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World Molecular Imaging Congress 2010

It is with great pleasure that we invite you to participate in the upcoming World Molecular Imaging Congress 2010 (WMIC) on **September 8-11, 2010 in Kyoto, Japan**. Organizers from the Society for Molecular Imaging (SMI), the Academy of Molecular Imaging (AMI), the Federation of Asian Societies for Molecular Imaging (FASMI), and the European Society for Molecular Imaging (ESMI) are working together, with input from a scientifically diverse, international program committee, to develop a scientific program that integrates developments in imaging technologies and

molecular imaging agents with applications for drug development, basic science investigations, and clinical translation.

WMIC 2009 in Montreal, Canada, had an attendance of over 1700 attendees and showcased 65 international exhibitors. We are hopeful that WMIC 2010 will be equally successful.

Early registration deadline is July 2.

A 50% discount on AMI membership is available with conference registration.

For details, visit www.wmicmeeting.org.

AMI Welcomes President-Elect, Dr. Juri Gelovani

The AMI Board of Directors and its President, Dr. Timothy McCarthy, are delighted to announce that Dr. Juri Gelovani has been elected incoming AMI President. His term of office will commence at the conclusion of the WMIC 2010 Kyoto meeting in September.

Dr. Gelovani graduated from medical school in 1986 from the University of Tartu, Estonia, and pursued postgraduate training in Neurosurgery. In 1990, he defended a dual-specialty clinical research-based dissertation in Neurosurgery and Neuroradiology (PhD). In 2003, Dr. Gelovani joined the University of Texas, M.D. Anderson Cancer Center, Houston, TX as a Professor and Chairman of the Department of Experimental Diagnostic Imaging and the Director of the Center for

Advanced Biomedical Imaging Research (CABIR).

Dr. Gelovani fostered the development of the Federation of Asian Societies for Molecular Imaging (FASMI) in 2006 and serves as the Advisor to the Secretary General of FASMI. In 2008-2009, Dr. Gelovani served as the President of the SMI. In 2009, he was the Organizer-In-Chief of the First World Molecular Imaging Congress in Nice, France. He has been a long-standing member of the AMI and has worked diligently with our board members and officers to help build the WMIC program and to help both AMI and SMI come together to publish the *Molecular Imaging and Biology* journal.



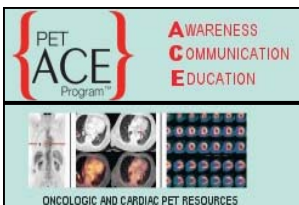
AMI is now offering CME credits through the Imaging for Impact (I4I) webcast series.

Previous presentations include “Sodium Fluoride PET Bone Imaging in Cancer Patients” with Dr. David Haseley and “The Basics of Health Economics” with Dr. David Lee.

For more information, please visit our website at www.ami-imaging.org.

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Dr. Timothy McCarthy,
AMI President



ACE Kits are available for purchase online at www.ami-imaging.org

AMI Reorganization Announcement - A Message from Dr. Timothy McCarthy, AMI President

On February 4th, the AMI Board met in Tampa, FL for a day-long meeting to review the status of the AMI and begin the process of developing a rolling, five year strategic plan. We identified our core strengths as a nimble and agile organization, capable of adapting to the changing environment as Molecular Imaging evolves. We also have prioritized two vital areas for the field: education and increasing the breadth of molecular imaging tools that are available to the community.

After an in-depth discussion, the Board concluded that the existing Council-based structure of the organization was not ideal in moving forward. While each council has made significant contributions to AMI over the last eleven years and helped in establishing AMI, we felt that a centralized and aligned strategy, focusing on two or three priority areas, will allow us to develop the core mission of AMI in a more efficient manner.

We are currently working through how our organization will develop from this point forward, however, the Board voted to establish committees devoted to the following key areas:

- Education
- Research and Publications
- Government relations
- Industry collaboration

- Clinical Trials
- Public relations - including patient advocacy
- Administration

Recognizing that we do not want to interfere with the progress of our key ongoing activities during this reorganization, we have asked that the council chairs appoint representatives to each committee. This will allow for scoping and prioritization of projects going forward. We also urge members of AMI who are not currently active in the council organizations, but want to be involved with the core activities of AMI, to take this opportunity to step forward. Our aim is to have a new structure and strategic plan finalized for board and membership approval by the end of May.

In summary, this critical reorganization of the core AMI structure will allow us to develop teams comprised of all our stakeholders, working together, focused on developing and delivering on projects that are aligned and balanced across the entire mission of the Academy. While this is a bold step, it provides an exciting opportunity to evolve our organization to meet the needs of the many scientists, clinicians and patients that will benefit from Molecular Imaging in the coming years and I look forward to working with all members of AMI as we develop our plan.

AMI launches ACE™ Awareness, Communication and Education Program to Promote PET Imaging

The Academy of Molecular Imaging has introduced the ACE™ Awareness, Communication and Education Program developed to generate awareness and enhance the quality of positron emission tomography (PET) imaging. ACE™ combines educational and clinical resources in easy-to-

use kits. The ACE™ Referral Education Resource Kits are designed to educate referral audiences, with separate kits for oncologic and cardiac PET applications. The ACE™ Interpretation Resource Kits provide resources to improve the skills of interpreting physicians.

AMI, SMI, and ESMI Join Together in the Publication of *Molecular Imaging and Biology*

We are proud to announce that the AMI, Society for Molecular Imaging (SMI), and the European Society for Molecular Imaging (ESMI) have joined together in the publication of *Molecular Imaging and Biology (MIB)*. This is a great step forward in many ways. We now have a clear home for publication of the abstracts from the World Molecular Imaging Congress. We also are able to continue to build on the fantastic job that Dr. Jorge Barrio has done as the Editor for *MIB* in establishing it as a quality journal for Molecular Imaging.

This winter, Dr. Ray Gibson was selected as the new editor-in-chief for the *MIB*. Dr. Gibson's editorial experience includes editor of the book *Nuclear Imaging in Drug Discovery, Development, and Approval* (Eds.:

H.D. Burns, R.E. Gibson, R.F. Dannals, and P.K.S. Siegl, Birkhauser, Boston, 1993) and as section editor for the book *Molecular Imaging in Oncology* (Eds.: M.G. Pomper, J.G. Gelovani, Informa Healthcare USA, Inc., New York, NY, 2008). He also served as scientific program sub-chair for the field of neurosciences for the Society of Nuclear Medicine.

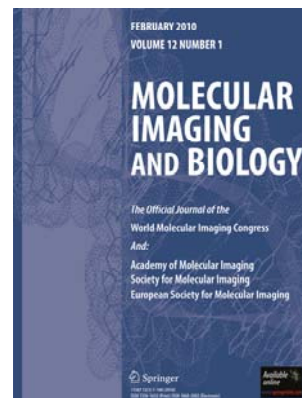
By working together over the past year with both Dr. Juri Gelovani and Dr. Chrit Moonen, as well as many others in the background, we came to an amicable agreement that will benefit the AMI, the SMI, and the ESMI. We are excited about the future expansion of the journal and we look forward to working together.

Molecular Imaging in India - Formation of an Indian Chapter

The role of molecular imaging in the fields of nuclear medicine and clinical PET is well established in India. However, there is need for increased awareness and research in the pre-clinical imaging especially among young scientists and physicians. This would require more interaction with scientists from other countries, more workshops and interactive meetings. A multidisciplinary forum for scientists and physicians to discuss various issues would be very useful. Formation of an Indian chapter will facilitate collaborative research projects and exchange programs. It will also give more representation and visibility at academic meetings, both regional

and international which is very important for exchange of ideas particularly in the regional setting. The chapter will show the industry a way to get involved, particularly in pre-clinical imaging, drug research and new tracer development. This involvement is the need of the day in India.

The Indian Chapter is led by Dr. Jyotsna Rao, Nuclear Medicine and PET/CT Consultant at Apollo Gleneagles PET-CT Centre in Hyderabad, India and Dr. Abhijit De, Scientific Officer "E", ACTREC at Tata Memorial Centre in Navi Mumbai and Assistant Professor, HBNI.



AMI members receive bi-monthly issues of the journal, *Molecular Imaging and Biology*.

Preceptorships

University of California - Los Angeles

- Los Angeles, California
- UCLA Clinical NeuroPET Preceptorship
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Mallinckrodt Institute of Radiology

- Washington University School of Medicine
- St. Louis, Missouri
- Visiting Fellowship Program in PET
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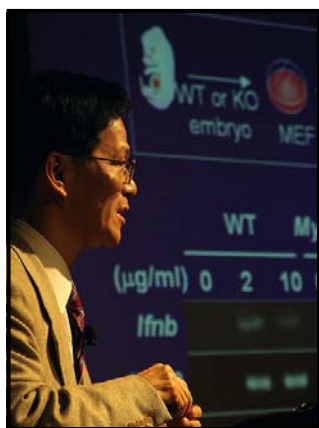
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World Molecular Imaging Congress

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We are pleased to announce the speakers for the WMIC 2010.



Keynote Speaker

Shizuo Akira, MD, PhD
Osaka University

Shizuo Akira, MD, PhD, is a distinguished and highly cited professor at the Department of Host Defense, Osaka University, Japan. He has made ground-breaking discoveries in the field of immunology, especially in the area of innate host defense mechanisms. Besides being one of the world's most-cited scientists in 2006 and 2007, Dr. Akira was recognized as the scientist who had published the greatest number of "Hot Papers" over the preceding two years. He is the recipient of several international awards, including the Robert Koch Prize and the William B. Coley Award.

Plenary Speakers

- **Kevin Brindle, PhD**
University of Cambridge
"Hyperpolarized Gas Imaging"
- **Gregory Lanza, MD, PhD**
Washington University School of Medicine
"Image Guided Drug Delivery"
- **Jun Takahashi, MD, PhD**
Kyoto University
"Stem Cell Imaging"
- **Herman P. Spaink, PhD**
Leiden University
"Gene Imaging"
- **Robert J. Gropler, MD**
Mallinckrodt Institute of Radiology
"Translational Molecular Imaging"

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September 6, 2010 Seoul, Republic of Korea