

- EANM during my presidency?

During my Presidency (2005-2006), I was fortunate to work with a solid Executive Committee composed by clever and committed members, with whom we built a professional structure within the EANM capable to offer efficient and professional services to the members. We strived to consolidate Nuclear Medicine as a full medical speciality, clearly differentiated from imaging only specialities. Major challenges we faced at that time include the setting of a fair and continuing relation with Radiology, establishing a fluid dialogue with the European Regulatory bodies in relation to the medical use of radiopharmaceuticals and the establishment of a permanent structure for our Annual Congress. With the EANM as inclusive umbrella, we wanted to offer enhanced networking and give support to all members, from young specialists in training to leaders or mentors in the field. During this busy period, most of these topics were debated in lively and highly participated member assemblies before they were translated into the action lines of the Executive Committee and the EANM policies.

- EANM now and in the future?

The EANM has developed as “the” professional society in the field. A major achievement, as the EANM is now the only medical society with clear and only focus on nuclear medicine and molecular imaging. The EANM clearly defines and supports Nuclear Medicine as a full medical speciality in contrast to imaging or diagnostic only specialities. The society fosters scientific excellence, high quality education and advanced research. The society has reached a very solid and efficient professional organization, it has an excellent permanent office in Vienna and offers a wide umbrella to all European nuclear medicine specialists. The EANM meets the scientific and professional needs of all members. At the same time, the European Journal of Nuclear Medicine and Molecular Imaging has become the prime journal in Europe in the field of medical imaging. The EJNMMI family of journals offers additional opportunity to publish high quality research in our field. The EANM is currently perceived by all stakeholders in the field of nuclear medicine, molecular imaging and radioligand therapies as the Body of the Field in Europe. Professionals in nuclear medicine and molecular imaging, national/international authorities, industry and other partners, look at the EANM as the reference society in the field. I am sure that the power, efficiency and services of the EANM will continue to grow and succeed.

- What is EANM for me?

The EANM has been deeply bound with my professional life. Over the years, with the EANM I learnt to value what I did as a professional. My mind is full of good memories of the time spent fighting for nuclear medicine with the society bodies, I think of the EANM with enthusiasm and emotion, I love the Association. What I see now in the life of the EANM, helps me to stay inspired and motivated as nuclear medicine physician. I wish all success to the present and future EANM officers and leaders. European nuclear medicine physicians and scientists are lucky to have such wonderful society. Long life to the EANM!