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Message from the President of the SNMMI Academic Council

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The Academic Council's primary mission is to promote education, research and patient care related to Nuclear Medicine, provide expertise in the training and education of undergraduates and graduates in Nuclear Medicine, and provide a forum for members for discussion of issues and problems of mutual interest and concern within the Nuclear Medicine community, as well as an informal exchange of ideas and programs.

To this end, the Academic Council has sponsored many education-related topics at the SNMMI annual and mid-winter meetings. Examples include a presentation by Richard Gunderman, M.D., on the "Philosophy of Effective Teaching," a session on "Teaching the Modern Generation of Trainees in Changing Times," and numerous presentations on ACGME-related topics. We have hosted an Item Writers Workshop, hoping to allow attendees to become more proficient in the very difficult task constructing good SAM and board-type questions ("items").

At the upcoming mid-winter meeting in San Antonio, a nuts-and-bolts session entitled "Practical Information for Combined Nuclear Medicine & Radiology Residencies" will be given on Friday, January 23, 2015 from 6:30 to 9 PM. Additional presentations on combined residency training are planned for the future. I hope you will consider attending this session—this topic is of crucial importance for the specialty going forward. I would also ask that if you are not already a member of the Academic Council, that you consider joining. For the cost of a few fancy cups of coffee (\$15), you can help enhance the offerings we put forward at future meetings.

See you in San Antonio!