



Dear Friends and Colleagues,

As we begin a brand new year – 2006, it is time to reflect on the achievements during the past year while looking forward to a greater progress in the future.

The past year was a very successful year for the IASNM and its entire membership should be proud of. As you all know, under Dr Matthew Thakur's leadership, SNM has made very important landmarks. These include the formation of a Molecular Imaging Center of excellence and a summit was organized at the recently concluded RSNA 2005, in Chicago, IL, USA. Other programs like the National Radionuclide Production Enhancement (NRPE), continued its efforts to support and propagate society's interaction with international organizations like WFNMB, EANM and IAEA.

IASNM meeting in Toronto was a great success. There were significant number of attendees at the meeting and the annual dinner weekend gathering. IASNM continues its support of the scholarship program for the junior researchers. The number of abstracts submitted and presented from India continues to grow. IASNM will continue to support this very successful and popular program to encourage young researchers from India and the US. Updated details about the award for 2006 and the application form will be posted shortly in the IASNM website, [www.iasnm.org](http://www.iasnm.org).

SNM India's 37<sup>th</sup> conference was held in Calicut, Kerala during Dec. 8th - 11th, 2005. Dr. G. Rijju of Malabar Institute of Medical Sciences (MIMS), Calicut, Kerala, was the Secretary General for SNMI 2005. Dr Joseph Mantil, Head, Department of nuclear medicine and PET center, Kettering Medical Center, Ohio, USA received the Homi Bhabha oration award.

Building on our strong foundation, we are looking ahead for greater achievements for the IASNM in the coming years. During the past year, the IASNM has taken several steps toward strengthening the organization and expanding its services. The Executive Committee of the IASNM met on July 22, 2005 and explored ways to increase membership and popularize the cause of our organization. It was also decided to explore ways to increase and improve regular communication with all the members. Please send in your comments and suggestions. The committee reiterated its support for strengthening a viable relationship with our Indian counterparts and acknowledged the help from the many members of our organization and especially Mr. Jim Strommer for his valuable assistance in maintaining the website.



The next annual meeting of the Society of Nuclear Medicine will be held in the sunny San Diego, CA June 3 – 7, 2006. Details are posted at [www.snm.org](http://www.snm.org). I am sure you all have marked these dates on your calendar.

The web site ([www.iasnm.org](http://www.iasnm.org)) for our society continues to grow. Please visit the site and provide your valuable suggestions to improve its contents. The web site belongs to all of us, and your comments for further refinement are very welcome would be helpful. It is important that we have your current email addresses 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. Most important of all is that you do not need to spend time with the process of annual renewal.

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