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MVC President Message

James L. Littlefield, M.D.

The current “hot button” topic of the Society is the proposed budget cuts in the Federal Budget for FY 2006, specifically to the Department of Energy funding of nuclear medicine research through the Medical Applications and Measurement Science Program (MAMSP). Many of the current pillars of nuclear medicine imaging, such as PET, the “moly” generator for the production of Tc^{99m} , and Tl^{201} chloride were developed through this program. For the next fiscal year, the proposed budget almost completely eliminates the nuclear medicine funding, which in the previous year was approximately \$24 million. The SNM is asking its membership to contact their senators and representatives in order to prevent this draconian step, which will affect the future of nuclear medicine. There is an “on-line” legislative action center at the SNM web site which will allow you to easily make your voice known in Washington. See: <http://snm.org> for about how you can let your elected officials know how you feel.

The fall meeting of the MVC will be held in Kansas City, specifically at the Overland Park Marriott, the first weekend in October, from Friday the 7th to Sunday the 9th. The program has been almost completed and we have lined up an excellent array of speakers who will present a broad range of topics of interest to the nuclear medicine community. Recent meetings of the Chapter have had excellent attendance and we look forward to seeing you there.

At the fall meeting, there will be a change in leadership, and Dr. Ben Greenspan will become President of the MVC. This summer we will be electing a President-elect and a Secretary-Treasurer to replace Dr. Keith Fischer. I will become the Nominating Committee, taking over from Dr. John Floyd. In a preemptory move, I am soliciting names for those interested in becoming President-elect and Treasurer. If you wish to become involved in the leadership of the MVC, or know of someone who is, please send me the name(s) and these will be placed on the ballot.

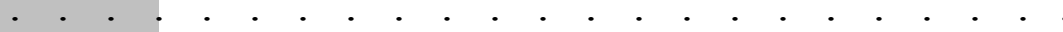
National Council of Representatives Delegate Report

*William Hubble, M.A., CNMT, RT
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**“It is not enough to do your best;
you must know what to do, and
THEN do your best”**

--W. Edwards Deming

One problem that has plagued our leadership’s ability to translate thoughts into actions has been a lack of information. It is difficult to make decisions when you lack enough data. An individual should never consider investing money or purchasing a product without doing a little research. We also realize that data alone is not enough; it must be timely and accurate as well. An informed organization is simply better equipped to meet the needs of its membership and the profession.



The SNMTS leadership realizes the significance of having good data. In an effort to become better informed the SNMTS created the Data Analysis Task Force (DATF). The DATF was given the charges of establishing a dynamic warehouse of information, creating a dictionary to define elements in the warehouse, establishing rules for disseminating and using data, providing data that will be used to design and implement policy and establishing a schedule of analytical procedures and reports to be used in forecasting. Tony Knight, MBA, CNMT, NCT is currently serving as the Task Force Chair. It is always good to see members of the MVCTS serving in leadership positions at the national level. The DATF has already begun its quest for knowledge. You can expect many surveys and reports coming from this committee to the membership in the near future. One such study will be assistance with the Center for Health Workforce Studies being funded by the SNM; another will be a NMT Program Directors Survey. Please watch for these reports in the upcoming months. If you are interested in participating on this committee please feel free to contact incoming president Valerie Cronin for an appointment to serve.

“Learning is not compulsory... neither is survival.”

--W. Edwards Deming

Life long learning is a not a new concept to most nuclear medicine technologists. Educational requirements are always undergoing change. Emerging technologies, advanced

practice, fusion imaging, continuing education, entry level requirements, and many other topics were discussed at the Education Gateway Task Force Meeting held in Reston, Virginia on Saturday, February 12, 2005. This group of technologists is comprised of Chairs of SNMTS education committees and related task forces. The objectives of the meeting were to define the entry level, middle level and advanced level nuclear medicine technologist. The task force was also challenged to examine past, current and possible future educational models for NMTs. The outcomes from this meeting will be provided in an upcoming white paper and presentation to the SNMTS Executive Board and SNMTS National Council Meeting at the annual meeting in Toronto, Canada, in June of 2005. I encourage you to attend this meeting to find out more about the work of this task force. It is essential for us to address and revisit this topic on a regular basis.

I would like to remind everyone in the Missouri Valley Chapter to feel free to contact me at anytime to discuss changes, proposed or otherwise. I am always interested in your opinions and will continue to do my best, when I know what you want me to do. Please enjoy this last quote. It is so truthful...

“Children seldom misquote you. In fact, they usually repeat word for word what you shouldn't have said.”

--Unknown

Call for Abstracts

To submit an abstract for the 2005 MVC Annual Meeting, please use the form on our website at

<http://mvcsnm.org/abstract.htm>

or email your abstract and contact information to

abstracts@mvcsnm.org

Abstracts should be 300 words or less. Accepted abstracts will qualify for 10 minute oral presentation. Those who present may be eligible for free meeting registration and/or award from the Chapter.

Executive Director's Report

David Perry, CNMT, FSNMTS

It's spring again. The flowers are in bloom, pollen is in the air, and we have seen the opening of the last season at Busch Stadium in St. Louis. That probably doesn't mean much to most of you who read this so I'll draw the parallel quickly. It is certain that many people are hard at work planning for end-of-season celebrations up to and including the demolition of the old stadium to make way for the new. [Here's the parallel] In much the same way, there are many people already hard at work planning the 2005 MVC Annual Meeting. There are flurries of emails and telephone calls going back and forth, trying to lock down speakers and topics. We're putting together an excellent program and some social events as well. So, mark the dates in your calendar – October 7-9, 2005 at the Overland Park Marriott in Overland Park, Kansas, just a few miles from downtown Kansas City.

The Overland Park Marriott will be a perfect place to hold our meeting. It is located just off of Interstate 435 in the southwest suburbs of Kansas City. The conference center is spacious and will accommodate a format similar to last

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Reporting of CE credits from January 1-December 31, 2005 is on a voluntary basis. Mandatory reporting of credits will begin on January 1, 2006.

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<http://www.nmtcb.org/CE.shtml>

year at Tan-Tar-A. All of the guest rooms are very nice and we have once again negotiated a price of only \$99, which is a steal considering much of the town is sold out because of a NASCAR Banquet 400 race event at the Kansas Speedway on October 9th. For those who will be driving, there is plenty of parking right outside the door to the conference center.

This summer will be a busy one for the officers of the MVC and the MVCTS. There will be an Executive Council meeting on Sunday, June 19th from 7:00 to 8:00AM in room 703 at the Convention Center in Toronto. Council members will discuss the business of the Chapter, including new policies and several issues ranging from annual meeting business to new officers, and more. We will be holding elections for new officers during the summer. Positions up for election include MVC President-Elect, MVC Secretary/Treasurer, two MVC Councilor positions, MVCTS President-Elect, MVCTS Secretary/ Treasurer, and MVCTS National Council Delegate. Those interested in any of these offices may contact John Floyd for MVC positions or Mark Wallenmeyer for MVCTS positions. Alternatively, you may contact me using the information at the end of this column, and I will put you in touch with the right nominating committee. The deadline for nominations is the end of June. Meanwhile, everyone should be looking for their ballots in July or August with the next newsletter. Please participate by casting your vote.

At the conclusion of the upcoming SNM Annual Meeting in Toronto, our own Nanci Burchell will complete her term as President of the SNMSTS. Nanci has represented the MVC admirably and in doing so has extended an amazing tradition of SNMSTS Presidents hailing from the MVC. Did you know that she is the sixth national president from our Chapter? That is one sixth of all presidents to this point. Who can name the others? How about Don Bernier, Leonard Lopez, Maria Nagel, Paul Hanson, Mickey Clarke and Nanci Burchell? If I missed someone, drop

me a note. We should be proud to have such a history of active participation.

If you would like to become more actively involved in the chapter, or if you have questions or comments about the chapter or our services, please email me at exdir@mvcnsm.org or call 314-362-1597.

Missouri Valley Chapter Historical Note

Robert F. Cech, M.D.

Whenever starting a new project (going back to the beginning of what has become Nuclear Medicine or Molecular Imaging), as data is gathered, we try to adhere to "do good" and "do no harm". This involves keeping in mind the most elemental needs for the project. If the work involves using radioactive materials administered to human beings, one must consider the dose that will do no harm. Those involved in the field have been tackling this problem since the very beginning.

On 6/24/2001 Henry D. Royal, M.D. of Washington University School of Medicine, St. Louis, spoke to the MVC/SNM on this problem, including effects of low-level radioactivity exposure, gathering data from the Russian nuclear reactor accidents and using 50 reports of this difficult to access material. An accepted technique to manage this data has been a measurement of high level of radiation exposure and back-extrapolating to just above zero exposure -- assuming some type of linearity in response to the radiation. In his report, the obvious difficulty in accumulating data and follow-up to determine the influence of the radioactivity was evident.

The consideration of this elementary information is ongoing. As physicist Richard Feynman said, "Elementary does not necessarily mean easy!"

MVC Officers

Contact information for these individuals is available on the MVC website. Please feel free to contact these individuals with questions or concerns regarding the Chapter or Society of Nuclear Medicine.

MVC Officers:

- James Littlefield, M.D.
President
- Keith Fischer, M.D.
Secretary/Treasurer
- Bennett Greenspan, M.D.
President Elect
- John Floyd, M.D.
Past President

MVC-Technologist Section Officers:

- Liesje Dotson
President
- Marcia West, CNMT
Secretary/Treasurer
- William Hubble, CNMT
National Council Delegate
- Pamela Presson, CNMT
President Elect
- Mark Wallenmeyer, CNMT,RT(N)
Past President

MVC Elected Councilors:

- Karen Holdeman, M.D.
- Jeffrey Galen, M.Ed., CNMT
- Peggy Squires CNMT
- Sally Schwarz, R.Ph., B.C.N.P.
- David Perry, CNMT, FSNMSTS
- Yusuf Menda, M.D.

MVC Appointed Councilors:

- Michael Graham, M.D.
(Audio-Visual Chair)
- Phil Bruch, MS, CNMT
(Publications Chair)

MVC Historian:

- Robert Cech, M.D.

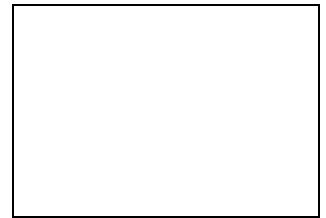
MVC Executive Director:

- Dave Perry, CNMT, FSNMSTS

Please send any comments, suggestions or information for the Newsletter to either Phil Bruch (pbruch@unmc.edu) or Dave Perry (exdir@mvcnsm.org).

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MVC Calendar of Events

June 18-22, 2005

Toronto, Ontario, Canada

52nd Annual Meeting of the Society of Nuclear Medicine

With over 3,000 professional attendees and 190 exhibiting companies expected at the Metro Toronto Convention Centre, the SNM Annual Meeting is the world's largest event focused exclusively on the fields of nuclear medicine and molecular imaging..

June 19, 2005

7:00 AM – 8:00 AM

Convention Center Room 703

Toronto, Ontario, Canada

Missouri Valley Chapter Executive Council Meeting

The MVC Executive Council will meet to conduct the business of the Chapter.

Agenda items include: 2005 Annual Meeting, 2006 Annual Meeting location, Nominations for several offices, and more.

October 7-9, 2005

Overland Park Marriott

Overland Park, Kansas

Annual Meeting, Missouri Valley Chapter Society of Nuclear Medicine

Look for meeting information and registration materials soon.