



Dear Friends and Colleagues,

Summer is almost over and I hope you all had an opportunity for change, travel and rejuvenation. The cycle of nature continues and so does life's routine. During this year, the IASNM took several steps toward strengthening the organization and expanding its services.

We had our annual get together during the SNM meeting in San Diego, CA in June 2006, with a successful annual dinner and awards ceremony on Sunday, June 4, 2006 at "India Princess" restaurant in San Diego. As in previous years, that event had corporate sponsor. This year it was with the kind generosity of IBA Molecular and more specifically Mr. Anwer Rizvan. Thanks to them for this support and to Dr. Divgi for arranging this support. The musical performance by an Indian artist Mr. Shaw was a hit among the audience. Thanks are due to Dr. Sushama Bhargava for coordinating the entertainment program for the evening.

Thanks to the efficient and dedicated work of Drs. Pradeep Garg, Alex Kurikeshu, Shankar Raja, and Suresh Srivastava, the best abstract for clinical sciences from those who applied in response to our call for applications, was selected for this year's award – science category. Dr. Neeta Pandit-Taskar did a great job in coordinating the selection process. Details can be found on our web site <http://www.iasnm.org>. Congratulations to the winners of the travel award, Dr. Padma Mallika Khanna and Dr Vijay Babu Anand for their abstracts in basic sciences and clinical category respectively.

This year, the IASNM has another reason to be proud of. One of our members and well-known researcher, Dr. Sam Gambhir was awarded the coveted Paul Abersold award for outstanding achievement in the field of Nuclear medicine. This is a proud moment for all of us and is yet another feather in the cap of Dr. Gambhir. Kudos Sam!

The Society of Nuclear medicine (India) will hold its annual meeting in Jamshedpur December, 2006. They have lined up interesting lectures on various topics. Further details can be found at their web site – (<http://www.snmindia.org/events.html>)

The web site for our society continues to grow. It can be found at the URL (<http://www.iasnm.org>). Please visit the site and provide your valuable suggestions to improve the contents. We thank Mr. Jim Strommer who had very efficiently maintained the site for the past several years. We all appreciate the wonderful job he did in this regard. Our web site will have a new home and Mrs. Suma Kulkarni has kindly volunteered to maintain the site temporarily. We thank her for this special effort. 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 members, please consider becoming one and take advantage of all the benefits associated with that. For one it takes away the need for annual renewal!

Please check this web site at a later date for further details. If you need further information please contact Dr. Rajendran at [rajan@u.washington.edu](mailto:rajan@u.washington.edu) or Dr. Pandit-Taskar at [pandit-n@MSKCC.org](mailto:pandit-n@MSKCC.org).

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