



Dear Friends and Colleagues,

The nuclear medicine community in North America recently concluded its annual summer SNM meeting in Toronto. An important milestone for Indians in North America was the completion of Dr. Mathew Thakur's highly successful year as the President of the Society of Nuclear Medicine.

Building on our strong foundation, we are looking ahead for greater achievements for the IASNM. During the past year, the IASNM has taken several steps toward strengthening the organization and expanding its services. The Executive Committee met July 22, 2005. 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 70 people (members and guests). We could not have had a more perfect venue than Bombay Palace restaurant. The food was delicious 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 IASNM is particularly thankful to Neil Vasdev and Raman Chirakkal from Toronto who spearheaded the dinner arrangements. They did an admirable job looking after every detail. It was a great success. Our hats off to you!! On a different note the membership activation and renewal during the meeting were less enthusiastic, suggesting the need for further efforts to improve the process.

India-based Winners of Fellowship of the IASNM 2005. (These awards include travel support.)

Best Abstract in the Clinical Sciences Category:**Dr. Shefali M. Ghokale.**

Tc 99m SESTAMIBI SPECT Vs CONTRAST ENHANCED MRI IN
DIFFERENTIATING VIABLE MALIGNANT TUMOUR TISSUE FROM
RADIATION

Best Abstract in the Basic Sciences Category: There were no eligible applicants for this award, which was therefore deferred. We encourage young India-based scientists to visit our web site and apply for this award.



Winners of IASNM 2005 Young Investigators for North America Award

Basic Sciences - Dr. Rama Pichika

DEVELOPMENT OF NOVEL PET IMAGING AGENTS FOR α 4 β 2 NICOTINIC RECEPTORS. Rama Pichika,

Clinical Sciences: Dr. S. Nimu Ganguli

EVALUATION OF LEFT VENTRICULAR FUNCTION: CAN SPECT GATED BLOOD POOL IMAGING COMPLETELY REPLACE PLANAR BLOOD POOL IMAGING IN ROUTINE CLINICAL PRACTICE? S. Nimu Ganguli

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).

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.

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