

Message from the President of the Korean Society of Nuclear Medicine

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Consider the past, and you shall know the future

Some visionary Korean doctors, including late Prof. Munho Lee, founded the Korean Society of Nuclear Medicine (KSNM) in 1961. Although they were few in number, they were true risk takers and makers of things. They took up the challenge of applying atomic technologies to human health. They used radioiodine to treat thyroid diseases, radioiron to study ferrokinetics, and measured hormones to diagnose endocrine diseases. They started publishing the *Journal of KSNM* in 1967, initially twice a year. The number of issues published each year increased to three in 1994, four in

1995, and six in 1998. Now the number of papers published annually exceeds 100, and the number of abstracts presented at the annual meeting exceeds 200.

KSNM has never stayed within the boundaries of Korea. It held the third Asia–Oceania Congress of Nuclear Medicine in 1984, and the ninth congress of the World Federation of Nuclear Medicine and Biology in 2006. Members of KSNM have actively participated in the Society of Nuclear Medicine (SNM). The number of abstracts presented at SNM meetings by members of KSNM exceeded 100 from 2004 onwards. KSNM members present the fourth largest number of abstracts at SNM congresses.

The founders of KSNM dreamed of scientific and peaceful applications of atomic power, convergence of various sciences and technologies into human health, and cooperation and communication of experts from various fields. As President Obama said at his inauguration, “this is the journey we continue today.” Our journey continues for another dream: We have started a new English-language version of the Journal of KSNM under the name of *Nuclear Medicine and Molecular Imaging* (NMMI). We hope to share our experience, knowledge, and vision with global colleagues through NMMI. We hope to communicate with friends from Europe, America, and Africa through science. We hope to discuss with experts everywhere to establish standards.

I appreciate the efforts of Professors, Yong-Whee Bahk, June-Key Chung, Myung-Hee Sohn, and Jae Min Jeong to turn our dream into reality. I cordially invite investigators around the world to submit their papers to our new English journal, NMMI. Thank you.

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