

Current Status of The Korean Society of Nuclear Medicine

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As the application of nuclear medicine to clinics became generalized and it held an important position, the Korean Society of Nuclear Medicine was founded in 1961, and today it has become known as one of the oldest nuclear medicine societies not only to Asian nations but also to other advanced countries all over the world. Now it has 100 or so regular members composed of students of each medicine field unlike other medical societies. Only nuclear medicine research workers are eligible for its membership.

The Korean Society of Nuclear Medicine holds its regular general meeting and symposium twice per annum respectively in addition to occasional group gatherings and provincial lectures on nuclear medicine. With an eye to exchanging information on symposium, research and know-how, KSNM issued its initial magazine in 1967. Every year two editions are published. Year after year the contents of treatises are getting elevated with researches on each field including the early study on morphology-greatly improved both in quality and quantity. Of late, a minute and fixed quantity of various matters by dynamical research and radioimmunoassay of every kind has become visibly active. In particular, since KSNM, unlike other local societies, keeps close and frequent contact with the nuclear medicine researchers of world-wide fame, monographs by eminent scholars of the world are carried in its magazine now internationally and well received in foreign countries. Now the magazine has been improved to such an extent that foreign authors quote its contents.

KSNM invited many a foreign scholar with a view to exchanging the knowledge of nuclear medicine.

Sponsored by nuclear energy institute, the nuclear medicine symposium held in Seoul in October of 1966 was a success with Dr. Wagner participating, a great scholar of world-wide fame: It was the first international symposium ever held in Korea, and the Korea-Japan symposium held in Seoul 1971 was attended by all distinguished nuclear medicine scholars of Japan. In addition, members of KSNM take positive part in international symposiums to rank with the world nuclear medicine researchers. Nine KSNM members participated in the World Federation of Nuclear Medicine and Biology held in Tokyo, Japan on September 30 of 1974, and presented eight monographs. Seven KSNM members participated in the first Asia-Oceania Conference of Nuclear Medicine held in Sydney, Australia on September 23, 1977. and presented seven articles.