Report to SNMMI Committee on Councils/Centers and House of Delegates
June 2014

Activities and Accomplishments

The Council continues to focus on providing exceptional educational activities for the attendees of the SNMMI meetings and will once again provide a comprehensive educational program for the 2014 annual meeting.

A CME session was conducted at the 2014 Mid Winter Meeting in Palm Springs, CA titled Multimodality Imaging with PET/MR in the Characterization of CNS Disease.

For the 2013 Annual Meeting, the BIC organized the Kuhl-Lassen Award Lecture and three SAM sessions.
- Kuhl-Lassen Lecture – Amyloid Plaque Imaging Probes: From Bench to Clinic
- Dopamine Transporter Imaging in Parkinson Syndromes: Difficult Case Studies
- RWE – Dementia
- Epilepsy Diagnosis and Treatment

The BIC recognizes the contributions of senior scientists who have made pioneering advances in the field through the annual Kuhl-Lassen award and lecture. Dr. Hank F. Kung, was recipient of the 2013 Kuhl-Lassen award. The 2014 recipient, Dr. Osama Sabri, MD, PHD will be speaking at the Kuhl-Lassen Award Lecture during the 2014 SNMMI Annual Meeting in St. Louis, MO, June 7 – 11.

BIC was pleased to take part in the Brain Research through Advanced Neurotechnologies (BRAIN) Initiative in March, 2014. BIC worked educating physicians and care providers in the appropriate use of molecular neuroimaging for improving the accuracy and the timeliness of diagnosis of neuropsychiatric illnesses, as well as in supporting research efforts involving scintigraphic techniques to streamline the process drug development for brain diseases.

BIC is involved in the preparation of the SNMMI amyloid PET procedure guidelines which will provide systematic recommendations on handling of all currently available amyloid-targeting PET probes.

BIC just completed their 2014 Board of Directors elections, successfully electing a Vice President-elect, Secretary and four Board members. All elected officers will begin their terms of office in June 2014.

Newly Elected Officers
VP-elect – Jan Booji, MD
Secretary – Satoshi Minoshima, MD, PhD
Looking Forward

This is a singularly exciting time to be in the field of molecular imaging of the brain with clinical applications set to soar in the foreseeable future. The SNMMI through the Brain Imaging Council and the Molecular Imaging Centre of Excellence will continue to educate nuclear medicine specialists and referring physicians about current and emerging brain imaging techniques to ensure growth in this field and successful and appropriate adoption of new techniques.

For the 2014 SNMMI Annual Meeting, June 7 – 11 in St. Louis, MO, the BIC has organized 5 CE sessions.
1. Kuhl-Lassen Award Lecture
2. Dementia RWE
3. Amyloid and Tau PET Imaging: Current Status
4. Update on Dopamine Transporter Imaging (in collaboration with EANM)
5. Potentials of Brain PET-MRI (in collaboration with Correlative Imaging Council)

BIC is currently submitting one session idea for the 2015 Mid-Winter Meeting in Austin TX.

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Mission

The Brain Imaging Council (BIC) exists to develop and advance clinical and research applications of nuclear brain imaging. This is achieved through organizing research symposia, sponsoring educational courses, supporting the Society in developing policy positions for brain imaging applications, training, and fostering connections among Council members and resources for meeting educational, clinical, and research needs for successful brain imaging.
The BIC seeks to benefit a range of nuclear medicine professionals from nuclear medicine specialists in hospital or the private practice of nuclear medicine, nuclear medicine technologists, and investigators with interest in the research and clinical application of brain imaging.