Mission: The WINM committee is charged with promoting women physicians and scientists in nuclear medicine and molecular imaging; fostering the development of professional interests; addressing problems encountered in the practice of nuclear medicine; promoting leadership and career development in women; raising awareness of scientific contributions of women in nuclear medicine; recognizing the challenges of balancing career and family; promoting fair and equitable treatment; and improving the climate for women in nuclear medicine in all stages of their careers.

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SNMMI Premiers *RADIOACTIVE* During 2020 SNMMI Annual Meeting - Virtual Edition

The 2020 SNMMI Annual Meeting - Virtual Edition, was held July 11-14, 2020 and brought in an amazing 7,500+ registrants! This epic event brought together colleagues from all over the world in a first ever, virtual SNMMI Annual Meeting. Those that attended relished in the outstanding continuing education offerings, access to hundreds of scientific posters, young investigator presentations, and remarkable plenary sessions. In addition to all of the incredible education that was delivered over the four-day meeting, the SNMMI provided top-notch opportunities for attendees to network through social events in the mornings and evenings.

The Women in Nuclear Medicine Committee was THRILLED to bring an exciting opportunity to the meeting - an Amazon and Motion Picture exclusive viewing of *Radioactive!* *Radioactive* portrays the story of Marie Curie and Pierre Curie, and the reverberation of their discoveries throughout the 20th century.

Motion Picture provided two (2) viewings of the movie: Saturday, July 11 at 8:15pm (ET) and Sunday, July 12 at 3:00am (ET). Attendance peaked at 1,195 on Saturday and another 160 viewers on Sunday. Marjane Satrap, the director of *Radioactive*, even provided a welcome for SNMMI attendees at the start of the movie!

For those that joined the viewing party, we hope you liked the movie as much as we did! If you missed it, *Radioactive* is now available on Amazon Prime!

On behalf of the WINM Committee, we would like to thank Amazon and Motion Picture for working to provide this great opportunity for SNMMI Annual Meeting - Virtual Edition Attendees. We would also like to say a BIG thank you to our sponsor, Bracco Diagnostics! Thank you for being a strong supporter of Women in Nuclear Medicine!

**SHARE YOUR ACHIEVEMENTS WITH US!**

If you have any good news (professional or personal) related to yourself or women colleagues in the field of nuclear medicine, please forward a photo of you in your office (home office is fine) or clinic along with text describing yourself (name, title, institution) and any accomplishments you’d like to celebrate. We’d love to get to know you and celebrate with you via @women_in_nuclear_medicine on Instagram and @womeninnucmed on Twitter.
Carolyn J. Anderson, PhD, Receives SNMMI 2020 Paul C. Aebersold Award for Outstanding Achievement in Basic Nuclear Medicine Science

Carolyn J. Anderson, PhD, has been named the 2020 recipient of the prestigious Paul C. Aebersold Award. Anderson is a professor in the departments of medicine, radiology, bioengineering, chemistry, and pharmacology and chemical biology at the University of Pittsburgh in Pennsylvania. The award was announced by the Society of Nuclear Medicine and Molecular Imaging (SNMMI) during its 2020 Annual Meeting.

Anderson’s research interests center on the development and evaluation of novel radiometal-based radiopharmaceuticals for diagnostic imaging and targeted radiotherapy of cancer and other diseases. The current focus of her research lab is the development of imaging agents for upregulated receptors on immune cells that are involved in inflammation related to lung diseases including tuberculosis, primary tumor growth and cancer metastasis, and sickle cell disease. Her research also capitalizes on the effects of targeted radiopharmaceutical therapy on both tumor cells and immune cells in the tumor microenvironment.

The Aebersold Award is named for Paul C. Aebersold—a pioneer in the biologic and medical application of radioactive materials and the first director of the Atomic Energy Commission’s Division of Isotope Development. It recognizes outstanding achievement in basic science applied to nuclear medicine and was first presented in 1973. The SNMMI Committee on Awards selects the recipient.

Click here to read the press release.
SNMMI Announces Tina M. Buehner, PhD, CNMT, FSNMMI-TS, as President of Technologist Section during 2020 Annual Meeting

Tina M. Buehner, PhD, CNMT, FSNMMI-TS, has been named 2020-21 president of the Society of Nuclear Medicine and Molecular Imaging Technologist Section (SNMMI-TS). Buehner is a health physicist specialist at Rush University Medical Center in Chicago, Illinois.

Buehner has close to 20 years of experience as a nuclear medicine technologist. She worked as the manager of the nuclear medicine/nuclear cardiology services at Loyola University Health System's Gottlieb Memorial Hospital in Melrose Park, Illinois, for five years and as a staff technologist and clinical educator at Northwestern Memorial Hospital in Chicago for 14 years before taking her current position.

SNMMI Announces Dusty M. York, MAEd, CNMT, PET, ARRT(N)(CT) as President-Elect of the Technologist Section During 2020 Annual Meeting

Dusty M. York, MAEd, CNMT, PET, ARRT(N)(CT), associate professor and clinical coordinator of the nuclear medicine program at Chattanooga State Community College in Chattanooga, Tennessee, has been elected as the 2020-21 president-elect for the Society of Nuclear Medicine and Molecular Imaging Technologist Section (SNMMI-TS).

York studied nuclear medicine at the Medical College of Georgia in Augusta, Georgia, and later obtained her master's degree in education from Tusculum College in Greenville, Tennessee. She began her career as a staff technologist at Memorial Hospital in Chattanooga and has been in her current position at Chattanooga State Community College since 2003.

WINM Workforce Development Project

The Early Career Members and Trainees Working Group, led by Dr. Jagruti Shah, is developing resources for WINM to present the career path and advantages of working in the field of nuclear medicine to high school, undergraduate college and medical students. The materials will consist of a short video, handouts, and a “read with the expert” session. All will be available via the SNMMI website on the WINM tab. Although resources are geared toward women entering the field, these resources would also be appropriate for general interest groups.

International Networking Opportunities

The International Working Group for the WINM looks forward to hosting in-person events, when practicable, aimed at international networking efforts. We women nuclear medicine professionals hail from different lands, with distinct backgrounds, customs, and work environments. Building this network can help us learn from each other and make progress professionally and personally.
Promotion Assistance – Resources

During the 2020 Mid-Winter meeting in Tampa, Florida, WINM provided handouts during the Speed Mentoring Session titled “Mix and Mentor” presented by the Early Career Professionals Committee. These handouts provide for career path and promotions strategies for three work domains: Clinic, Administrative, and Education. Handouts are linked below:

- Clinical Experience
- Society/Volunteer Efforts
- Educational Scholarships

If you are a woman in the field of nuclear medicine and need assistance with your promotions effort including portfolio creation, personal statement editing, and letters of recommendation, please contact the WINM committee at winm@snmmi.org.

CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS

The Women in Nuclear Medicine Committee is reconvening for the new 2020-2021 governance year. The WINM Committee needs volunteers for several working groups including: education and programming, networking events, promotions, education, clinical practice, international networking and workforce development. If you would like to volunteer to serve on one of the WINM Working Groups, please e-mail winm@snmmi.org.
Suzanne E. Lapi, PhD Named SNMMI Fellow

The Society of Nuclear Medicine and Molecular Imaging recognized 10 new SNMMI Fellows on Monday, July 13, during a plenary session at the society’s 2020 Annual Meeting, held virtually July 11-14. The SNMMI Fellowship was established in 2016 to recognize distinguished service to the society as well as exceptional achievement in the field of nuclear medicine and molecular imaging. It is among the most prestigious formal recognitions available to long-time SNMMI members. Selection of SNMMI Fellows is based on documented excellence of volunteer service to the society in at least one of these additional three areas: excellence in scientific discovery and innovation, educational efforts in nuclear medicine and molecular imaging, or clinical practice of nuclear medicine and molecular imaging. The SNMMI Fellowship is recognized with the designation “FSNMMI.”

Suzanne E. Lapi, PhD is currently Vice Chair of Translational Research in the Department of Radiology, Professor with Tenure of Radiology and Chemistry, and Cyclotron Facility Director at the University of Alabama at Birmingham. She is also a member of the O’Neal Comprehensive Cancer Center and the UAB Alzheimer’s Disease Center. Her research interests are in the development and translation of new PET radionuclides and molecular imaging agents. In particular, she has an active program investigating 89Zr radiolabeled antibodies as molecular imaging agents in preclinical and clinical trials in oncology. Her other main area of research interest is in the development of new isotopes for PET imaging such as 45Ti and 43Sc.

Congratulations to Dr. Lapi and all the 2020 SNMMI Fellow recipients:

Vasken Dilsizian, MD, University of Maryland, School of Medicine, Baltimore
Xiaoyuan Chen, PhD, National Institute of Biomedical Imaging and Bioengineering, Bethesda, MD
Paul E. Kinahan, PhD, University of Washington, Seattle
Michael A. King, PhD, University of Massachusetts Medical School, Worcester
Suzanne Lapi, PhD, University of Alabama at Birmingham
Anthony Parker, MD, PhD, Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center, Boston, MA
Todd Peterson, PhD, Vanderbilt University Medical Center, Nashville, TN
Terrence Ruddy, MD, University of Ottawa Heart Institute, Canada
Heinrich Schelbert, MD, PhD, University of California at Los Angeles School of Medicine
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WINM Technologist Working Group

With the transition of the annual meeting to a virtual environment the WINM-TS is currently planning to change our content to the virtual environment as well. The WINM-TS CE session originally planned for the 2020 SNMMI Annual Meeting will be transitioned to several webinars later this summer. In addition, the WINM Technologist Working Group has welcomed a new Chair, Sarah Frye, MBA, CNMT, PET, CCRP. Sarah is the Program Coordinator of MIT and Assistant Professor, Clinical Health Sciences at Saint Louis University. Sarah will be leading a group of excited technologist women this year! Please join us in welcoming Sarah and the entire Technologist Working Group!

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Thank you for supporting the WINM at the SNMMI Mid-Winter Meeting.
We can’t wait to SEE everyone again!