



Dear Friends and Colleagues,

It is summer time – when the life giving Sun’s graceful presence is felt. . It is also the time when schools are closed and major activities are slowed down in preparation for the next academic year. Most of us are planning vacations with our families and friends, and our chores and concerns are momentarily kept in abeyance.

The nuclear medicine community in North America recently concluded its annual pilgrimage to the SNM meeting in Philadelphia. The meeting was better attended than last year’s, most of us attended the meeting and learning about and sharing advances in nuclear medicine. An important milestone for Indians in North America was the assumption of the Presidency of the Society of Nuclear Medicine by a person of Indian origin. Mathew Thakur, PhD is a basic scientist, currently at Jefferson University in Philadelphia, who has contributed significantly to the field, not least with his development of white cell labeling techniques.

Building on our strong foundation, and further strengthened by Mathew’s Presidency, 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. These plans were further discussed and refined at the executive committee meeting on 6/20/04 in Philadelphia. The committee acknowledged the help from the many members of our organization and especially Mr. Jim Strommer for his valuable assistance in maintaining the website. Thank you all!

Our annual dinner and awards ceremony was a great success. There were nearly 90 people (members and guests) attended the event. We could not have had a more perfect venue than Passage to India restaurant. The food was delicious and sumptuous and most importantly the social gathering was great. The proceedings started around 7:00 PM with the buffet dinner followed by the formal awards ceremony. We had the presence of several members, their spouses as well as close friends and well-wishers of IASNM. The membership activation and renewal during the meeting were highly enthusiastic and encouraging. The next IASNM awards ceremony and dinner will be in Toronto, Canada at the next SNM annual meeting. Please mark your calendars!

The IASNM Dr. Gopal Subramaniam Life Time Achievement Award 2004

Dr. Diwakar Jain

Dr. Jain is a Nuclear Cardiologist currently at Drexel University in Philadelphia, PA. He was trained in Cardiology (both MD and DM) at the prestigious Post-Graduate Institute



for Medical Sciences in Chandigarh and contributed considerably to the Nuclear Cardiology program at Yale University for several years after an illustrious stint at Northwick Park Hospital in England. As President of the IASNM in 1993, he led a delegation of experts to India and was responsible for a stellar scientific program at that year's SNM(I) annual meeting. Our congratulations to Dr. Jain, and our thanks for his contributions to the IASNM cause.

Winners of Travel Fellowship of the IASNM 2004

Best Abstract in the Clinical Sciences Category:

Dr. Sandeep Basu, for this accepted abstract.

POTENTIAL ROLE OF FDG-PET TO ASSESS RESPONSE TO IMATINIB MESYLATE THERAPY AND DETECTING VIABLE DISEASE IN GASTROINTESTINAL STROMAL TUMORS (GIST). S. Basu*, N. Nair, H. Peshve, K. Mohandas. RADIATION MEDICINE CENTRE, RADIATION MEDICINE CENTRE, TATA MEMORIAL CENTRE ANNEXE, BOMBAY, MAHARASHTRA, India (650220)

Best Abstract in the Basic Sciences Category:

Dr. Jaya Shukla, for this accepted abstract.

RHENIUM-188(V) DMSA LOADED PLGA BIODEGRADABLE POLYMERIC MICROSPHERES AS RADIOTHERAPEUTICS: SYNTHESIS, CHARACTERIZATION, IN-VITRO AND IN-VIVO ASSESSMENT. J. Shukla*, G. P. Bandopadhyaya. NUCLEAR MEDICINE DEPARTMENT, ALL INDIA INSTITUTE OF MEDICAL SCIENCE, NEW-DELHI, NEW-DELHI, India. (650429)

Winners of Young Investigators Award of the IASNM 2004

Best Abstract in The Clinical Sciences Category:

Dr. Rakesh Kumar, for this accepted abstract.

FDG-PET POSITIVE LYMPH NODES ARE HIGHLY PREDICTIVE OF METASTASIS IN BREAST CANCER. Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA.

Best Abstract in The Basic Sciences Category:

Dr. S. Vemulapalli, for this accepted abstract.



IN VIVO BONE MARROW CELL TRAFFICKING IN MICE WITH ¹¹¹INDIUM-OXINE RADIOLABELING AND HELICAL PINHOLE SPECT. Duke University, Durham, NC; Radiology, Duke University, Durham, NC.

Congratulations to all of them.

The cordial relationship between the IASNM and SNM(I) is rapidly growing. IASNM is building a strong bridge between the SNM and the SNM(I), and SNM(I) has agreed to provide a booth, free of charge, for the SNM – we hope the Executive Directors of the SNM will attend; the SNM President, Dr. Thakur, has also graciously agreed to attend. To commemorate Mathew's Presidency, we plan a strong presence in India, at the time of the annual meeting of the SNM(I) in Mysore; about 10 speakers, including Drs. Tom Miller of Washington University (Chairman of the SNM Scientific Committee), Steve Larson of MSKCC (a Director of the ABNM), Alexander McEwan from the Cross Cancer Institute (President, Nuclear Oncology Council), have agreed to participate, and the SNM(I) has graciously drawn up a program that will feature keynote lectures by these speakers. The dates are December 15 – 18, 2004. A finalized list of speakers and topics will be available shortly.

The web site (www.iasnm.org) for our society continues to grow. Please visit the site and provide your valuable suggestions to improve the contents. The web site belongs to all of us, and your comments for further refinement are very welcome. Also please make sure we have your current email address to enable us to effectively communicate with you. 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 members should consider doing so, in order to take advantage of all the associated benefits. 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 or Dr. Rajendran at rajan@u.washington.edu

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