The 28th JSNC Annual Scientific Meeting Highlights

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I am profoundly grateful to all attendees, presenters, sponsors and cooperators who have made significant contributions to the success of the 28th Japanese Society of Nuclear Cardiology (JSNC) Annual Meeting, which was held on July 6th-7th, 2018 at The Ito International Research Center, Tokyo. In total, 236 attendees, including 170 physicians and medical representatives, 61 technologists and some researchers of advanced engineering and pharmaceutical science, attended the annual meeting. Thirty-five abstract presentations were made in the scientific sessions, including Young Investigator Award and Technical Award sessions.

The highlight of the 2018 program was that it was the first Asian session that invited special speakers, Dr. Hung (Chang Bing Show Chwan Memorial Hospital, Taiwan) and Dr. Wu (The Nuclear Medicine Branch of the Chinese Medical Association, China). Dr. Hung presented a cohort study with a large population on myocardial perfusion imaging in Taiwan. Dr. Wu presented on her ongoing study of the effect of risk factors of coronary heart diseases using ¹³N-ammonia PET imaging.

Another highlight was the third ASNC/JSNC joint session, which was held with Dr. Johnson (University of Texas Medical School), Dr. Reyes (Royal Brompton Hospital), and Dr. Kasai (Uonuma Kikan Hospital). The session raised a debate on important topics including high-quality imaging

with multimodality, perfusion imaging with optimal revascularization decisions, the role of radionuclide myocardial perfusion images in the management of coronary artery disease.

This meeting, whose subject was “Unite the power of medical, pharmaceutical and engineering science for the next innovation,” involved a special lecture and two symposiums, which discussed the next-generation PET system, ¹⁸F-Flurpiridaz PET, and the utility of myocardial perfusion indices.

The Conference Awards 2018 winners were as follows:

The 19 th JSNC Award	Keisuke Kiso, MD, PhD
The 18 th JSNC Young Investigator Award First prize	Atsushi Yamamoto, MD
	Norio Umemoto, MD
	Takumi Hatta, MD
The 7 th JSNC Technical Award	Shota Nakama, RT

Thank you for your contribution and support to JSNC 2018 meeting.

Best regards,

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