He is the first SNM president of Indian origin. Please join the momentous occasion to celebrate and support Dr. Thakur's office.

As before, IASNM will have the annual dinner and awards ceremony at 6:30 PM – 10:00 PM on Sunday, June 20, 2004. It will be held at "Passage to India" restaurant in close proximity to the Philadelphia convention center and located at 1320 Walnut Street Philadelphia PA. Phone: (215) 732-7300. Further details will be provided on our web site www.iasnm.org. Please come, meet friends and colleagues, celebrate the progress made by the IASNM and listen to young scientists from India and the USA present their research. Thanks to the efficient and dedicated work of Drs. Suresh Srivatsava, Shankar Raja and Neeta Pandit-Taskar, two best abstracts (one for clinical sciences and one for basic sciences) were selected for the travel fellowship award. Details can be found on our web site www.iasnm.org. Congratulations to the winners of the travel award from a pool of several interesting applicants. The quality of these abstracts indicates that Nuclear Medicine research in India is not only catching up but also making tremendous strides in many avenues and it is our duty to encourage and support that. Moreover, we all can have a fun filled and memorable time in Philadelphia catching up on friendship and current events.

The contribution of all the members of our society to the field of nuclear medicine is remarkable. We all should be proud of a particularly memorable event. Sanjiv Sam Gambhir MD, PhD was awarded the Distinguished Basic Scientist award from the



Academy of Molecular Imaging at its recent meeting in Orlando. This achievement at such a young age is truly remarkable. The entire IASNM organization joins in wishing him our heartfelt congratulations and best wishes for many, many more scientific contributions and of course awards.

The web site for our society continues to grow. It can be found at the URL (www.iasnm.org). Please visit the site and provide your valuable suggestions to improve the contents. It is our web site and your comments for further refinement are very welcome. Full membership information can be found at the web site. Please encourage your friends and colleagues to join and strengthen our organization. Those of you, who have not yet become life membership, please consider becoming one and take advantage of all the benefits associated with that. For one it takes away the need for annual renewal! An appeal letter from the President can be found at the web site.

Please check this web site at a later date for further details. If you need further information please contact Dr. Divgi at divgic@mskcc.org.

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