

On behalf of David Brandon, MD, the Program Chair of the Southeastern Chapter of the Society of Nuclear Medicine Annual Meeting, I would like to make you aware of an exciting opportunity for technologists, technologist students, residents, and medical physicist trainees.

I will once again be administrating the Abstract Sessions for the coming meeting in Orlando. I am also the Program Director of the Nuclear Medicine Residency at the University of Alabama at Birmingham. As a Program Director, it is my mission to promote scholarly activities amongst my residents and fellows; not simply to fulfill ACGME mandates, but to promote and encourage academic and research interest in the Nuclear Medicine profession. I am also painfully aware of the paucity of quality venues at which students, residents and fellows can give presentations. As I am heavily involved in the training of technologist students as well, I know there are seemingly even fewer settings at which they may present their work.

I therefore offer a forum where posters and abstracts can be presented. I would also like to have a “competition” where program directors of medical physics, residency, fellowship and technologist training programs cajole their trainees to prepare an abstract to be given at the 2014 meeting. We will have the submissions judged by a panel of resident and technologist educator “experts”. The best entries will be allowed to present their material at the Southeastern Chapter meeting. As an exciting new addition, a travel grant will be allotted to outstanding submissions, as judged by our panel of experts. Please see the website ([www.secsnm.org](http://www.secsnm.org)) for more information, as well as for the link for you to use to submit their information to us. If submitting as a trainee, they must come from current trainees or recent graduates (within one year of graduation). The submission deadline is 9/2/14.

With the job market as constrained as it is, I hope you will avail of this opportunity. Having a presentation at a prestigious regional meeting can only enhance one’s profile when looking for employment, particularly if one is pursuing an academic position. From a Program Director’s point of view, this may also help ensure compliance with ACGME requirements for scholarly activity or JRCNMT requirements for the component of research training (JRCNMT Standard C2.2.r).

Thank you for your time and participation. We look forward to seeing you in Orlando!