

# Congratulatory Letters



In 1970, the SNMMI-TS established that it was **THE** organization for nuclear medicine technologists. From 3,300 members in 1982, the Technologist Section membership has now swelled to over 10,000 members! And we LOVE our members—they are why we exist, they are who we are and they are why we are so excited to celebrate this golden anniversary!



Over the years, the SNMMI-TS has been at the forefront of establishing approved standards of training and qualifications of those engaged in Nuclear Medicine Technology. In 1973, the *Journal of Nuclear Medicine Technology (JNMT)* was first published—a peer-reviewed publication, included in the *Index Medicus*. The *JNMT* has continued to expand both in page count and in science for the past 47 years. In 1977, the Technologist Section sponsored an initiative to create the Nuclear Medicine Technology Certification Board (NMTCB), which oversees professional certification independently. The SNMMI-TS also founded the Health Professions Network (HPN), now a separately incorporated organization consisting of a federation of allied health organizations, which were brought together by common issues and goals to address the concerns. The SNMMI-TS developed the first Nuclear Medicine Technologist Curriculum that is widely utilized by NMT bachelors programs across the United States.

The educational efforts and professional development opportunities that have been developed as a result of the SNMMI-TS are countless. Many of the former and current leaders that have served the SNMMI-TS in the past 15 years are graduates of the flagship SNMMI-TS Leadership Academy. The Academy, which was developed to provide a mechanism in which future leaders could be identified and learn critical professional development and career enhancing tools, has graduated over 168 technologist professionals—this year's class will bring us to 180 graduates!

The field of Nuclear Medicine Technology would also not be recognized as it is today in so many states if it wasn't for the legislative efforts of the SNMMI-TS. Initially serving as a co-founder of the Alliance for Quality Medical Imaging and Radiation Therapy, a group of 18 related organizations were brought together to support the Consumer Assurance of Radiologic Excellence (CARE) Act. Much later, as efforts at the national level were met with much opposition, the SNMMI-TS turned their advocacy efforts to the state level and have seen numerous "wins" with licensure bills, inclusion of NMT certification recognition, and stopping scope of practice infringement from other modalities. The SNMMI-TS is very proud of the progress we have made and continue to work towards as we strive to have 100% recognition of the importance of having Nuclear Medicine Technologists recognized.

While the SNMMI-TS domestic efforts are a major priority, over the last 20 years, the SNMMI-TS has taken a major step forward in our international community. Through continued collaboration with our international colleagues and organizations, the SNMMI-TS now partners with other major technologist organizations from around the world to increase education and training, develop programs and distribute grants and awards. These international relationships continue to grow and continue to cultivate a group of technologist leaders that will comprise the Technologist Global Initiative.

SNMMI-TS has been there, to help us meet the many challenges to our imaging profession. As we look ahead, our strength lies in our evolving science, advancement in software/instrumentation, radiopharmaceutical development, and precision medicine that brings physiology into our focus. Along with the tens of thousands of technologists and the SNMMI-TS, we will continue this forward progression in the next 50 years—it is going to be a real scintillating experience. Thank you ALL for helping us be the Society of Nuclear Medicine and Molecular Imaging.

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SNMMI-TS:

Celebrating 50 years is a wonderful achievement. I want to congratulate the SNMMI-TS on its Golden Anniversary. I am honored to have held some leadership positions over the last many years. The ability to work with other professionals to help protect and advance our field and profession has been so worthwhile. When asked to chair our 50th Anniversary Year task force, I readily agreed. I am thrilled to be able to work on this year-long project. I have always enjoyed nuclear medicine as such a unique imaging and therapy modality. We provide such extraordinary information to help diagnose, treat and stage disease that I feel we are underappreciated and remain a somewhat hidden jewel amongst healthcare. Having personally seen over 30 years of advances in our field, I truly cannot imagine what the next 50 years may bring. I am sure it will be cutting edge, unique, valuable and truly a help for making a difference in patients' lives.

Congratulations to everyone who has worked so hard, for so many years to propel, advance and continue our profession. I thank you, those whom I never met and never knew, for passing the baton forward to this day. I know we are continuing what they started and my hope is that our future leadership in the SNMMI-TS will continue propelling forward what we inherited. I know they will.

What a wonderful decision I made in 1988 to begin my journey into nuclear medicine technology. Congratulations again on achieving 50 years!

Sincerely,

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**NORMAN E. BOLUS, MSPH, MPH, CNMT, FSNMMI-TS**  
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Happy 50th anniversary to the Society of Nuclear Medicine and Molecular Imaging Technologist Section (SNMMI-TS)! The SNMMI-TS has been my professional home for the last 20 years. I know how much change 20 years has brought upon our field, so I can only imagine how surreal it must be from the perspective of those who were here 50 years ago, in 1970. Nuclear medicine technology would not be where it is today without the support and dedication of the SNMMI-TS. It is through the undeniable effort of the SNMMI and the SNMMI-TS that nuclear medicine technologists have made such an impact on the growth of nuclear medicine both in the United States and internationally.



I have immense gratitude and respect for the woman pioneers in nuclear medicine technology who paved the way for the rest of us in clinical practice, research, and leadership within the SNMMI-TS. Some of these trailblazers are from right inside my very own Central Chapter, such as the late Sue Weiss, who was a catalyst in pediatric nuclear medicine, a founding member of the NMTCB, and the first woman president of the SNMMI-TS. Additionally, there were so many amazing woman leaders who guided me early on in my career and set me on my trajectory of development and leadership within the SNMMI-TS. These women include Rebecca Sajdak, Nancy McDonald, Cynae DeRose, Lisa Hazen, Cybil Nielsen, and Kathy Hunt. Thank you for being wonderful mentors and truly inspirational women and for remaining a strong professional support system for me throughout the years.

I am excited to be starting my term as the president of the SNMMI-TS during the Section's 50th anniversary year. Although this year's meeting was originally scheduled to occur in New Orleans, Louisiana, and now comprises a Virtual Meeting platform, New Orleans still has special significance for me because the first annual meeting I ever attended was held in New Orleans, in 2003. I was a young, nervous, unsure technologist and a completely novice researcher who had just had my first abstract accepted for oral presentation at the meeting. It was my first time in New Orleans, my first professional meeting, and my first time publicly presenting my research, which at the time was on the administration of Zevalin! Many years have passed since then, and I am beyond excited to have the opportunity to serve as the 25th woman president of the SNMMI-TS in the past 50 years! Twenty-five woman presidents in 50 years is quite exceptional and is a testament to the value and importance of woman leaders.

Congratulations to the SNMMI-TS and to all its members! I am confident that through the dedication of all the staff and volunteers who make up the SNMMI and the SNMMI-TS, we will continue to advance the field and the profession of nuclear medicine and molecular imaging. I am enthusiastic about what lies ahead, with the continual development of new tracers, expansion of targeted therapies, increasing utilization of hybrid imaging equipment, and incorporation of artificial intelligence and advanced technology into practice.

I am extremely grateful for the opportunity to lead us into the next 50 years!

Respectfully,

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To the Members of the SNMMI Technologist Section,

On behalf of the Society of Nuclear Medicine and Molecular Imaging, I offer you sincere congratulations for 50 years of progress, service to patients, and pursuit of excellence in nuclear medicine technology. Together, we have guided the field through miraculous advances that have immeasurably improved the lives of patients worldwide.

SNMMI and SNMMI-TS share the mission of improving human health by advancing nuclear medicine. Your commitment to providing the best possible patient care—with excellence, professionalism, and empathy—makes that mission a reality. Your compassionate care changes the lives of patients every day, and we are grateful for your dedicated efforts.

In this milestone year, I would like to recognize the seminal contributions of nuclear medicine technologists to the advancement of science and direct care of patients. Many of the remarkable achievements in the field were the result of close collaboration between nuclear medicine physicians and technologists. For example, the imaging parameters for the rectilinear scanner, the technical details of tracer injection, and the imaging of stress myocardial perfusion were developed through close collaboration between chief nuclear medicine technologists and nuclear medicine physicians.

We share the distinction of having created entirely new professional roles for ourselves in medicine, closely allied with other disciplines but unique in our understanding, management, application, and exploration of radiotracer principles. We have faced together challenges from other disciplines and specialists who believe that the skills for which we have been specifically and carefully trained can be performed without such preparation. These challenges continue, and we are extraordinarily fortunate to be able to maintain the close and productive partnership between SNMMI and SNMMI-TS and sustain this through collaborative efforts, complementary goals, and mutual respect.

As nuclear medicine technologists, you are at the front lines of our profession—the primary contacts with patients throughout the clinical day. You appreciate first-hand our shared obligation to be aware of our patients' perspectives and concerns and the effects these may have on their health and well-being. Although only a part of your complex technical and professional role, your success in putting patients at ease, answering questions with insight and empathy, and ensuring comfort is an essential and critical part of our joint mission to expand the positive influence of nuclear medicine and molecular imaging.

Through 50 years of collaboration and cooperation we have charted new paths, reached across disciplines, built consensus, and overcome roadblocks to deliver the best of care to our patients. We have appreciated the importance of exploiting the radiotracer principles for understanding human physiology and biochemistry and, thereby, improving the diagnosis and treatment of disease in our field and in many others. Recent advances in molecular-targeted radiopharmaceutical therapy will undoubtedly further transform our field by extending healthy lives, an achievement of which we can all be proud.

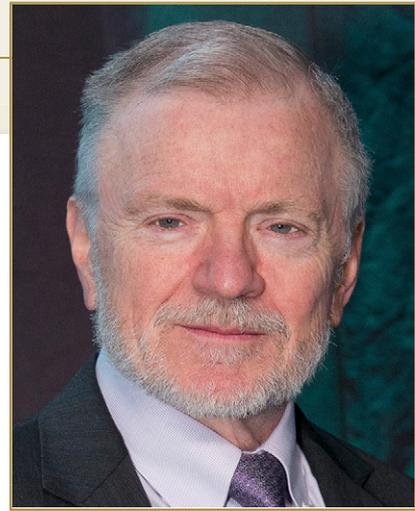
Together, we have created a vibrant, innovative, cutting-edge profession. It has been an honor and a privilege to serve as president during your celebratory year.

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Dear Technologist Section,

Congratulations to the SNMMI Technologist Section on 50 years of great work!! It's been a pleasure and an honor to work with such a dedicated group of professionals, and I look forward to many more years of working together to do great things for the field of nuclear medicine.

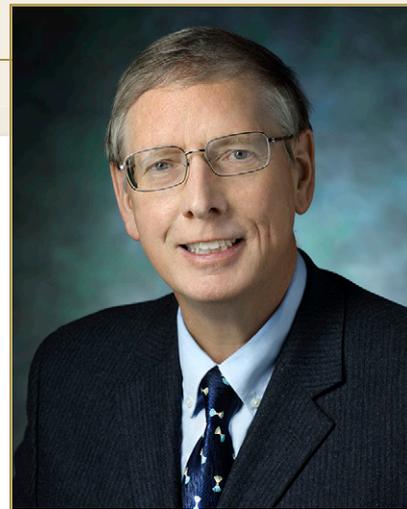
SNMMI is a terrific organization, and one of the primary reasons that it's such a great organization is that we all—physicians, scientists, and technologists—work together to advance the field and to bring state-of-the-art care to patients.

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**ALAN PACKARD, PhD**  
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Dear Technologist Section,

The 50th anniversary of the technologist section and this 50 yr celebratory edition of the Journal of Nuclear Medicine Technology are highly appropriate recognitions of this major milestone and the key contributions of nuclear medicine technologists to the science and practice of nuclear medicine. I heartily congratulate all of our nuclear medicine technologists, past, present and future on all you have achieved to make the profession of nuclear medicine so highly respected and CNMTs such important parts of care teams in the US and globally.

My engagement in nuclear medicine has spanned over 80% of these 50 years and I still vividly recall being introduced to the field of nuclear medicine while I was in the earliest days of my radiology training at Washington University in St. Louis. I learned quickly as a resident, that if I didn't know what to do with a case, I should ask the technologist. But, our techs were quick enough that I usually didn't have to ask, they just did the right thing for the study and thus for the patient.

I've learned so much from nuclear medicine technologists in the domains of single photon imaging, PET, radiopharmaceutical therapy, radiopharmacy, safety and image analysis. The most important thing I've learned from the many technologists I've worked with and have helped train is the importance of teamwork. Nuclear Medicine is clearly a team effort. While as a physician, I like to think that I'm at times the quarterback, the reality is the outstanding technologists are usually calling, and executing, the plays. And, the technologists never have lost sight of the patient as the center of our attention, always practicing patient centered nuclear medicine care.

While much has been done in the past 50 years by nuclear medicine technologists, and the teams on which they are key members, I'm even more excited about the emerging opportunities for the next half century.

Sincerely,

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On behalf of the staff of the SNMMI, we would like to congratulate the Technologist Section on 50 incredible years! From 1970 to 2020, we have enjoyed serving you and helping you as you brought new ideas and programs to fruition. It would be nearly impossible to account for the tremendous efforts that Technologist Section leaders have put forth over the last 50 years. From its inception, in 1970 with James Cooper, PhD, FSNMMI-TS, being appointed as the first Technologist Chair, the Section has had countless presidents, board members and volunteers that have ensured its continued growth and success.

As I reflect on the last 42 years I have been part of SNMMI, there has never been a time when the Technologist Section has not flourished. I have had the unique opportunity to serve not only as the Technologist Section Administrator but also as CEO in my career at SNMMI. Throughout this time, while the current issues may change, the overall focus of the section has always been to serve nuclear medicine technologists by providing resources, education and professional development while advocating at the state and national level on their behalf. In all of these efforts staff has celebrated with you during your wins and strategized how to do things differently when things haven't gone as planned. As a section you have grown to more than 10 times the size you were at the time you began to develop your structure. You have developed a state-of-the-art Leadership Academy to help in cultivating the growth of emerging leaders in the field. You have expanded your networking and collaboration beyond domestic colleagues to international and radiologist organizations.

The Society has always been a unique organization in that it brings together an entire field—regardless of individual occupation. The Technologist Section is a big part of why the Society continues to thrive. Technologist representation is included on both the House of Delegates and the Board of Directors as well as the Finance Committee, Nominating Committee and numerous other society specific committees—each year you have helped to shape who we are and the direction we are going. Technologists have been involved in the strategic planning and decision-making process for many decades now and it continues to bring a unique perspective to the discussion. You remain focused on ensuring technologists are not only supportive of the future vision, but also active in pursuing it with the Society.

SNMMI staff remain dedicated to continuing to support you, to ensure the Technologist Section continues to grow and thrive. We pride ourselves in working to provide the best to each member and we know that the Technologist Section will continue to pursue excellence for another 50 years (and more)!

We are excited to be a part of the celebration this year—congratulations again, on 50 years!

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Congratulations, Technologist Section, on an amazing 50 years! From your inception, you have focused on the needs of nuclear medicine (and molecular imaging) technologists. You have transformed from a small group of individuals interested in pursuing professional excellence to an over 9,000-member section dedicated to improving human health by advancing technology and professionals in nuclear medicine and molecular imaging.

You have worked to ensure nuclear medicine technologists are involved in the decision-making process, both within the field and within the SNMMI. Constantly advocating at the federal level for appropriate reimbursement, approval of new radiopharmaceuticals, ensuring a viable domestic supply of Mo-99 and the overall utilization of nuclear medicine as an intricate part of the healthcare team. All of this while advocating at the state level for licensure laws and regulations.

Throughout your 50-year history, you have continued to address the challenges technologists were facing. From creating the entry-level curriculum, to developing new career pathways, publishing numerous books that are used as part of core curriculums to train nuclear medicine students, enhancing educational offerings, elevating the *Journal of Nuclear Medicine Technology* to one of the premier journals in the field, preparing technologists for new certifications and licensure requirements, cultivating new leaders through the cornerstone Leadership Academy, initiating new grants and awards to encourage professional development and research, bringing the community together with the Annual Meeting staple—Hot Trot—you have done it all! You have unified a field as part of the Society of Nuclear Medicine and Molecular Imaging (SNMMI)—bringing together all disciplines under one organization. In this year of reflection, you should be proud of how much the Technologist Section has accomplished in these 50 years—not to mention how much you, as nuclear medicine technologists, have achieved.

While this 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary supplement is meant to reflect on the history of the Technologist Section, I think it is equally, if not more, important to reflect on all of you. Nuclear Medicine Technologists are a rare breed—you give all you have to give and then, somehow, you give more. You meet so many people in various stages of their life each day, and just like you did for me, you become a part of their lives. You are their safe place, you are the one that they look to for guidance during an unusual and sometimes desperate time in their life and you provide reassurance, patience and even humor to ease their worry and pain. I hope that you all know how truly impactful your job is to each person you meet—and how impactful all of you have been on my life.

It has been so rewarding to be a part of the staff serving the Technologist Section for the past 14 years. I never knew the monumental impact that this organization and all of you would have on my life. Thank you dreaming big, working hard and giving every day—professionally and through your dedication to the Technologist Section. Congratulations on your golden anniversary—50 years—it has been amazing!

*Nikki Wenzel-Lamb*

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the association for medical imaging management

On behalf of the AHRA: the association for medical imaging management, we extend our warmest congratulations to the Society of Nuclear Medicine and Molecular Imaging Technologist Section (SNMMI-TS), for 50 years of outstanding service to their membership and the imaging community. The AHRA and the imaging industry has long recognized SNMMI-TS as a leading resource for nuclear medicine technologists in providing academic and continuing education while helping members keep pace with technological advances and emerging technologies. Research has also been an important part of SNMMI-TS activities for many years, along with monitoring federal regulation and influencing decisions that affect the practice of nuclear medicine programs. Thank you for your dedication and commitment to your members and to our medical imaging industry and congratulations from all of us on your successful 50 year journey!

Sincerely,

**CHRIS TOMLINSON, MBA, CRA, FAHRA**

President, AHRA

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We at the Australian and New Zealand Society of Nuclear Medicine (ANZSNM) send out our congratulations to the SNMMI-TS on their 50th anniversary.

ANZSNM was founded in 1969, and represents all professional groups (Technologists, Specialists, Physicists, Radiopharmacists, Nurses) involved in the practice of Nuclear Medicine in Australia and New Zealand. Over the past 50 years, our focus has been promoting excellence in Nuclear Medicine through education, research and a commitment to the highest professional standards both nationally and internationally.

The Technologists Special Interest Group (TSIG) within ANZSNM was founded in 1974 and has enjoyed a long and fruitful association with SNMMI-TS. There are many names that are familiar to both bodies and many strong associations over the years. The relationship between SNMMI-TS and ANZSNM is highlighted by conference contributions in both the SNMMI and ANZSNM annual scientific meeting sessions, journal articles in *JNMT* and in co-operative quality programs. We enjoy and value our close relationship and the resultant productive collaborations and knowledge-sharing that has benefitted Nuclear Medicine.

Having recently celebrated our own 50th milestone last year we recognise and appreciate the significance of your achievement — it is a reflection and celebration of the past and it is also excitement about the future. Nuclear Medicine is experiencing unprecedented technological advances, research opportunities and broad applications, all providing increasing opportunities to positively impact on patient care and outcomes. These opportunities stem from the dedication and inspiration of our colleagues and mentors, who we reflect on as we appreciate the changes that have occurred in 50 years of Nuclear Medicine.

We look forward to a future that is as bright and fruitful as it has been the last 50 years and our heartfelt congratulations to the SNMMI-TS from all of us in the Australasian region.

Kind Regards

Ros Francis  
President

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Dear SNMMI Technologist Section -

On behalf of The American Registry of Radiologic Technologists, I would like to congratulate the Society of Nuclear Medicine & Molecular Imaging-Technologist Section on its first 50 years.

SNMMI-TS has continued to expand its services to the nuclear medicine community over those five decades and has helped to grow the influence of nuclear medicine in healthcare. ARRT is proud to have partnered with SNMMI-TS during that time and to have shared the journey as the profession has adapted to changing technology and to a changing healthcare environment.

The collaboration of our organizations in supporting professional education, certification, continuing education, research, advocacy, and providing a professional community has resulted in improved care for millions of patients.

ARRT looks forward to the SNMMI-TS' next 50 years. Congratulations!

Sincerely,

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The American Society of Nuclear Cardiology congratulates the Society of Nuclear Medicine & Molecular Imaging Technologist Section on your 50th anniversary. ASNC appreciates that you are one of the world's largest societies representing technologists, and we thank you for your commitment to elevating the value of nuclear medicine and molecular imaging.

By prioritizing the importance of continuing education for technologists, SNMMI-TS has led the field on collaborative, team-based care. Indeed, you have set a standard that we aim to reach. ASNC also appreciates what a strong and steady partner SNMMI and SNMMI-TS have always been. Our partnership has made us both stronger, particularly in responding proactively to opportunities and challenges as they developed—and, in some memorable cases, before they arose.

From our vantage point of merely 27 years young, ASNC admires how SNMMI-TS has stayed focused on your mission and strategic focus for five decades. We are honored to follow you and to share a mutual commitment to excellence on behalf of our members and their patients.

Thank you for your leadership and your generous approach to partnership. We look forward to your next 50 years and to many new opportunities to work with you. And, of course, we wish SNMMI-TS—all of your members and staff—a joyous celebration of this wonderful milestone. Enjoy!

**SHARMILA DORBALA, MD, MPH, FASNC**  
President, American Society of Nuclear Cardiology  
**KATHY FLOOD,**  
CEO, American Society of Nuclear Cardiology

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The American Society of Radiologic Technologists and the Society of Nuclear Medicine and Molecular Imaging Technologist Section have worked together for nearly five decades. As one of ASRT's sister organizations, SNMMI-TS is a crucial team player in the medical imaging profession's goal to provide patients with high-quality care.

Our bond is important because our members are on the front lines of health care, working with patients every day in hospitals, clinics and outpatient centers throughout the United States. Even more, our missions are similar as we're both committed to advancing the profession and enhancing patient care. It's a noble cause that motivates us to continue to work together to make a difference.

Over the years, we've worked closely on a series of initiatives that have truly raised the profile of nuclear medicine technologists and enhanced patient care. Our combined legislative efforts have resulted in 38 states establishing licensure requirements for personnel performing nuclear medicine procedures. We continue to hold monthly meetings with the SNMMI-TS to discuss legislative issues and support legislative efforts that will benefit ASRT and SNMMI-TS members. We've worked hard in the legislative arena with SNMMI and will continue to work together to pursue licensure requirements in the remaining 12 states that don't have licensure standards.

In addition, we work together to ensure that radiologic technology educational programs have the tools to ensure students are educationally prepared and clinically competent to enter the nuclear medicine profession. ASRT endorses the SNMMI-TS Nuclear Medicine Curriculum as we consider it to be the recognized curriculum for all nuclear medicine educational programs, and we share the curriculum with educators whenever we're asked about it.

Practicing radiologic technologists understand the value of the ASRT and SNMMI-TS. Quite a few R.T.s belong to both organizations and volunteer on ASRT and SNMMI-TS committees, workgroups and task forces, and that unwavering commitment is a testament to their love of the profession and commitment to high-quality patient care.

We look forward to working with the SNMMI-TS for the next 50 years to champion the role of the nuclear medicine technologist as a vital member of the health care team.

Congratulations on behalf of ASRT's 156,000+ members and the ASRT Board of Directors!



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A message to the Technologist Section of the SNMMI from the BNMS on their 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

The British Nuclear Medicine Society (BNMS) would like to offer its heartfelt congratulations to the SNMMI-TS on its 50th anniversary. The SNMMI-TS has long been held in high esteem (and justifiably so) by the nuclear medicine community in the UK.

One of the great strengths and joys of nuclear medicine is that it is a multi-craft specialty. The interdependence of the various strands in nuclear medicine is seen everyday within nuclear medicine practice across the globe.

The Technologist Section is vital as it gives a strong voice to that craft in nuclear medicine who often have the greatest interface with our patients. The ability to meet and discuss in person or on-line with other technologists has become essential in ensuring optimal patient care. The image, maybe 30-40 years ago, of the nuclear medicine technologist as a button pusher cannot be further from the truth. Now you will find nuclear medicine technologists involved in all aspects of nuclear medicine practice including advanced roles in radionuclide treatment, being involved in cardiac stressing, and new technologies such as PET, CT and now MRI.

Many members of the SNMMI-TS have lived and worked in the UK and their contribution to advancement of the Technologist role in the UK has been vital to the evolution of nuclear medicine. The BNMS welcomes the input of SNMMI-TS's role in international discussion and exchange of ideas across borders in nuclear medicine clinical practice, education, research and development.

The Radiographers, Technologists and Nurses Group (RTNG) of the BNMS is only 30 years so we have some catching up to do, and we look enviously across the pond at the numbers of members in the SNMMI-TS by comparison!

**NICK GULLIVER**

Chair RTNG, BNMS

**JOHN BUSCOMBE**

President BNMS

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The Canadian Association of Medical Radiation Technologists (CAMRT) wishes to convey its congratulations to the SNMMI-TS on the celebration of 50 years of leadership in the field. Nuclear medicine has undergone immense growth and evolution since the founding of the organization in 1970. Through its exceptional leadership and commitment to scientific endeavour, the SNMMI-TS has helped to guide and shape practice in the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

The CAMRT also appreciates the lasting partnership and collaboration it has enjoyed with the SNMMI. Our members practicing in nuclear medicine in Canada have benefitted greatly from the organizational collaboration and sharing over the decades, and the SNMMI-TS continues to be an invaluable resource to all these professionals on an individual level.

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**GAILYNE MACPHERSON**

President  
CAMRT

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**IRVING GOLD**

Chief Executive Officer  
CAMRT

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中华医学会核医学分会

On the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the SNMMI-TS, Chinese Society of Nuclear Medicine (CSNM) hereby sends this letter to express our cordial congratulations!

CSNM congratulates the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the establishment of SNMMI-TS! And congratulations to all the members of SNMMI-TS, it is your endeavor and skillful professionalism to promote the continuous development of nuclear medicine technology and nuclear Medicine!

Nuclear medicine is playing an increasingly important role in many fields and nuclear medicine technology is a major part of nuclear medicine. Nuclear medicine technicians are crucial in all aspects of clinical practice and scientific research, and their work are the foundation and guarantee of the clinical applications of nuclear medicine.

SNMMI-TS plays an important role in many aspects of nuclear medicine, including the formulation of nuclear medicine technical specifications, quality control, training, continuing education, and so on. Like SNMMI, CSNM pays great attention to the nuclear medicine technology. Technology committee, as part of CSNM professional academic organization, formulated China's technical specifications for PET/CT and SPECT/CT scan, and focuses on the training of nuclear medicine technicians.

CSNM also attaches great importance to the cooperation with SNMMI. CSNM encouraged more technicians in China to attend the SNMMI meeting, present their work and learn more from the world and make contribution to the development of nuclear medicine.

Here, we sincerely hope that we continue to consolidate communication, cooperation between our two societies, and jointly promote the development of nuclear medicine technology and nuclear medicine.

Congratulations again to all members of SNMMI-TS, the president, the former president and everyone who had contributed to the development of SNMMI-TS!

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Si Jin Li'.

**SIJIN LI, MD, PhD**  
President of CSNM

# Congratulatory Letters



To the SNMMI – Technologist Section

Vienna

Dear members and associates of the Society of Nuclear Medicine and Molecular Imaging – Technologist Section,

It is with great pleasure that the European Association of Nuclear Medicine's Technologist Committee celebrates the Society of Nuclear Medicine and Molecular Imaging - Technologist Section's milestone 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

Such an achievement is attained only with hard work, professionalism and perseverance in and through every single challenge.

SNMMI-TS's hard work has truly contributed to the development and honoring of the practice of Nuclear Medicine practice, and has made such an immense impact in the practice of the Nuclear Medicine Professionals all over the world.

We, European fellows, are deeply thankful for both our societies' collaboration and cooperation on common endeavours which we both considered to be of great importance.

Looking back, we can only be proud of the publications signed together, that addressed the professional competencies matters, all the joint sessions at both EANM and SNMMI congresses, with dedicated sessions to topics of interest to professionals devoting their practice to Nuclear Medicine patients. In addition, we would also like to highlight the SNMMITS group's contribution to EANM-TC's yearly publication – the Technologist Guide Series – which brings together global experts on various topics and receives every year the contribution of our American colleagues.

All this being said, it is with great joy that we congratulate the SNMMI-TS and all their members, presidents, past presidents, fellows, friends and associates for their commitment to the field of Nuclear Medicine, the work they have done throughout these five decades, and their advancement of areas which are of major interest to the global community.

We are highly motivated to undertake more projects together over the course of the coming 50 years, and we are very confident that we will carry them out to full fruition.

In conclusion, we wish you great success.

With our best regards,

On behalf of the European Association of Nuclear Medicine's Technologist Committee

**ANDREA SANTOS**

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The Intersocietal Accreditation Commission (IAC) is honored to congratulate the SNMMI-TS on celebrating its 50th Anniversary! Collaborating as partners in quality since the inception of the IAC Nuclear/PET and IAC CT accreditation programs more than twenty years ago, the IAC greatly appreciates the professionalism and expertise of the numerous SNMMI-TS members who have served on our Board of Directors, a testament to their dedication to the field of nuclear medicine and molecular imaging.

We look forward to our continued partnership as we evaluate and recognize facilities' ongoing commitment to quality patient care in the field of nuclear medicine and molecular imaging.

Congratulations SNMMI-TS on your milestone anniversary,

The IAC Board of Directors and Staff

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# Congratulatory Letters



To ensure the successful practice of nuclear medicine, multidisciplinary coordination is imperative and without a doubt, the nuclear medicine technologist (NMT) is at the cornerstone of these efforts. Their roles and responsibilities include tasks that extend throughout the process of performing a scan or administering radionuclide therapy.

NMTs are individuals committed to applying the arts and skills of their profession to ensure that safe and quality services are provided to their patients. They exhibit professionalism in the performance of their functions, and an empathic approach to patient care, both of which are essential for the implementation of quality management systems in clinical practices.

On the occasion of the 50th anniversary of the SNMMI Technologist Section we warmly congratulate the SNMMI-TS for committing their efforts to continuous professional development and supporting NMTs to remain up to date with technological developments and emerging clinical applications. With the consistent and combined efforts of all professionals dedicated to nuclear medicine, we can provide equitable and high-quality services to patients worldwide, in an ever changing and evolving field.

**DIANA PAEZ**

Head Nuclear Medicine and Diagnostic Imaging Section  
International Atomic Energy Agency

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On behalf of the Japanese Society of Nuclear Medicine (JSNM), I would like to cordially celebrate the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of SNMMI-TS and to express my admiration to all of its members for the huge efforts they have made to sustainably maintain its uniqueness for these many years.

Needless to say, good medical practices are realized by multi-disciplinary forces. During these 50 years, we have been achieving tremendous improvements in instruments and software in nuclear medicine. Their inherent performance can be attained only by well-trained technologists. SNMMI-TS has played a pivotal role in providing nuclear technologists with essential educational opportunities. For example the importance of radiation safety in daily clinical activities is being increasingly emphasized for both patients and medical staff. Information for technologists has been continuously updated by SNMMI-TS in order to attain an optimal environment. In addition, SNMMI-TS issues the Journal of Nuclear Medicine Technology (JNMT) which is an international platform for the timely presentation of research work.

I know that the members of SNMMI-TS strive to achieve good collaborative relationships with physicians and scientists of SNMMI and others working in related fields. The relationship between SNMMI and SNMMI-TS has been a fine example for JSNM and the Japanese Society of Nuclear Medicine Technology (JSNMT). JSNM will celebrate its 60<sup>th</sup> annual meeting and JSNMT its 40<sup>th</sup> annual meeting this year, but the holding of joint meetings was begun just in 2008. This unification following the role model of SNMMI and SNMMI-TS has made the meeting more productive than before.

As the president of JSNM, I would like to ask the members of SNMMI-TS to continue the mutual communication with those of JSNM and JSNMT to strengthen our mutually beneficial collaboration and timely spread of new information for better patient management. Let's all work harder together for this sake.

Congratulations to you!

**SEIGO KINUYA, MD, PhD**

President

Japanese Society of Nuclear Medicine

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Society of Nuclear Medicine and Molecular Imaging  
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Society of Nuclear Medicine and Molecular Imaging:

On behalf of the Joint Review Committee on Education in Radiologic Technology Directors and staff, we extend our warmest congratulations to the Society of Nuclear Medicine and Molecular Imaging (SNMMI) Technologist Section on celebrating their 50th Anniversary. For 50 years the society has remained steadfast in promoting the science, technology, and practical application of nuclear medicine and remains the leader in unifying, advancing, and optimizing molecular imaging.

The commitment of the SNMMI to advance the field does not go unrecognized. The nuclear medicine and molecular imaging community has benefited from the society's hard work and dedication, and we wish you another successful 50 years!

Congratulations,



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The Joint Review Committee on Educational Programs in Nuclear Medicine Technology (JRCNMT) extends its congratulations to the Technologist Section of the Society of Nuclear Medicine and Molecular Imaging for 50 years of leadership success.

Through the years, the dedication and hard work of SNMMI-TS staff and volunteers has advanced the profession by promoting quality nuclear medicine imaging and therapy services. The Technologist Section has served as an important resource to nuclear medicine technologists and will undoubtedly do so into the future.

The SNMMI-TS supported the formation of the JRCNMT in the late 1960s to ensure there were standards for the education of students entering the new profession of nuclear medicine technology. Collaboration between the two organizations has continued and the JRCNMT looks forward to continuing this partnership for another 50 years.

The JRCNMT congratulates the SNMMI-TS on this important anniversary and extends best wishes for continued growth and success in the future.

# Congratulatory Letters



*Congratulations on 50 Years!*

The Nuclear Medicine Technology Certification Board offers our most sincere congratulations to the SNMMI-TS on their 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

This occasion truly marks an outstanding accomplishment. The 50 year milestone is a testament to the current leadership, organizational staff, and volunteers of the Society, as well as a testament to all of those leaders who came before you. The important work put in by the Society towards education, advocacy, research, and the advancement of nuclear medicine and molecular imaging is commendable. We applaud the dedication of the Society's membership and all those who promote excellence and quality within the field of nuclear medicine.

Fifty years ago, the Society established that it was THE organization for nuclear medicine technologists. Just over forty years ago, the NMTCB came into existence through the Society's initiative to have a professional certification board dedicated to and for nuclear medicine technologists. NMTCB looks forward to collaborating with the SNMMI-TS as our organizations continue to advance the field of nuclear medicine for another 50 years and beyond. Once again, congratulations on your 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary!

Sincerely,

*The Nuclear Medicine Technology Certification Board*

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# Congratulatory Letters



On behalf of the Rural Alliance In Nuclear Scintigraphy (RAINS), we offer congratulations to SNMMI-TS on 50 years of leadership and innovation. RAINS emerged in 2007 to meet the continuing education and representation needs of nuclear medicine technologists in Australia confronting challenges associated with geographic or professional isolation. The RAINS acronym was convolved to signify breaking the drought associated with that isolation; a message not lost on our rural and regional members. Today, the success of RAINS has been modelled on strategies inspired by SNMMI-TS and scaffolded around innovations of the SNMMI-TS.

SNMMI-TS has been committed to enhancing nuclear medicine, the professional and its people, for 50 years. This incredible milestone comes with a rich history of impact, insight, inclusiveness and inspiration. SNMMI-TS provides leadership in the US nuclear medicine technologist community and offers both a beacon and benchmark for those around the globe. The Australian Indigenous expression *Yindyamarra Winhanganha* means “the wisdom of respectfully knowing how to live well in a world worth living in”. SNMMI-TS, over 50 years, has not only demonstrated the wisdom to craft a professional world so rewarding for nuclear medicine technologists to “live” in, but has also driven advances that has improved the lives of patients across the globe. The international footprint of SNMMI-TS has been both broadened and deepened in the last decade through commitment to and fostering amongst members digital literacies, cultural competence, sustainable practices, global citizenship and lifelong learning.

It is very exciting in nuclear medicine with the convergence of multiple frontier technologies, each having enhanced capability and improved patient outcomes. Like the SNMMI-TS, amongst these frontier technologies the whole is much greater than just the sum of the parts. SNMMI-TS has provided leadership, support and education for professional advances and continues to do so for synergistic advances in, theranostics, molecular pharmacology, AI & machine/deep learning, radionuclide developments in PET & therapy, and hybrid instrumentation. SNMMI-TS is a showcase of the convergence of these frontier technologies and the driver for precision nuclear medicine. SNMMI-TS, over 50 years, has crafted the developments that shape the nuclear medicine landscape and driven frontier technologies evolving the nuclear medicine ecosystem.

Congratulations on 50 years of impact, insight, inclusiveness and inspiration. RAINS celebrates this amazing milestone with you, applauds the incredible foundation that has been laid, and looks forward to following the SNMMI-TS through the next 50 years.

Co-founders of RAINS on behalf of all members

**MATT AYERS**, President

**GEOFF CURRIE**, President -Elect

**PETE TUALLY**, Immediate Past-President

# Congratulatory Letters



Dear SNMMI-TS,

On behalf of the Society for MRI Radiographers & Technologists (SMRT), we would like to extend our congratulations to SNMMI-TS on reaching 50 years of service. It is truly a wonderful achievement.

It has been an honor to collaborate with you through many activities over the years. Some of the highlights have been the Alliance for Quality Medical Imaging and Radiation Therapy, the Consumer Assurance for Radiologic Excellence Act, Health Professions Network, speaker exchanges for our annual meetings and curriculum development activities. SNMMI-TS has a long history of working together with others to promote excellence in medical imaging and therapy. The members of SNMMI-TS should be proud to be a part of an organization that is so dedicated to promoting education, patient safety, and professionalism.

We hope to continue our collegial relationship with your organization, and we wish you continued success for many more years to come.

Congratulations!  
Sincerely,

*S. Farquharson*

Shawna Farquharson (On behalf of the SMRT)  
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## Message

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Dear SNMMI-TS Colleagues,

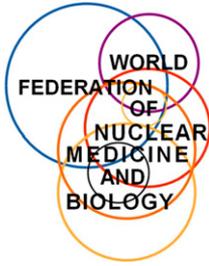
This is with immense pleasure that I on behalf of the Society of Nuclear Medicine-India (SNMI) would like to congratulate the SNMMI-Technologist Section-TS on the occasion of their 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebrations. I gracefully and sincerely acknowledge the amazing efforts of the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Task Force of SNMMI-TS that they are preparing the Anniversary issue/supplement of the *JNMT*. I am extremely honoured and humbled to contribute a congratulatory brief towards the upcoming supplement issue of *JNMT*. I had witnessed during my regular attendance in Annual Meetings of SNMMI for the last 20 years that SNMMI-TS has played a pivotal role in providing academic and continuing education to NM Technologists and students. This consistent educational activity of SNMMI-TS over five decades has helped the professionals to catch up with the rapidly expanding technological, radiopharmaceutical and therapeutic advances in the field of Nuclear Medicine around the globe. This continued education imparted by SNMMI-TS through multi-disciplinary educational contents being offered in a variety of formats and teaching modules have produced highly knowledgeable, competent and qualified professionals. Research had been a vital part of periodic SNMMI-TS activities. The outcome of this concerted academic, technological and research endeavours of SNMI-TS under the overall ambit of SNMMI has been able to change the clinical practice of Nuclear Medicine to provide best of the best health care to the patients requiring NM services.

We have signed memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Society of Nuclear Medicine and Molecular Imaging (SNMMI) for strengthening academic, research and scientific exchange ties. I believe that it is of utmost importance to promote and encourage our young professionals as they are the future torch bearers of our specialty. To ensure that our specialty advances at an even rapid pace, we have to invest more and more in strengthening its foundations and we anticipate initiating similar academic ties between SNM-India and SNMMI-TS in the near future.

I congratulate all the past Presidents of SNMMI-TS and especially Mark H. Crosthwaite (the current President) and Tina M. Buehner (President-Elect) under whose patronage, the present 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebrations are being held. I wish good luck to the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Task Force of SNMMI-TS for a successful event !

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# Congratulatory Letters



## Congratulatory Remarks

to Society of Nuclear Medicine and Molecular Imaging Technologist Section (SNMMI-TS) from World Federation of Nuclear Medicine and Biology

Congratulations for the 50th Anniversary of SNMMI Technologist Section!

The World Federation of Nuclear Medicine and Biology (WFNMB) is delighted to be part of the celebration of the 50th Anniversary of SNMMI-TS. For the last 50 years, the SNMMI-TS and their members have contributed to the development of the highest standards for the practice of nuclear medicine across the globe. In partnership with all professionals involved in the field, they have played a critical role and demonstrated excellence in delivery of patient care and health care services.

The primary role of the WFNMB is the progress and promotion of nuclear medicine throughout the world. Over the past few years, and under the current leadership the WFNMB has endeavored to initiate consistent and systematic activities to promote and develop nuclear medicine practice around the world, especially in the emerging countries. We would be honored to partner with the SNMMI-TS and promote its endeavors to the nuclear medicine communities of current and future countries that are members of WFNMB.

It is our hope and wish that, for the next 50 years, the SNMMI-TS keep advancing the field of nuclear medicine technology across the globe and collaborate closely with the WFNMB to improve patients health and the wellbeing of the humankind.

With our best wishes for SNMMI-TS.

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