



## A letter from the SRS President

Dear Colleagues,

The Society of Radiopharmaceutical Sciences (SRS) is continuing efforts to integrate into the society all groups who work, even in the broadest sense, in the development or production of radiotracers for imaging and therapy. We are focused on elucidating and establishing the proper role of radiotracers with regard to other imaging techniques, as well as emphasizing the ability to measure both pathological and physiological processes quantitatively. Our efforts to integrate these groups should provide the society with sufficient vigor to promote its interests as well as take up new tasks—especially in view of the increasing challenges posed by changing circumstances worldwide.

The SRS Executive Committee and other senior members of the society are therefore engaged in an in-depth discussion of all relevant issues, such as working out details about future educational activities, integrating radiopharmacology and radiopharmacy groups into SRS, and defining our goals to focus on our unique capabilities and contributions to imaging in the overall context of imaging modalities. I will report on these deliberations in the next SRS President's letter, and we will also discuss them in more detail during the members' meeting in Edmonton, Canada, in July 2009.

Regarding Edmonton, preparations for the 18th International Symposium on Radiopharmaceutical Sciences (ISRS-18) are in full swing. The International Scientific Committee and the Local Organizing Committee are working hard to make the event interesting and attractive, both scientifically and socially. I strongly encourage you to participate in this very important biennial SRS conference.

As announced earlier, the international symposium scheduled for 2011 (ISRS-19) will be held in Amsterdam. A meeting of the full SRS Board of Directors will be held during ISRS-18 in Edmonton to decide on a venue for the symposium scheduled for 2013 (ISRS-20). I would like to encourage all prospective groups from around the world who are interested in organizing the 2013 symposium to submit a detailed proposal to the Executive Committee by the end of June 2009, at the latest. Each proposal will be given serious consideration. Requirements and detailed instructions on how to prepare a bid are available on the SRS Web site ([www.srsweb.org/](http://www.srsweb.org/)) as well as from any board member.

Best wishes to you all for a continued successful career.

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