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The Indo-American Society of Nuclear Medicine (IASNM) was conceived in 1979 and incorporated as a non-profit tax-exempt organization in the State of Texas in 1984. The membership of the Society primarily consists of physicians, scientists and technologists in nuclear medicine, although interested professionals of other disciplines also can be members of the Society. The major objective of this Society, among others, is to advance the profession of nuclear medicine through exchange of ideas and knowledge among its members, and also to help promote the state-of-the-art nuclear medicine in the developing countries, namely, India. Since its inception, many of you have joined the IASNM and contributed significantly to the growth of this Society. Each year we meet at a dinner at the time of the SNM annual meeting to overview the progress we made thus far and discuss new issues. Also each year, with the help of various corporate sponsorships, several prominent American colleagues with expertise in specific specialties of nuclear medicine are invited to give lectures at the annual meeting of the Indian Society of Nuclear Medicine and other Radiological and Imaging Societies in India. Each year awards are given to four young members of the IASNM for their best achievement and contribution in nuclear medicine.

The IASNM is an open forum for all of us to discuss issues that concern us professionally in nuclear medicine. What the IASNM is doing now may not be sufficient to fulfill the goals of the Society, and many of you may have concrete suggestions and ideas to improve upon the present status. At this time, we have increased our interaction with the Society of Nuclear Medicine (SNM) and will have a strong representation from the SNM (USA) at the next SNM (India) meeting. Dr. Mathew Thakur will assume the Presidency of the SNM (USA) and has agreed to come to Mysore in December 2004 along with SNM Executive Directors Ken Maynard and Virginia Pappas. The SNM(I) has agreed to provide a complimentary SNM(USA) booth, and we will arrange for a complimentary booth for SNM(I) at next year's SNM(USA) meeting in Toronto.

We strongly feel that if we continue to grow in number, the IASNM can interact with the SNM more effectively for our mutual professional benefit: not least by sponsoring visits by Nuclear Medicine professionals working in India to enhance their expertise for appropriate periods in the USA. At present, many individuals of Indian origin are members of the SNM and various Chapters and Councils, but not members of the IASNM. The increasing participation in the IASNM of all Nuclear Medicine professionals based in North America, who are SNM(USA) members, will provide increasing impetus for continuing interaction between the professionals of two countries with a significant record of Nuclear Medicine development. Your participation is therefore extremely essential for the growth of the IASNM. We urge you to become a member – or, if you are already a member, invite others who are interested in increasing the quality of Nuclear Medicine in India as well as the interaction between our two societies, so that professional growth in both countries would improve.

We thank you for your consideration.

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