SNM: Nuclear Oncology Council
Report to the SNM Board of Directors
January 2012

Nuclear Oncology Council (NOC) has continued on its goal to provide a forum for those members of the SNM with an interest in nuclear oncology, both therapeutic and diagnostic aspects. The NOC provides an informational resource to support those involved in nuclear oncology and supports the development of diagnostic and therapeutic clinical trials. The NOC also supports the educational objectives of the society with respect to nuclear oncology by organizing and participating in educational activities, keeping alive the interests of practitioners of nuclear oncology and that of other members of the SNM. In this respect we uphold the overall goals of the SNM in promoting molecular imaging as well as radiopharmaceutical therapy.

NOC Board of Directors 2011-2012

The 2011-2012 NOC board of directors is listed in this newsletter and also on the NOC Web page. Serving on the council’s board provides an opportunity to contribute to the cause of nuclear oncology in general and the council in particular. Dr. Greg Wiseman Professor of Radiology and Director of Nuclear Medicine at Mayo Clinic was elected President of the NOC in June 2011 and will serve for 2 years. He will be helped by a team of board members noted below:

**Board of Directors- Officers**
President: Gregory A. Wiseman MD
Vice President: Neeta Taskar, MD
Vice President-Elect: Suresh Srivastava, PhD
Secretary: A. Cahid Civelek, MD
Immediate Past President: Maroun Karam, MD,

**Board Members**
Norman LaFrance, MD
Alexander McEwan, MD
Daniel Pryma, MD
Rathan Subramaniam, MD, PhD
Barry Wessels, PhD

**Board of Directors- Additional Participants**
Intern: Anca Avram, MD

**Approved Amendment to NOC Operating Procedures**

By popular vote, the terms of President, Vice President, and Vice President Elect of the NOC BOD have been extended from one-year to two-years each. This amendment should improve the transition of leadership positions and ensure that incoming officers understand the expectations of their position and have time to implement the goals they have set prior to being elected.

The year 2011 was particularly productive for the NOC. Encouraged by high-quality abstracts presented by investigators from across the globe, the NOC has established in 2008 a Young Investigator Award to support and encourage attendance at the SNM Annual Meeting by a clinician and a scientist who will present works related to the diagnostic or therapeutic aspects of oncology. Guidelines for the award were developed by the NOC board with the help of SNM administrative staff. In 2011, we awarded 3 prizes to the top 3 abstracts presented at a special symposium as rated by a panel of judges.
The NOC organized several outstanding CME sessions during several meetings of the SNM. These sessions were delivered by leaders internationally recognized in their respective fields. We contributed to the development of educational workshops in numerous ways, including: assisting in developing programs, reviewing abstracts, providing speakers and moderators, and providing travel fellowships for 3 young translational researchers.

SNM NOC 2011-2013 Internship Program

SNM Councils and Center of Excellence Internships is a new program geared to identify and train future leaders of SNM in the structure, governance and operations of the organization; to prepare individuals for progressive levels of responsibility; to ensure effective leadership that advances the mission and goals of the organization. The intern is a young professional (physician, technologist or scientist) in training or in practice within 10 years of graduation. One internship position for a single two-year term as a non-voting member has been approved to each SNM Council and the Center of Excellence. Dr. Daniel Pryma had been selected in 2009 and his term will ended in 2011, when the council selected Anca Avram, MD as the new intern, her term will be 2011 to 2013.

Annual Meeting 2011

The 2011 CME offerings sponsored by the NOC were:
1. A categorical course on “Promising therapeutic and diagnostic tracers in oncology” organized by Dr. Wiseman
2. “The impact of sentinel node imaging on cancer imaging” organized by Dr. Karam.
3. “Current radiolabeled therapy of solid metastatic tumors” organized by Dr. Taskar
4. “PET/CT for prognostic evaluation and assessment of therapeutic response of lymphomas” organized by Dr Karam
5. The role of PET/CT in Head and Neck cancers “organized by Dr. Rajendran.