2015 SNMMI Submitter Types and Abstract Awards

SNMMI SUBMITTER TYPES (referred to as “roles” during online abstract submission)

1. Physician/Scientist/Pharmacist: this is SNMMI’s PRIMARY abstract submission type, designed mainly for physicians, scientists, pharmacists, healthcare administrators, educators, and young professionals (fellows, residents, medical students) in the field of nuclear medicine and molecular imaging, but is open to all authors.

2. Educational Exhibits: this poster-only program is designed mainly for nuclear medicine residents/young professionals, program directors, and educators, but is open to submissions from all authors. Educational Exhibits, unlike other submissions, do not necessarily include new, original or scientific research, but MUST be educational in nature. NOTE: Technologists are to submit to “Professional Practices & Educational Exhibits” category in the Technologist track.

3. Technologist Abstracts: this program is designed primarily for technologists in the field of Nuclear Medicine and Molecular Imaging therapy and technology. Although authorship is not exclusively reserved for technologists, the presenting author of the abstract must be a nuclear medicine technologist.

4. Technologist Student Abstracts: designed exclusively for Technologist Students. The presenting author must be a technologist student currently enrolled in an accredited Nuclear Medicine Technologist program at the time of abstract submission. NOTE: All technologist students are required to upload a letter, on official stationary (pdf), from his/her institution’s program director to verify current enrollment and student status.

ABSTRACT AWARDS
Submitting authors may apply for awards during abstract submission. Freestanding award winners are determined, and authors notified, approximately 60 days prior to the start of the Meeting. Young Investigator Award (YIA) symposia, poster and technologist award candidates are ranked, and winners announced, onsite by Councils and/or Committees. Peer reviews/ratings are conducted by experts in the field, and serve as the primary criteria for which candidates and subsequent winners are determined.

To be considered for YIA and/or Freestanding Awards, submitting authors simply need to indicate, by clicking the “apply” button, during abstract submission (Step 4: Awards).

Young Investigator Award (YIA) Symposium Competitions
• Cardiovascular Council YIA
• Brain Imaging Council YIA
• Nuclear Oncology Council YIA
• Radiopharmaceutical Sciences Council (RPSC) YIA
• Computer & Instrumentation Council YIA
• Center for Molecular Imaging Innovation & Translation (CMIIT) YIA

Freestanding Awards
• Berson Yalow Award
• Correlative Imaging Council/Walter Wolf Young Investigator Award
• Young Professionals Committee (YPC) Awards
• Pediatric Council Young Investigator Award
**Poster Awards**
The top 10 posters from EACH track, determined via peer reviews, will become candidates for Poster Awards. Candidates for poster awards will be recognized onsite in the Poster Hall (Exhibit Hall A) by ribbons affixed next to the posters. Winners will be announced and presented with a certificate at the start of “Meet the Author” poster sessions I and II (check SNMMI 2015 Meeting Program book for poster session start times).

**Technologist and Technologist Student (SNMMI-TS) Awards**
All accepted abstracts in the Technologist program are considered eligible for awards, and therefore submitters do not need to indicate interest during abstract submission. Once all accepted abstracts are determined, committee leaders from the SNMMI Technologist Section (SNMMI-TS) rank the candidate abstracts onsite and determine the winners. Technologist awards are announced during the SNMMI-TS Business Meeting on Tuesday, June 10; check SNMMI 2015 Meeting Program book for Meeting time and location.

**Travel Awards/Grants**
If you would like to apply for an SNMMI travel award, apply here between October 7, 2014, and January 12, 2015: https://app.smarterselect.com/programs/17652-Society-Of-Nuclear-Medicine-And-Molecular-Imaging

**YOUNG INVESTIGATOR AWARD (YIA) SYMPOSIA**
All YIA candidates are selected during session building (based on abstract ranking); winners are determined and announced onsite, based on quality of oral presentation. Applicants MUST be listed as first author and presenting author on the abstract to qualify.

**Cardiovascular YIA Symposium**
SNMMI-sponsored symposium and competition, in association with the SNMMI Cardiovascular Council, for the best scientific abstracts on basic or clinical cardiovascular nuclear medicine. The objectives of the award are to identify promising young investigators working in cardiovascular nuclear medicine.

**Brain Imaging Council YIA Symposium**
SNMMI-sponsored symposium and competition, in association with the SNMMI Brain Imaging Council, for the best scientific abstracts on neurosciences nuclear medicine. Only abstracts submitted to categories within the Neurosciences Track will be considered for the Brain Imaging Council Young Investigator Award Symposium. Applicants must be medical students, residents, fellows or graduate students, or be within 5 years of completing a Ph.D. or certified nuclear medicine training program or other residency or fellowship training program to be eligible for consideration (there is no age limit).
**Computer & Instrumentation Council YIA Symposium**
SNMMI-sponsored symposium and competition in association with the SNMMI Computer and Instrumentation Council, for the best scientific abstracts on computer and instrumentation nuclear medicine. Only abstracts submitted to categories within the Instrumentation & Data Analysis track will be considered for this awards symposium. Applicants must be medical students, residents, fellows or graduate students, or be within 5 years of completing a Ph.D. or certified nuclear medicine training program or other residency or fellowship training program to be eligible for consideration (there is no age limit).

**Radiopharmaceutical Sciences Council (RPSC) YIA Symposium**
This SNMMI-sponsored symposium and competition, in association with the SNMMI Radiopharmaceutical Sciences Council (RPSC), is reserved for the best scientific abstracts on radiopharmaceutical chemistry nuclear medicine submitted by young investigators. NOTE: Only abstracts submitted to, and accepted for, categories within the Molecular Targeting Probes – Radioactive & Nonradioactive track will be considered for the RPSC Young Investigator Award Symposium. Applicants must be medical students, residents, fellows or graduate students, or be within 5 years of completing a Ph.D. or certified nuclear medicine training program or other residency or fellowship training program to be eligible for consideration (there is no age limit).
Center for Molecular Imaging Innovation & Translation (CMIIT) YIA Symposium

CMIIT-sponsored symposium and competition for the best scientific abstracts that incorporate non-nuclear molecular imaging agents and techniques. Abstracts on dual-labeled nuclear and non-nuclear probes and agents are included. Basic science, pre-clinical, translational and clinical abstracts will be considered. Applicants must be medical students, residents, fellows or graduate students, or be within 5 years of completing a Ph.D. or certified nuclear medicine training program or other residency or fellowship training program to be eligible for consideration (there is no age limit).

SPECIAL NOTE: This YIA symposium is not track-specific, and can thus be applied to – regardless of physician/scientist/pharmacist track abstract is submitted. However, submitters may NOT apply for both the CMIIT AND a track-specific YIA (e.g., Cardiovascular YIA, Radiopharmaceutical Sciences Council YIA).

Nuclear Oncology YIA Symposium

SNMMI-sponsored symposium and competition, in association with the SNMMI Nuclear Oncology Council, for the best scientific abstracts on Nuclear Oncology related topics in nuclear medicine, is designated as the SNMMI Nuclear Oncology Young Investigator Award. The objectives of this award session are to identify promising young investigators working in Nuclear Oncology related fields in nuclear medicine. To be considered, authors must check the “Nuclear Oncology Council Young Investigator Award Symposium” checkbox during abstract submission.

Requirements and guidelines for the Nuclear Oncology YIA Symposium:

- Applicants must be medical students, residents, fellows or graduate students, or be within 5 years of completing a Ph.D. or certified nuclear medicine training program or other residency or fellowship training program to be eligible for consideration (there is no age limit).
- The abstract must be original research, not previously published or presented.
- All applicants are encouraged to submit supporting data (references, table, and/or image), to allow a better evaluation of their work. Supporting data will not be published.
- Applicants submitting more than 1 abstract, in contention for other SNMMI YI awards, may win only one award.
- All applicants must choose “Oral or Poster” presentation type; abstracts submitted as “Poster Only” or accepted as poster presentations will not be considered for this symposium.
- Seven (7) finalists (abstract presenters) will be included as part of the Nuclear Oncology Council Young Investigator Award Symposium session. The award winners will be notified AFTER giving their presentations (presentation performances will be rated) during the SNM Annual Meeting at the SNMMI Nuclear Oncology Council business meeting
  - Monetary prizes + certificate are awarded to the Presenting Author of the abstract
FREESTANDING AWARDS (winners notified prior to Meeting)

**Berson-Yalow Award**
The Berson-Yalow Award celebrates the contributions of Solomon A. Berson, MD, and Rosalyn S. Yalow, PhD (Nobel Laureate 1977), who pioneered the principle of the competitive binding assay and used it to develop the field of radioimmunoassay, a mainstay of early nuclear medicine. Thus, this award recognizes outstanding original work that involves competitive binding or isotope dilution principles applied to a clinical problem. If your abstract involves these concepts, for example, as a correlation between competitive binding or indicator dilution in vitro with competitive binding or indicator dilution in vivo, it will be considered for this award.

The Scientific Program Committee acts as the selection committee for determining the winner of the Berson-Yalow Award. The contact author of the winning abstract is notified by SNMMI between late-April and early-May. Other benefits to receiving this award include:

- A monetary prize + certificate offered to the award recipient (Presenting Author); the award is presented to the scheduled award recipient at the Radiopharmaceutical Sciences Council Business Meeting during the SNMMI Annual Meeting.
- The award winning abstract is recognized by the session moderator/co-moderator during the scientific session to which it has been assigned.
- The award winning abstract is published in the Abstract Book Supplement to the *Journal of Nuclear Medicine* (June issue).

**Correlative Imaging Council Walter Wolf Young Investigators Award**
All applicants must be currently enrolled or within five [5] years of a completed certified training program. The SNMMI Correlative Imaging Council established the Walter Wolf Young Investigator Award in 2006 in honor of Walter Wolf, Ph.D., Distinguished Professor of Pharmaceutical Sciences and Chair of the Biomedical Imaging Science Initiative at the University of Southern California. Dr. Wolf, who is also a Past President of the Correlative Imaging Council, has been a leader in the field of pharmacokinetic imaging and drug development.

This award recognizes a young investigator for originality, scientific methodology, and overall contribution to Molecular Imaging or Therapy through original research showing the importance and value of correlative imaging in all fields of medicine. The award recipient (presenting author) will receive a certificate + monetary prize.

**NOTE:** There will be a single award winner for the best correlative imaging abstract, as evaluated by qualified SNM committee members across categories. The award will be presented at the Correlative Imaging Council Business Meeting during the SNMMI Annual Meeting, and will be recognized by the Moderator of the scientific session for which it was accepted.
Young Professional Committee (YPC) Awards
This is an SNMMI-sponsored competition, in association with the SNMMI Young Professionals Committee (YPC) for the best research-based presentation on basic science or clinical topics, designated as the SNMMI Young Professionals Committee Award. The main objectives of the YPC awards are to foster quality research by young professionals and to identify promising young professionals in their respective areas.

Submitting authors have the option to apply for both the Young Investigator and Young Professionals Committee Awards, but cannot receive BOTH awards.

Eligibility Requirements
Applicants must be medical students, residents, fellows, graduate or undergraduate students OR young physicians or scientists less than 10 years out of training. MDs, MD-candidates, PhDs, and PhD-candidates are eligible. All former first-prize winners are ineligible.

Submission Requirements
- Submit the abstract to the most appropriate Physician/Pharmacist/Scientist category.
- Abstracts must be submitted as “Oral or Poster” presentation preference. Abstracts submitted as “Poster Only” will not be considered.
- Check the “Apply” box during Step 4: Awards.
- Authors can be considered for both Young Investigator Award (YIA) competitions and Young Professional Committee (YPC) awards, but cannot win both.

Abstracts winning YPC awards will be presented at the annual Young Professionals Committee Luncheon, held during the Annual Meeting. Monetary prizes and plaques are offered for abstracts awarded as “Best Science” and “Best Clinical” (1st, 2nd and 3rd Place finishes for both types).

Pediatrics Council Young Investigator Award
All applicants must be currently enrolled or within five [5] years of a completed certified training program. This SNMMI-sponsored competition, in association with the SNMMI Pediatrics Council, offers young investigators the opportunity to receive an award for the best scientific abstract submitted to the Pediatrics category (within the General Clinical Specialties track).

The objective of the SNMMI Pediatrics Council Young Investigator Award is to identify promising young investigators working in Pediatric nuclear medicine, Pediatric molecular imaging and therapy of Pediatric disease. Only a single winner will be chosen, as evaluated by qualified SNMMI committee members within the Pediatrics category. A monetary award, certificate, and 1-year FREE membership to SNMMI Pediatrics Council are included as prizes.

NOTE: The award will be presented at the Pediatrics Council Business Meeting during the SNMMI Annual Meeting, and will be recognized during a Pediatrics scientific session.

- Authors must check the “Apply” button during online abstract submission to be considered.
- Abstract MUST be submitted to Pediatrics category, within the General Clinical Specialties track.
- Applicants must choose “Oral or Poster” as the desired presentation type. “Poster Only” submissions will not be considered.
- Applicants are encouraged to submit supporting data to allow better evaluation of their work by SNMMI peer review teams.
- The abstract must be original research, not previously published or presented as a full paper.
Art Weis Call for Abstracts

“SNMMI Best Paper Prize in Memory of Art Weis in Radiation Dosimetry and Safety”

This award celebrates the considerable contributions of Art Weis to the field of nuclear medicine. As founder and chief executive of Capintec, Inc., Art championed technological advances in the accurate assessment of administered activity and biological assays of radioactivity at a time when these considerations, of fundamental importance to our field, were not as refined as they are now. In addition, Art was very active within the SNMMI, serving as chair of a number of essential committees and receiving the SNM Presidential Distinguished Service Award in 2008.

The newly created Art Weis Award recognizes outstanding original work in radiation safety and dosimetry, as Art considered these to be crucial to the advancement of nuclear medicine. Abstracts submitted by physicians, scientists or technologists which advance these concepts are hereby solicited for consideration for this award.

Conditions:
An ad hoc panel of experts including representatives from the MIRD Committee and the RADAR Task Force will select the awardee based on the relevance, originality, quality and significance of the submitted abstract. The contact author of the winning abstract will be notified in advance of the SNMMI Annual Meeting. This award includes:
• A monetary prize and a certificate given to the presenting author at the SNMMI Annual Meeting in the Monday Plenary Session;
• Recognition of the award-winning abstract by the session moderator during the scientific session in which it is presented;
• Acknowledgement of the abstract in an article in the Abstract Book Supplement to the Journal of Nuclear Medicine (June issue) as well as in an article in SNMMI Newsline.