

## SNMTS AWARDS AND ELECTION RESULTS ANNOUNCED AT SNM ANNUAL MEETING

The 54th Annual Meeting of SNM, held June 2–6, in Washington, DC, brought together technologists, physicians, and scientists from around the world for educational activities as well as an opportunity to advocate on behalf of profession directly with national legislators and their staff. During the meeting, the Technologist Section inducted new officers for the coming year, and a number of technologists were recognized for their contributions to nuclear medicine or to the Technologist Section.

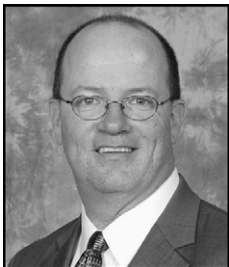
### SNMTS OFFICERS FOR 2007–8

David Gilmore, MS, CNMT, NCT, RT(R,N), of Boston, MA, was invested as president of the SNM Technologist Section during the section's business meeting on June 5 as the SNM Annual Meeting in Washington, DC. Gilmore is the program director for the school of nuclear medicine technology at Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center, an affiliate of Harvard Medical School (Boston, MA).



David Gilmore

SNMTS announced the election of Mark Wallenmeyer, MBA, CNMT, RT(N), of Springfield, MO, as president-elect. Wallenmeyer is an instructor/clinical coordinator for the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences (Little Rock), College of Health Re-



Mark Wallenmeyer

lated Professions, Nuclear Medicine Imaging Sciences. He is also the chief executive officer and co-owner of Trajecsys Corporation, an online educational data management firm.

In the 2007 elections, the SNMTS membership selected Peggy Squires, BS, CNMT, NCT, of St. Charles, MO, as SNMTS secretary. David J. Perry, CNMT, PET, FSNMTS, of St. Louis, MO, was elected chair of the Committee on Finance. Nancy Swanston, CNMT, RT(N), and Marcia L. Hess-Smith, BS, CNMT, were elected to the SNMTS Executive Board.

### PRESIDENTIAL DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARDS

SNMTS President D. Scott Holbrook, CNMT, recognized the contributions of Cindi Luckett-Gilbert, CNMT, PET, RT(N), of Charlotte, NC, and Lynne T. Roy, CNMT, RT(N), MBA, of Los Angeles, CA, by awarding each the 2007 President's Distinguished Service Award. "With this honor, SNMTS recognizes the value and exemplary degree of service both Cindi Luckett-Gilbert and Lynne Roy have brought to the society and to the profession," Holbrook said. "These two individuals have made significant,



Scott Holbrook presents Cindi Luckett-Gilbert with the Distinguished Service Award.

career-long contributions to the Technologist Section."

Luckett-Gilbert, supervisor of PET/CT imaging for Presbyterian Hospital in Charlotte, is also chair of the hospital's Radiology Process and Improvement Committee and a member of its Radiology Forms and Radiation Safety Committees. Active for many years in SNMTS, Luckett is certified in PET and as a nuclear medicine technologist by the Nuclear Medicine Technology Certification Board (NMTCB) and as a nuclear medicine technologist by the American Registry of Radiologic Technologists (ARRT). She is an appointed member of the South Carolina Radiation Quality Standards Association and a member of its South Carolina Nuclear Medicine Advisory Legislation Board. She has made numerous presentations and has authored abstracts, essays, trade publication articles, and case studies.

Roy has served as director of the Department of Imaging at Cedars-Sinai Medical Center in Los Angeles since 1992. From 1989 to 1992, she was manager of its nuclear medicine department, where she has also served as acting manager, chief technologist, and nuclear cardiology supervisor. She was previously nuclear medicine chief technologist at Touro Infirmery in New Orleans, LA. She is a past president of SNMTS and has chaired many of the society's committees and task forces. She is active at the state level and has served on the California Radiation Control Advisory Board. She has authored numerous publications, delivered many presentations, and been recognized with both local and national awards. Roy is certified by both ARRT and NMTCB and has been an SNMTS fellow since 1997.

### NEW SNMTS FELLOWS

Howard K. Teng, CNMT, of San Jose, CA, and William L. Hubble, MA, CNMT, RT(R)(N), of Columbia,



**Lynne Roy receives the Distinguished Service Award from outgoing SNMITS president Scott Holbrook.**

IL, were named 2007 SNMITS fellows. This honor, established by the SNMITS National Council in 1995, recognizes professional excellence and acknowledges significant contributions by technologists to the practice of nuclear medicine. "These two SNMITS members—with their respective accomplishments—join an elite group of nuclear medicine professionals who have received this honor," said Holbrook.

Teng is a nuclear cardiology technologist and radiation safety officer with the Cardiac Evaluation Center in San Jose. An active SNMITS member, he has more than 30 years of experience performing a full range of diagnostic and therapeutic nuclear medicine procedures in a variety of clinic situations.

Hubble is associate professor, academic chair, and program director of



**Howard Teng receives his SNMITS Fellow award from Scott Holbrook.**

nuclear medicine technology in the Department of Medical Imaging and Radiation Therapeutics, Doisy College of Health Sciences, at Saint Louis University (MO). Active in SNMITS, he has nearly 30 years of experience in the field.



**Scott Holbrook congratulates new SNMITS Fellow William Hubble.**

### OUTSTANDING TECHNOLOGIST

Antonella Guardioli, CNMT, the nuclear medicine resource and technical coordinator at Northwestern Memorial Hospital (Chicago, IL) was named 2007 SNMITS Outstanding Technologist in recognition of her outstanding service and dedication to the field of nuclear medicine technology. The award was funded by the Education and Research Foundation for SNM and includes a plaque and \$750.

"Antonella Guardioli's extraordinary work and dedication to her patients merits this special recognition, said Holbrook. "Among her many achievements, she promotes the value of nuclear medicine technology and mentors new technologists. She consistently goes above and beyond what is expected."

Guardiola has served as Northwestern's chief technologist for six years, overseeing a department that performs an average of 70 studies each day. Her responsibilities include scheduling of performed procedures and the workload of 18 technologists and managing physician orders/requests and patient concerns. As technical coordinator,

she is involved with computer processing and the manipulation of medical images and data storage. She is also the clinical supervisor for 12 students for the hospital's School of Nuclear Medicine.

Before becoming the nuclear medicine resource coordinator in 2004 and technical coordinator in 2006, Guardioli served as Northwestern's nuclear cardiology resource coordinator and staff nuclear medicine technologist. Previously she was a registered nuclear medicine technologist and chief nuclear medicine technologist at Edgewater Medical Center (Chicago, IL) and a staff nuclear medicine technologist at Holy Family Medical Center (Des Plaines, IL) and Westlake Hospital (Melrose Park, IL).

Guardiola received her associate's degree in applied science and her nuclear medicine certification from the College of DuPage (Glen Ellyn, IL). She holds certifications from NMTCB and ARRT. "I would like to express my appreciation to SNMITS for giving me the opportunity to share my experience and learn from others within our field," she said. "I have great enthusiasm for my profession and will continue to dedicate my efforts in mentoring others for the advancement of nuclear medicine technology."

### OUTSTANDING EDUCATORS

Kathleen H. Murphy, CNMT, NCT, RT(N), MS, of Seymour, CT, and Mary Anne (Mimi) Owen, RT(N), MHE, of Augusta, GA, were named as 2007 SNMITS Outstanding Educators. "These two SNMITS members are enthusiastic and inspirational educators and mentors and lifelong learning proponents," Holbrook said. "They are driving forces, spending countless hours developing curriculum, including online learning programs, and training staff. They influence not only educational programs but the students themselves. Educators like Kathleen Murphy and Mimi Owen, with their unique dedication and commitment to quality health care, are the reason that countless technologists enter the field."

Since 1996, Murphy has served as a professor and program director of nuclear medicine technology at Gateway Community College (GCC) in North Haven, CT. In this position she administers all aspects of the program (including strategic planning and assessment, budgeting and allocation of resources, selective admission process, student advising/counseling and supervision of related staff), develops curricula in accordance with accreditation standards and trains clinical staff, ensures that the latest technological advances are available in classroom and at clinical sites, and incorporates active learning methods into all courses. A radiation safety officer, she has increased the number of nuclear clinical internship affiliates, resulting in a 50% increase in the number of students enrolled in the program. The award was funded by the Education and Research Foundation for SNM and includes a plaque and \$750.



**Scott Holbrook honors Kathleen Murphy with the SNMTS Outstanding Educator Award.**

Murphy served previously as the president/independent consultant of Murphy Educational Endeavors, developing an online continuing education course module in ethics and courses for the business management program at Albertus Magnus College (New Haven, CT). From 1985 to 1992, she worked in the Yale–New Haven Hospital Nuclear Cardiology Department and in 1992 became the clinical

coordinator in the nuclear medicine technology program there.

Murphy, an SNMTS Fellow and long-time active member, is certified as a nuclear medicine technologist and as a nuclear cardiology technologist by NMTCB and as a registered technologist by ARRT. She has received numerous awards, including a certificate of appreciation from the Nuclear Medicine Industry Association of North America, the College Life Recognition for Valuation Contributions to the Students of GCC, and the Pioneer in Distance Education award from Connecticut Community College System. She has made numerous presentations and is the author of many publications, including books, chapters, peer-reviewed journal articles, and abstracts.

Owen has served since 2001 as an assistant professor and program director of nuclear medicine technology in the Department of Biomedical and Radiological Technologies at the Medical College of Georgia (Augusta). She is responsible for all clinical imaging didactic instruction for entry-level nuclear medicine student technologists and prepares students for national registry exams. She is also responsible for administrative duties (such as recruitment, accreditation, and all aspects of nuclear medicine technology certificate and baccalaureate level programs). Owen develops and oversees implementation and administration of distance-learning initiatives, develops curricula, and directs instruction for clinical application of didactic materials, radiologic management, nuclear cardiology, emerging technologies, and problem-and case-based learning formats in radiologic education. She created and maintains a public access online teaching case database to engage clinical faculty with instruction formats and case development. She served previously at the Medical College of Georgia as the clinical education coordinator of the nuclear medicine technology program, the technical adviser and Web designer for a multidisciplinary course in allied health sciences.



**Scott Holbrook presents Mimi Owen with the SNMTS Outstanding Educator Award.**

A long-time active SNMTS member, Owen is certified as a registered technologist by ARRT. She has received numerous awards, including a pilot research grant from SNM's Education and Research Foundation for the creation of an online case study database for nuclear medicine technologist education, a Bristol-Myers Squibb educational teaching grant, and a teaching and technology grant from the Medical College of Georgia. She has made numerous presentations and is the author of many publications (including the seminal position paper on the development of a nuclear medicine practitioner), abstracts, and peer-reviewed journal articles.

Murphy and Owen each received \$750 and a plaque as SNMTS Outstanding Educators. The Education and Research Foundation for SNM provided funding for this award.

## JNMT AWARDS

Frances Neagley, CNMT, editor-in-chief of the *Journal of Nuclear Medicine Technology*, presented awards to the authors of three articles chosen as the most outstanding 2006 contributions to *JNMT* during the SNM Annual Meeting. The lead authors or their representatives received plaques and honoraria in a ceremony held during the annual business meeting of the SNMTS on June 5.

“These papers represent the broad range of investigative endeavors—across

the spectrum of clinical, radiopharmaceutical, technological, and basic sciences—in which nuclear medicine technologists are involved today,” said Neagley. “We congratulate this year’s awardees and all those whose contributions continue to make *JNMT* a vital resource that is constantly evolving to meet the changing scientific and professional needs of our readers.”

### First Place

Sergi López-Gandul, Gumer Pérez-Moure, J.R. García-Garzón, Marina Soler-Peter, Marc Simó-Perdigó, and Francisco Lomeña for “Intravenous Furosemide Injection During  $^{18}\text{F}$ -FDG PET Acquisition” (*J Nucl Med Technol.* 2006; 34:228–231).



Sergi López-Gandul

### Second Place

Ryan S. Jackson, Thomas C. Schlarman, William L. Hubble, and Medhat M. Osman for “Prevalence and Patterns of Physiologic Muscle Uptake Detected with Whole-Body  $^{18}\text{F}$ -FDG PET” (*J Nucl Med Technol.* 2006; 34:29–33).



Ryan Jackson

### Third-place

Geoffrey M. Currie, Philip A. Towers, and Janelle M. Wheat for “Improved Detection and Localization of Lower Gastrointestinal Tract Hemorrhage by Subtraction Scintigraphy: Phantom Analysis” (*J Nucl Med Technol.* 2006;34:160–168).



Geoffrey Currie

## SCIENTIFIC AWARDS

The outstanding scientific research presented at the meeting by technologists was recognized with a series of awards for oral presentations, posters, and student presentations. The technologists abstracts from the 2007 SNM Annual Meeting are printed in this issue of *JNMT* and may be accessed online through the *JNMT* Web site at <http://tech.snmjournals.org>.

### Scientific Abstracts

#### First Place

G. LeFever, E. Andersen, J. T. Yap, A. D. Van den Abbeele, and R. Tetrault of Dana-Farber Cancer Institute, Boston, MA, for “Practical methods to minimize occupational radiation exposures in PET and nuclear medicine,” abstract 2026.

#### Second Place

D. M. Wilson, Y. Allidina, D. Tampinco, and M. Freeman of Medical Imaging, Princess Margaret Hospital, University Health Network, Toronto, Ontario, Canada, for “Measuring the intra-patient precision of the standard uptake value,” abstract 2010.

#### Third Place

T. Locascio, Y. Kuzuhara, L. Syrkin, D. J. de Vries, G. LeFever, A. D. Van den Abbeele, and J. T. Yap of Dana-Farber Cancer Institute, Boston, MA for “PET/CT quality assurance in clinical trials and good clinical practice,” abstract 2012.

D. J. Phegley, A. Bjorklund, R. Smith, M. Petti, J. Robichaux, and A. C. Civelek of Saint Louis University Hospital, Saint Louis, MO for “Challenges and solutions for I-131 therapy in the complex inpatient with thyroid cancer: A technologist prospective,” abstract 2009.

### Scientific Posters

#### First Place

E. R. Snay, F. H. Fahey, P. Dunning, A. B. Packard, F. Grant, R. T. Davis, and S. Treves of Children’s Hospital and Harvard Medical School, Boston, MA, for “Establishing a small

animal PET imaging program: A technologist perspective,” abstract 2152.

#### Second Place

M. A. Schmitt, R. J. Burney, S. T. Stringer, E. L. Brewer, J. L. Brule, and D. J. Perry of Barnes~Jewish Hospital, St. Louis, MO, and J. L. Frye of Washington University, Saint Louis, MO, for “Technologist radiation burden increased by oral contrast administration in PET/CT,” abstract 2146.

#### Third Place

K. Tanimoto, K. Yoshikawa, T. Shiraishi, A. Ando, T. Miyamoto, R. Koganezawa, K. Suzuki, T. Saga, K. Watanabe and H. Tsujii of the National Institute of Radiological Sciences, Chiba, Japan for “A novel quantitative approach to eliminate various factors affecting SUV in  $^{18}\text{F}$ -FDG PET,” abstract 2111.

### Cardiovascular Council Awards

#### First Place

R. Young, K. Amin, D. Neumann, and F. DiFilippo of the Cleveland Clinic Foundation, Cleveland, OH, for “Adsorption of  $^{99\text{m}}\text{Tc}$ -tetrofosmin on syringes leads to lower administered activity,” abstract 2002.

#### Second Place

J. Streeter, R. Eisner, M. Nelson, and R. Patterson of Emory Crawford Long Hospital, Atlanta, GA, and J. Hamill of Siemens Medical Solutions, Knoxville, TN, for “Attenuation correction of stress PET Rb82 with ultrafast CT images,” abstract 2005.

#### Third Place

J. E. Steed and R. C. Brunken of the Cleveland Clinic, Cleveland, OH, for “What are the benefits of Rb82? Why do physicians order myocardial PET scans when the patient had a myocardial SPECT scan?” abstract 2004.

### Student Abstracts

#### First Place

R. Ostrowski, V. Gates, N. McDonald, S. M. Spies, and R. Salem of Northwestern

Memorial Hospital, Chicago, IL, for "Radionuclidic purity assessment of Yttrium-90 (Y-90) microspheres," abstract 2206.

*Second Place*

C. H. Teymouri, C. Botkin, and M. Osman of St. Louis University, Saint Louis, MO, for "FDG dose extravasation in PET/CT: Frequency and impact on SUV measurements," abstract 2221.

*Third Place*

K. Leach, A. M. Zimmer, N. McDonald, P. Cutrera, and S. M. Spies of Northwestern Memorial Hospital, Chicago, IL, for "Rapid miniaturized

chromatography procedure for I-123 MIBG," abstract 2211.

**Student Travel Awards**

SNMITS offered \$500 awards to cover travel expenses for 10 technologist students who presented abstracts at the 5th SNM Annual Meeting. Funds for these awards were provided by the SNMITS Professional Development and Education Fund with support from these PDEF Corporate Friends: Capintec Inc., GE Healthcare, Mallinckrodt Pharmaceuticals Inc., and MDS Nordion.

The travel awards winners, selected on the basis of submitted essays, were: Meghan Blase, Saint Louis University, St. Louis, MO; Katie Haupt, Saint

Joseph's Hospital and University of Wisconsin La Crosse, La Crosse, WI; Thong Her, Evanston Northwestern Healthcare and Saint Mary's University of Minnesota, Winona, MN; Elizabeth Hogan, Northwestern Memorial Hospital, Chicago, IL; Andrew Hoffman, Saint Joseph's Hospital and University of Wisconsin La Crosse, La Crosse, WI; Sarah Krumrey, Saint Louis University, St. Louis, MO; Kristen Leach, Northwestern Memorial Hospital, Chicago, IL; Cheri O'Leary, Evanston Northwestern Healthcare and Saint Mary's University of Minnesota, Winona, MN; Robyn Ostrowski, Northwestern Memorial Hospital, Chicago, IL; Cyrus Teymouri, Saint Louis University, St. Louis, MO.