It is my great honor to take the PET COE Presidency, follow in the footsteps of many great leaders of our field, and write this message to all members worldwide. First of all, thank you, and I promise to discharge the responsibilities to my best with the help of the executive committee, bring benefits to our members, and advance the field.

As the disruption from the COVID-19 pandemic continues into its third year, we will be operating and delivering our educational programs and services in a ‘distant mode’ with the same passion and dedication until such time we can get together ‘in-person’ for our annual and mid-winter meetings. Above all, our commitment and duty to our patients continues unabated day in and day out. We adapt the lessons we learn as the pandemic rolls on, implementing new strategies and lifestyle changes.

The future of PET and PET-directed therapies is bright and everlasting, as far as we can see. Recent approvals and clinical implementations of many new PET radiotracers and radionuclide therapies are the best I have seen in my two-decade career as a nuclear medicine physician. The necessity to equip our members in educational and research opportunities abounds. PET COE is determined to bring these opportunities to all our members.

This newsletter edition discusses our educational programs at the mid-winter meeting, the planned program for the annual meeting in Vancouver, our online webinars for this year, introduces new PET COE interns, and a CME article. Our warmest congratulations to Prof Johannes Czernin, MD, as the recipient of the PET COE Valk Award 2022. He will deliver his lecture during the annual meeting in Vancouver.

Stay safe, and we will be in touch regularly through our PET COE newsletters.

Regards,
Rathan M. Subramaniam
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I have a Bachelor of Science in Nutrition Science from Colorado State University and am currently working on a Masters’ degree in Organizational Leadership. My other credentials include, CNMT, PET, NMTCB (RS), R.T. (N)(CT)(ARRT)

I am originally from Highlands Ranch, Colorado! I moved to the bay area for the Nuclear Medicine program in 2017 and have been in the area ever since.

My hobbies include yoga, playing the flute, and puzzles! I also enjoy exploring all of the outdoor activities California has to offer.

I have always been interested in PET and have enjoyed working with the PET scanner most as a technologist. Being a member in the PET COE has allowed me to expand my knowledge and introduced me to a lot of interesting talks and research that is being done in the field.

There are a lot of exciting new studies happening, and I wanted to not only be a part of a community that enjoys it as much as I do, but I also wanted to find a way to get others excited about it as well!
VALK AWARD:

The PET COE Valk Memorial Lectureship and Award was established in memory of Peter E. Valk who was a pioneer in the establishment of the important clinical utility of PET imaging. The intent of this award is to recognize those individuals with significant contributions made towards the advancement of PET, PET/CT and/or PET/MRI, including in both adult or pediatric patients. It is also important that individual recipients are dedicated to the PET Center of Excellence.

Congratulations again to Dr. Johannes Czernin on being the 2022 awardee for his contributions!

![Photo of Dr. Johannes Czernin]

Prior recipients are:
- 2021 - Rodney J Hicks, MD
- 2020 – Simon Cherry, PhD, and Ramsey Badawi, PhD
- 2019 – Hossein Jadvar, MD, PhD, FACNM, FSNMMI
- 2018 – Peter Conti, MD, PhD, FACNM, FACR
- 2017 – George Segall, MD, FACNM, FSNMMI
- 2016 – Richard Wahl, MD, FACNM
- 2015 – Sam Gambhir, MD, PhD

CME/SAM (ACCME – AMA PRA Category 1 Credit/ABNM MOC II 1 Credit):

Interesting Findings/Notes on our Newer Pet Radiopharmaceuticals with CME/SAM

Objectives

Upon completion of this CME-SAM, learners will:
1. Determine the best match of newer PET radiopharmaceuticals with indications.
2. Review a few cases of malignant and benign findings on PET/CT.
3. Review some pearls for interpreting images with new PET radiopharmaceuticals.

Click this link to participate in this case-based activity for credit:

[CLICK HERE](#) (control+click)
PET COE SPEAKERS’ BUREAU

The PET COE Speakers’ Bureau was formed in 2018 and Co-Chaired by Drs. Twyla Bartel and Helen Nadel and is available to fund PET COE member speakers for four chapters this next fiscal year. Below is a list of the speakers and chapters we have supported since inception and a few more details. If your chapter’s annual or technologist meetings could use this support, please contact Teresa Ellmer @ tellmer@snmmi.org.

PET COE will provide support to Chapter Meetings for a speaker on PET
- The speaker must be member of the PET COE of the SNMMI
- The speaker must be from outside the requesting chapter
- PET COE can suggest a speaker, or the chapter can make their own speaker suggestion under the above guidelines
- The support will be up to $500.00 for travel/expense reimbursement to the chapter
- The PET COE will support up to 4 speakers per year on a first-come basis and a chapter can apply for this support once per 3 years

Katherine Zukotynski – Mid-Eastern Chapter – 2021-2022 fiscal year
Sharmila Dorbala – Southwestern Chapter – 2021-2022
Twyla Bartel – Northern California Chapter – 2021-2022
Helen Nadel – Missouri Valley Chapter – 2021-2021
Shana Elman – Pacific Southwest Technologist Meeting – 2019-2020
Tom Hope – Central Chapter – 2019-2020
Gary Dillehay – Eastern Great Lakes Chapter – 2019 - 2020
Barry Shulkin – Southwestern Chapter – 2018 - 2019

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