



Dear Members of the World Federation of Nuclear Medicine and Biology, we like to establish a newsletter every 4 months to inform you about the activities of the Federation.

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01 - New leadership

As of January 1, 2025, a new leadership team take the lead. The incoming officers include Savvas Frangos (Cyprus) as President, Gisela Estrada (Mexico) as Secretary General, John Prior (Switzerland) as Treasurer, Gopinath Gnanasegaran (United Kingdom) as President-Elect, and Lizette Louw (South Africa) as Immediate Past President. This new leadership aims to continue the Federation's progress and forge new paths for nuclear medicine globally.

02 - Publications

We have 4 publications promoting World Federation of Nuclear Medicine and Biology:

- *European Journal of Nuclear Medicine and Molecular Imaging*
New Horizons for the World Federation of Nuclear Medicine and Biology: Achievements, Partnerships, and Future Directions <https://link.springer.com/article/10.1007/s00259-024-06990-6>
- *alasbimn Journal*
La ALASBIMN y la WFNMB (Spanish) <http://www.alasbimnjournal.net/contenidos/la-alasbimn-y-la-wfnmb-237>
- *Nuclear Medicine and Molecular Imaging*
The Relationship Between the World Federation of Nuclear Medicine and Biology and Asian Nuclear Medicine Societies <https://rdcu.be/ehUzD>



- *Hellenic Journal of Nuclear Medicine*
The relationship of Greek Nuclear Medicine with the World Federation of Nuclear Medicine and Biology. (Greek) <https://www.nuclmed.gr/wp-content/uploads/2025/01/17.Hellenic-Section-Fragos.pdf>
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03 - Executive Board Meeting

The Executive Board Meeting took place on Friday, February 28, 2025. Decisions were made regarding the Federation's future actions in close cooperation with representatives from all continents

04 - Relations with World Health Organization

The recognition as a Non-State Actor (NSA) in 2019 under the leadership of Prof. Angelika Bischof Delaloye marks a cornerstone in the Federation's global advocacy for Nuclear Medicine. John Prior, as WFNMB Focal Point for Technical Collaboration with WHO, collaborates closely with Andrew Scott to represent Nuclear Medicine within the WHO framework:

- Publication of a Comment in the Lancet Oncology entitled "Strengthening Medical Imaging Capacity: The Time Is Now" available from <https://imagingcommission.org/publications/> (fulltext [https://www.thelancet.com/journals/lanonc/article/PIIS1470-2045\(24\)00716-2/fulltext](https://www.thelancet.com/journals/lanonc/article/PIIS1470-2045(24)00716-2/fulltext))
 - **February 5, 2025:** Constituency statement read by the WFNMB to the 156th Executive Board Meeting on the resolution on strengthening medical imaging with ISR and 16 other Non-State Actors (details available from <https://imagingcommission.org/wha-resolution-2/>).
 - **March 5, 2025:** Renewal of the WFNMB status as Non-State Actor by WHO with a triennial plan 2025-2027 voted during the last 156th EB meeting in Geneva last February.
 - **March 25, 2025:** Webinar by the ISR and the WFNMB on "Strengthening Medical Imaging Capacity", recording available from <https://imagingcommission.org/events/>.
 - **April 2025:** Preparation for a constituency statement by the WFNMB and ISR during the next 78th World Health Assembly to be held in Geneva from May 19-27, 2025 on the Resolution on Strengthening Medical Imaging Capacity.
 - **May 2025:** In parallel to the 78th World Health Assembly in Geneva, a dedicated side event will run on May 21, 2025 organised by ISR and WFNMB and sponsored by Siemens Healthineers at the Four Seasons Hotel Des Bergues in Geneva from 6:30 - 8:30 PM on "Strengthening Medical Imaging Capacity: The Time is Now; Addressing NCDs in low-resource settings" (<https://live.who2025.event.siemens-healthineers.com/blocks/general-information>).
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05 - Relations with the International Atomic Energy Agency

WFNMB maintains a strong working relationship with the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA), particularly with Diana Paez, who leads the Nuclear Medicine and Diagnostic Imaging Section. Through formal Practical Arrangements, WFNMB and IAEA collaborate to strengthen technical capacity in nuclear medicine diagnostics and therapies. Their joint efforts involve training professionals from IAEA member states, developing eLearning tools, and selecting leading clinical centers to serve as hubs for education and research. Under this agreement, WFNMB contributes expert resources and infrastructure, while IAEA facilitates training opportunities, particularly benefiting low- and middle-income countries. The new agreement will be sign soon.

06 - Lancet Oncology Commission

The Lancet Oncology Commission on Radiotherapy and Theranostics has published a major white paper (<https://www.thelancet.com/commissions-do/radiotherapy-theranostics>) which outlines the current status of theranostics globally, and strategies for addressing improved access and availability for cancer patients in all countries. This landmark paper is providing key data for the WHO Resolution on “Strengthening Medical Imaging Capacity” which will be voted in the WHO World General Assembly in June this year. WFNMB has played a pivotal leadership role in this Lancet Oncology Commission and WHO Resolution (see prior section). In addition, there are a series of projects underway to define the scope and scale of molecular imaging and therapy requirements for countries and regions, and strategies to address workforce, training, infrastructure and regulatory/funding requirements. WFNMB is playing an ongoing important role in these ongoing projects for strategy, expert advice, and liaison with major international bodies (eg WHO, IAEA) on behalf of the global nuclear medicine community.

07 - World Congress - 14th World Congress of Nuclear Medicine and “Road to Cartagena”

The 14th World Congress of Nuclear Medicine will take place in Cartagena, Colombia between 13th and 16th February 2026. There, Patricia Bernal Trujillo is eagerly awaiting the global Nuclear Medicine community for what promises to be an exciting and unforgettable Congress. For more information, please visit www.WFNMB2026.com

The 14th World Congress of Nuclear Medicine was represented with booths at XXX ALASBIMN in Cancun and will also be present at SNMMI Annual Meeting 2025 in New Orleans and EANM25 in Barcelona.



The “Road to Cartagena” is an initiative to hold conferences session within the framework of important scientific meetings to promote the Congress in a joint effort with the organizers of each of them.

ALGERIA 24 January 2025 (Virtual Stop Webinar)

“Perspective and Future of Nuclear Medicine in Africa” Salah Eddine Bouyoucef

“Advances in targeted alpha therapy” Mike Sathegke

“Advances in imaging of gynaecological malignancies” Kgomotso Mokoala

“WFNMB the Global Representation of Nuclear Medicine” Savvas Frangos

You can watch the Webinar through our YouTube channel

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mJhTq6SKelM>

SINGAPORE 7-8 February 2025 Nuclear Medicine Updates 2025

“Singapore Nuclear Medicine Past, Present, Future” Prof David Ng

“Current Status and Growth of Nuclear Theranostics in Singapore” Dr Gideon Ooi

“WFNMB the Global Representation of Nuclear Medicine” Savvas Frangos

MEXICO 13-17 March 2025 XXX ALASBIMN CONGRESS

“What We have seen change in Nuclear Medicine in Images, Technology, clinical applications and artificial intelligence” Camilo Garcia (France)

“Advances in Clinical applications and oncology in the last 4 years” Juliano Cerci (Brasil)

“Challenges for Nuclear Medicine in Latin America , focused on the difficulties of training human resources” Panellists: Patricia Bernal (Colombia) ,Miguel Olarte (México) Claudia Contreras (México) David Cardoza (México) Camilo Garcia (France) Juliano Cerci (Brazil) Diana Paez (Colombia -IAEA) Gisela Estrada (México-ALASBIMN-WFNMB)

Next Stops

→ **GREECE 8-11 May 2025 17th Panhellenic & 12th Balkan Congress of Nuclear Medicine**

www.bcnm2025.org

Round Table - Road to Cartagena (WFNMB)

- “WFNMB and Next Congress of NM” Savvas Frangos
- “Current status of NM in Balkans” Venjamin Majstorov
- “NM education and the future of NM” Agni Tsangaridi

→ **AUSTRALIA 23-25 May 2025 The 55th Annual Scientific Meeting of the Australian and New Zealand Society of Nuclear Medicine**

<https://anzsnmconference.com/>

Global Directions in Nuclear Medicine - Road to Cartagena



- “Australia and New Zealand – Future Directions” Andrew Scott
- “EANM Perspective” Felix Mottaghy
- “SNMMI Perspective” Cathy Cutler
- “WFNMB - the Global Representation of Nuclear Medicine” Savvas Frangos

→ **USA 21-24 June 2025 SNMMI Annual Meeting**

<https://snmmi.org/AM/AM/Home.aspx>

The Role of WFNMB in education and Nuclear Medicine development around the World

- “Introduction: Road to Cartagena and the World Congress” Patricia Bernal
- “Establishment of Nuclear Medicine around the Globe: The role of WHO and WFNMB” John Prior
- “The Lancet Oncology Committee as tool for the further development of Nuclear Medicine” Andrew Scott
- “Global access to Education material for Continuing Medical Education” Gopinath Gnanasegaran
- “Round table about expanding Nuclear Medicine with examples around the world” Savvas Frangos, Gisela Estrada, Lizette Louw, Akram Al-Ibraheem

→ **CYPRUS 6-9 November 2025 20th International Conference on Radiopharmaceutical Therapy**

www.icrt2025.com

Road to Cartagena

Thyroid Cancer Therapy: The Foundations of Nuclear Medicine

Speakers TBA

08 - 15th World Congress of Nuclear Medicine 2030

In 2025, there is going to be the election for the WFNMB 2030 Congress Venue.

According to the statutes the WFNMB congress venue elections need to take place 6 years prior to the actual event. Since we came to no decision in the past year, we moved the selection up to this year.

The current bidding process is related to the organization of the WFNMB 2030 congress and will be voted either online (July- August 2025) and/or at the annual GA at the EANM Congress in Barcelona in October 2025.

The WFNMB office will send out an invitation for possible online voting in due time.



09 - Book: Journey of WFNMB & its Member Countries: Scintillations & Fusions

Editors: Gopinath Gnanasegaran, Lizette Louw, John Prior, Francois Lamoureux, Savvas Frangos
Responsible person on behalf of WFNMB: Gopinath Gnanasegaran

We would be grateful if our member societies could contribute a chapter about their society (1000-1500 words). By contributing to this book, we are not just documenting our journey but also creating a legacy for the future generation to remember and cherish. Each society's story is a vital part of this legacy.

- History of their society and their founders
- Historical landmarks/achievements since inception of the society
- Members/Membership, structure of leadership Annual meetings etc
- Residency/training program for physicians, physicists, techs, radiopharmacists etc
- Current state of diagnostic and therapeutic nuclear medicine
- Current trends/Challenges
- Memorable photos (5-10) and interesting facts

Kindly mail your chapters to: gopinath.gnanasegaran@nhs.net

The Book will be presented during the 14th World Congress of Nuclear Medicine in Cartagena