Nuclear Medicine Week Goes International

The leadership of The Society of Nuclear Medicine and the Technologist Section have decided to promote Nuclear Medicine Week internationally. The decision comes in repsonse to a request by the European Association of Nuclear Medicine to participate in Nuclear Medicine Week (NMW) activities. The 1992 poster, which is being created by Du Pont Radiopharmaceuticals, will reflect the diversity of its international audience. The poster text will be printed in five languages to enhance its usefulness worldwide.

Cynthia Wharton, CNMT, chair of the NMW Committee, says that the committee decided to use a less technical poster this year to reach a broader audience. The four-color poster will have a tag line that encourages viewers to "see a world of clinical information through nuclear medicine." The poster graphics show scans of various organ systems, superimposed over an outline of the human body. A world map is visible in the background. Ms. Wharton notes that "the idea in the poster is to reach out to the general public as well as to referring physicians." She hopes physicians will frame the poster and hang it in their offices and waiting rooms.

In keeping with the international focus of NMW, the National Council of the Technologist Section recently voted to change the celebration dates of NMW from its traditional time in late July and early August to early October (NMW will now take place the

week following the first Sunday in October). In 1992, NMW will be celebrated during the week of October 4–10. This change is due to a desire to avoid conducting NMW activities at a time when many people are on summer vacation. The annual July/August vacation exodus is much more pronounced in Europe than in the U.S. Mickey Williams, CNMT, president of the Technologist Section, notes that there is also a desire to have schools participate while they are in session.

Ms. Wharton urges members to start planning their NMW activities now as October 1992 is only ten short months away. Members who would like suggestions on ways to celebrate NMW may call Virginia Pappas, CAE, at the SNM central office or any member of the NMW Committee.

TECHNOLOGIST JOB NETWORK

The New England Chapter—SNM/TS announces "The Job Hotline," a national toll-free, hotline for nuclear medicine. The hotline is designed to provide a quick link for technologists seeking jobs and for hospitals seeking technologists. Institutions seeking technologists should call the hotline number, leave the name of the institution, title of the job opening, and name and number of the contact person; data are then stored for three months in a database for anyone who calls the hotline seeking employment. Technologists seeking employment should call the hotline number, specify state(s) which are of interest, specify type of job desired, and leave name and address. A listing will then be sent out in 48 hours; all inquiries are kept confidential. If an opening has not been filled within three months, the institution should call again to have it listed. The institution should also call if an opening has been filled so that it can be deleted from the database. The hotline numbers are 1-800-562-6387 (1-800-JOB-NETS) or 1-990-4212 in Maine. Questions or comments should be directed to: Tom Starno, Manager, Job Hotline, New England Chapter—TS at (207) 945-7186.

The Mideastern Chapter—SNM/TS will provide a referral network for technologists seeking employment and for hospitals in need of technologists. Interested individuals should call Cathy Gonzalez at (301) 855-1712. Please leave your name, address, phone number and a brief description of your request.

EDITOR'S NOTE

SNM chapters are invited to submit job referral service listings for publication. Pertinent information—name and brief description of the service, telephone numbers and/or address, name or number of contact person for inquiries—should be sent to: Leigh Silverman, Section Editor, *JNM/JNMT*, Society of Nuclear Medicine, 136 Madison Avenue, New York, NY 10016-6760.