



A letter from the SRS President

Dear Colleagues,

The SRS is working to enhance benefits for members and increase support for students and trainees in the field of radiopharmaceutical sciences. The SRS Web site provides a list of SRS educational goals, online membership registration and renewal forms, SRS-sponsored events, a series of articles published in *Nuclear Medicine and Biology*, related to the validation of radiotracers links to other SRS-related Web sites, and other features that serve our members and other scientists.

I would like to highlight the availability of recent IAEA publications on several radiopharmaceutical science topics on our Web site via the "IAEA Publications" link. The IAEA has generously provided the full text of these books, at no cost, that are readily accessible. Another new initiative being pursued is the establishment of a "Members Only" section on the Web site. Several valuable educational resources could be provided in this section, including presentations made by SRS members at national and international meetings. Please let me know if you have any suggestions for additional enhancements to the SRS Web site for consideration by the SRS Board of Directors.

I am happy to report that SRS membership will increase substantially in 2010. At the 18th ISRS meeting in Edmonton, Canada, SRS attracted 131 new student members and added 180 full members to the SRS membership roster. The SRS is grateful for the sponsorships of bursaries by the U.S. Department of Energy, IAEA, and corporations that enabled us to provide funds for students and trainees to participate in the 18th ISRS meeting. These awards provided bursaries for a large number of students and trainees to participate in the meeting. Additional bursaries were provided through revenues from the 18th ISRS meeting. We will summarize the total bursaries provided in a future issue of the *NMB*.

The Web site for the 8th International Symposium on Technetium and Other Radiometals in Chemistry and Medicine (Terachem 2010), which is co-sponsored by the SRS, is now live (<http://www.terachem2010.com>). Please visit this site to access information about the symposium, note the deadline for meeting abstracts (April 7, 2010), and register for the symposium.

With the beginning of a new year, I look forward to working with you to further strengthen current activities and broaden the scope of the SRS to serve the needs of the radiopharmaceutical sciences community. If you have not yet renewed your membership in the SRS, I encourage you to do so before the end of January to make sure that your *NMB* subscription is not interrupted. Your suggestions for the initiation and development of future endeavors of the SRS are welcome. I wish everyone a happy 2010.


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