

## ACNM Progress: First 100 days of 2015

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Dear ACNM Members and Fellows,

Asking thoughtful questions prompts us into meaningful actions and channels our energy in building something beautiful for the field and for next generation of nuclear medicine physicians.

What we achieved in the first 100 days of 2015 will strategically position the College in the years to come. One of the most significant assets is many of our board members and chairs of various College committees - enthusiastic, energetic and financially prudent.

College has established two funds within the Education and Research Foundation of Nuclear Medicine and Molecular Imaging (ERF) for its annual fund raising and for endowed funds, which completely separate the college operational funds from philanthropic donations for awards, scholarships, and for training programs for members, residents and trainees. This is a significant step in the right direction for any not-for-profit organization. We are extremely grateful for Dr. Jack J Slosky for his generous donations to establish resident abstract awards in memory of his wife Ursula Mary Kocemba-Slosky, Ph.D.

ACNM has had and having more discussions with the Society of Nuclear Medicine and Molecular Imaging and the American College of Radiology for strategic cohesion at leadership level. There are opportunities to expand our educational programs during our annual meeting for more than a day, offer educational sessions in collaboration with ACR commission on Nuclear Medicine and Molecular Imaging and SNMMI in their annual meetings and participate as a collaborative academy in the creation of clinical practice guidelines, parameters and appropriate use criteria (AUC). These are significant steps in the right direction for the College and to the field.

On the health policy front, ACNM jointly submitted comments, with ACR and SNMMI, for the CMS NaF PET/CT national coverage analysis. ACNM is participating (KG Bennet) in the Nuclear Medicine Technology Associate stakeholders meeting and participating in the SNMMI/ACNM Capital Hill day (Erica Cohen, Simin Dadparvar and Alan Klitzke).

International collaborations with sister organizations are developing. We are supporting the Singapore Nuclear Medicine Update 2015 organized by the Singapore Society of Nuclear Medicine. Further collaborations with Chinese Society of Nuclear Medicine and other societies are currently underway. Simin Dadpavar will represent ACNM in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sino-American Nuclear Medicine conference.

ACNM has changed our membership structure for trainees with all US and international residents and fellows can join ACNM for free now. Our resident membership has significantly grown including a large number of nuclear medicine and radiology residents. Our full dues paying membership is stable and we are exploring a tiered membership system for international

members to encourage members from low-income countries. ACNM has implemented an option for electronic access only for the Clinical Nuclear Medicine for full dues paying members.

ACNM has formally sought representation in the ACGME nuclear medicine residency review committee, which will be discussed in May by the committee. Our educational programs are thriving under the leadership of Twyla Bartel, past President of ACNM (2014) and Alexander Antoniou, the President of NMRO. The College website is being revamped with more structure and content under the leadership of Amol Takalkar.

We look forward to achieving more in the next 100 days and keep all ACNM members posted.