

Where did the summer go? It seems as if I was just getting ready to go to the annual meeting in Toronto, and now I can hardly remember being there. I always look forward to this annual opportunity to catch up with old friends, maybe make some new friends, and see what is new in the field of nuclear medicine.

It was a pretty good meeting, and I always get a little extra exercise when we go to Toronto—walking to the convention center and then from the South Hall to the North Hall. I kept trying to group sessions so I would be on one side in the morning and then the other in the afternoon. With the extra walking, I allowed myself some extra treats, and Toronto has some pretty good dining.

I spent a major portion of my time at the meeting with the educators and their students. I know it is easy to worry about the future of nuclear medicine these days, with the isotope shortages and the economic uncertainties. However, spending time with the educators and students is uplifting. The educators talk not only about new teaching and learning methods but also about motivating students. Of course, that is what I am interested in also. I was there hoping to motivate both students and educators to submit to the *Journal of Nuclear Medicine Technology*. I enjoyed my



time with the educators and found them to be a positive, inspiring group.

David Gilmore, a past president of the SNMITS and an educator, asked me if I could talk to his students one day after the sessions. It had been a long day for all of us, but they listened and asked me questions. I am not sure if I inspired anyone to publish, but I was encouraged by the group and their youthful enthusiasm. They were present at the SNMITS business meeting and awards ceremony, and at least one of them received a student presentation award. I was kept busy there presenting the *JNMT* best-submissions awards and handing out my cards to all the awardees.

In addition, I attended a few of the scientific-paper sessions and found them to be generally quite good, and I encouraged those presenters to submit to the *JNMT* also. Sometimes it seems as if I hand out so many cards at these meetings and wait anxiously, hoping that there will be new authors and interest in submitting.

We have numerous imaging articles this month in the *JNMT*, a continuing education article on molecular imaging, and two procedure guidelines. In addition, there is a special invited commentary from Dr. James Conway remembering Sue Weiss, who died shortly after the annual meeting. Besides being well known for her work in pediatric imaging and in the SNMITS leadership, Sue was editor of the *JNMT* for a number of years. In addition to this article and one in *Uptake*, the SNM has place a memorial page for Sue on the Web site (www.snm.org/InMemoryOf), where one can not only read comments from Sue's friends and co-workers but also leave a message or remembrance.

As usual, I remind you that any thoughts or comments about the *JNMT* can always be sent to me at fneagley@pacbell.net. I really do like hearing from readers and anyone with ideas for or criticisms of the journal.

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