



Dear Friends and Colleagues,

Hope you all had a wonderful summer and are enjoying the change of season with the onset of fall. As we reflect the events of the past several months, it is heartening to see the accomplishments and progress, in spite of the many difficulties and uncertainties that face the world today.

As usual, the social gathering and awards ceremony in New Orleans in June 2003 was a great success. It would not have been possible without the excellent organization of Dr. Sanjiv Gambhir and all the others who helped in arranging that event. It was a great gathering that provided an opportunity for people to exchange ideas and develop new acquaintances. The winners of Young Investigator awards summarized their research and shared their experience. It was very encouraging to see the progress made in nuclear medicine research in India, from the presentations by researchers from India. We all should be proud of their achievements.

The officers of the IASNM are Dr. Chaitanya Divgi (President) Dr. Joseph Rajendran (Secretary) & Dr. Padmakar Kulkarni (Treasurer). The Board of Directors (2001-2003) include Sushama Bhargava, M.D., Belur Chandramouli M.D., M., Muzafar Hussein, M.S., Vimal Sodhi, M.D., and Raja Shankar, M.D. The Executive Director is Dr. Padmakar Kulkarni, M.D.

The web site for our society continues to grow. It can be found at the URL ([www.IASNM.org](http://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 mark your calendars! The 2003 SNMI meeting is scheduled for December 11-13 in Bhopal, India. Please contact Dr. B. Sanyal (organizing secretary) at [snmi2003bhopal@yahoo.co.in](mailto:snmi2003bhopal@yahoo.co.in) [jncancer@sancharnet.in](mailto:jncancer@sancharnet.in) for more information. The primary focus of the IASNM is to nurture a growing understanding with our Indian colleagues and to establish on going scientific collaborations. IASNM will have a presence at the 2003 meeting of the SNMI by organizing a series of lectures on PET in conjunction with the meeting. If you are interested in attending the meeting please contact Dr. Divgi.

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