PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The SNMMI Annual meeting in Anaheim was held June 21-25 at the beautiful Convention Center, across the street from Disneyland. The meeting was well attended with a global attendance of physicians, scientists, technologists, pharmacists, and students. Over 500 technologists pre-registered for the meeting, and a variety of topics were discussed. The mild weather made walking to the Hilton Hotel and the Convention Center enjoyable.

Congratulations to Lucky Pantarotto for being elected Delegate-at-Large during the Annual meeting. She provides an extra voice for the Chapter at the National Council Meetings.

USP <825> has been approved and will be initiated nationally December 1. So encompassing is the rule that two sessions at the National Meeting were held.

The rule proposes changes in the use in the hot lab regarding aseptic technique, preparing red blood cells, using bulk dose Technetium for kit preparation, preparing meals for gastric emptying studies, and much more. The Southwestern Chapter will

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NOTEWORTHY NEWS

As anticipated, the SWC-SNMMI has begun to witness a series of vacancies in the leadership ranks. We wish the best for the futures of former TS members and officers:

Pam Alderman has been instrumental in the linking of students and general membership. She was Clinical Coordinator of the Baylor Hospitals technologist degree program from 2003 - 2009. Then she was Program Director from February 2009 until the program closed in 2013. Pam subsequently moved to Houston Community College’s satellite program in Dallas. Pam served as President in 2011-2012 and ushered in the first Road Show for the Southwest Chapter in Tyler, Tx.

David Campbell graduated from the Nuclear Medicine Technology Program in Arkansas, moved to work in Dallas, then joined the Society of Nuclear Medicine and went to work in the Southwestern Chapter SNM. He served as Technologist Section Program Director, and President in 2015. He went from clinical nuclear medicine to Sales, and was successful in positioning Cardiolite in his territory. He became a Fellow of the SNMMI and has given advice to Leadership at several Board of Director meetings. Dave has been a strong attendee at Chapter and National meetings, and has served on the Finance and other committees on the National level.

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hold our Fall meeting at LSU Health-Medical School Auditorium in Shreveport, September 29, where USP <825> will be talked about in detail. You may go to the web site www.usp.org/chemical-medicines/general-chapter-825 to download your copy of the new regulations.

Your membership in the Society of Nuclear Medicine and Medical Imaging will help give support to causes which affect our practice. Your membership entitles you to monthly and quarterly journals, and discounts to books and meeting registrations. The SNMMI provides a chatroom that links to topics of interest.

As a member, you also may be eligible to hold a Technologist Section leadership position. When the Nominating Committee contacts you please be open to the opportunity: the responsibilities are minimal, the rewards are great. Committee members will begin the search soon, but please don’t wait for them to reach you if you are willing to hold office. Email the Chair of the Committee, Lucky Pantarotto, at lucrearce@msn.com for information about becoming an officer. You will be in good company.

- A warm and heartfelt thank-you for your unselfish contributions to the profession of nuclear medicine technology. We hope the best for you in your well-earned retirement!

- The National meeting will be held in New Orleans in 2020. It will be the 50th anniversary of the Technologists Section affiliation with the Society. Put on your best manners and welcome the world to both the meeting and the Southwestern Chapter!

The largest convention center on the West coast, Anaheim Convention Center was the site of the 64th SNMMI Annual Meeting this year.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sept. 28, 2019  SWC-SNMMI-TS Fall Seminar, Shreveport

Jan 23-25, 2020  SNMMI Mid-Winter Meeting, Tampa FL

April 3-5, 2020  SWC-SNMMI Annual Meeting, San Antonio

June 23-26, 2020  SNMMI Annual Meeting, New Orleans, LA