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### **President's Message**

*David Brandon, MD, Academic Council President*



### **2017 Mid Winter Meeting Recap**

The Academic Council was pleased to sponsor the following continuing education sessions at the 2017 SNMMI Mind-Winter Meeting in Phoenix, AZ. All of the sessions were well attended.

## Congratulations Academic Council 2016 Award Winners!

### 2016 Distinguished Service Award



The Academic Council Congratulates **Daniel Lee, MD** as the as the recipient of the 2016 Distinguished Service Award.

Jon Baldwin, DO, President of the Academic Council presented Dr. Lee with this award at the 2016 SNMMI Annual Meeting in San Diego, California (*pictured*).

### 2016 Lifetime Achievement Award



The Academic Council congratulates **Nikki Wenzel-Lamb**, SNMMI Leadership Director and SNMMI-TS Administrator, as the recipient of the 2016 Lifetime Achievement in Education Award.

Jon Baldwin, DO, President of the Academic Council and David Brandon, MD Vice-President of the Academic Council presented Mrs. Wenzel - Lamb with this award at the 2016 SNMMI Annual Meeting in San Diego, California (*pictured*).

## Upcoming Academic Council Sponsored Events

Please join us on January 20th at the 2017 [SNMMI Mid-Winter Meeting](#) in Phoenix, AZ from 3:00-5:00pm, where we will be presenting this very timely and relevant topic: "Impact of Reimbursement and Appropriateness Criteria on New Radiopharmaceutical Access."

Also be on the lookout for the Nuclear Medicine Program Directors Meeting which provides the most up-to-date information on nuclear medicine training in the U.S. This meeting is attended by representatives from the ACGME and the future of nuclear medicine training task force.

## Outgoing and Incoming Board of Directors

The Academic Council thanks the following members who are rotating off the Board of Directors:

- Janis P. O'Mally, MD, Secretary
- Leonie L. Gordon, MD, FACNM, Immediate Past President
- Rafay Ahmen, MD, Board Member
- Jay Hiller, MD, Board Member
- Andrei Iagaru, MD, Board Member

The Academic Council welcomes the following members who are newly elected to the Board of Directors or rotating to new positions within the board:

- David Brandon, MD, President
- Jay Hiller, MD, Vice President
- Jon Baldwin, DO, Immediate Past President
- Erica Cohen, DO, MPH, Secretary
- Twyla Bartel, DO, MBA, FACNM, Board Member
- Mickaila Johnston, MD, Board Member
- Daniel Lee, MD, Board Member
- Darko Pucar, MD, PhD, Board Member

## AC Intern Update – Volunteers Needed

*Shawn S. Carter, MD, Academic Council Intern (2015-2017)*



Following my chemical engineering undergraduate training at Clemson University and medical school at the University of South Carolina School of Medicine, I completed a surgical internship in my hometown of Greenville, South Carolina. I then served five years as a flight surgeon in the U.S. Air Force which included a tour in Afghanistan and the opportunity to provide medical assistance to NASA astronauts during the historic final space shuttle landing in July 2011.

I am currently in my final year of nuclear medicine residency training at Emory University. I am particularly interested in resource utilization and efficiency for medical imaging in the wake of dwindling healthcare dollars. I am excited to be a part of the SNMMI Academic Council, and I hope to understand and assist in addressing the challenges within our specialty to facilitate a bright future in nuclear medicine as a whole.

During the 2015 SNMMI Mid-Winter Meeting, the Academic Council discussed the potential value of obtaining data from nuclear medicine residencies pertaining to resident case numbers for commonly performed imaging studies and therapies. At this discussion, it was clear that information derived solely from radiology information systems would be insufficient as not all resident data would be captured from some programs. For the AC intern project, we would like to move forward in hopes of collecting sufficient

data from as many nuclear medicine programs as possible to establish normative values for nuclear medicine procedures performed during residency training.

As the new SNMMI Academic Council intern, I am spearheading this project and requesting your participation as a nuclear medicine program director to join with the other NM program directors in supporting this endeavor. In addition, I would like to ask for volunteers to set up a working group to help determine the breadth of procedures surveyed and which data sources should be accepted as valid given the variable conditions in residency training.

Some may ask why undertake such a project in the face of the ABR/ABNM proposal, but what better time to have hard data on what our residents do to guide any transition that may take place. This data would be made available to any entity that requests it, in the hopes that it would facilitate the discussion of what changes, if any, need to be made.

Please contact me at [scarter@radiologyregional.com](mailto:scarter@radiologyregional.com) if you are interested in volunteering to serve on this working group.

### **SAVE THE DATE!**

Mark your calendar! The [2017 SNMMI Mid-Winter Meeting](#) will be held January 19-22 at the Arizona Grand Hotel in Phoenix, AZ

Please visit the [Academic Council](#) website for more information and to join!