



Dear EANM community,  
Dear colleagues and friends,

## Prioritising Quality

The EANM community is growing and so are our projects and initiatives. I believe that investing in quality is the foundation of long-term success, and the EANM is actively pursuing this in several key areas:

- **EARL initiatives:** The launch of the '**Theranostics Center of Excellence certification**' aims to ensure a harmonised and high-quality approach to theranostics. In addition, we are preparing for the upcoming **accreditation for <sup>177</sup>Lu SPECT/CT**, which will standardise SPECT-CT imaging protocols.
- **EANM Focus Meeting:** The next edition of the **EANM Focus Meeting** will concentrate on reaching a consensus on best practices for nuclear medicine imaging in breast cancer and on providing recommendations to guide clinicians in their decision-making processes.
- **Clinical Decision Support (CDS) tool:** We have updated the EANM **Clinical Decision Support (CDS)** tool to best assist referring clinicians in selecting the most suitable nuclear medicine diagnostic test for their patients.
- **EANM Guidelines:** Our commitment to evidence-based practices is reflected in our **EANM guidelines** thanks to the work of the Guidelines and Publications (Procedures) Council, which aim to ensure the highest quality standards.
- **New EANM website:** The brand new **EANM website**, launched in June, has been redesigned to be more user-friendly and to keep you informed and connected at all times.

...and much more is on the way!

## Expanding the EANM's Outreach at Clinical Congresses

The EANM is committed to raising awareness among clinicians and other stakeholders about the critical role of nuclear medicine in their daily practice. Recently, I had the pleasure of representing the EANM and the nuclear medicine community at the congress of the European Association of Neurology (EAN), alongside Nelleke Tolboom from the EANM Neuroimaging Committee. Together, we had the chance to engage in productive discussions with the President and leadership of the EAN and the President of the European Association of Psychiatry (EPA), with whom we are exploring potential collaborations through the project group on Psychiatry, led by Francesco Fraioli.

Furthermore, our President-Elect 2023-2024, Paola Anna Erba, attended the International Conference on Nuclear Cardiology and Cardiac CT (ICNC-CT) and the congress of the European Society of Cardiology (ESC). Daniela Oprea Lager, member of the EANM Oncology and Theranostics Committee, represented the EANM at the congress of the European Association of Urology (EAU).

## Anticipating the EANM'24 Congress in Hamburg

The countdown to the EANM'24 Congress in Hamburg (Germany) is on, and preparations are running smoothly. We are thrilled with the promising response this year:

- A record number of abstract submissions (2,609 as compared to 2,438 last year).
- An unprecedented amount of exhibition space sold (with a total of 4,700m<sup>2</sup>).
- More than 4,000 registrations already for the congress as of the end of August.

Like last year, our congress team has prepared various **sustainability initiatives** to create a greener congress experience and raise awareness about **environmental sustainability**.

We are also focusing on our **young professionals**, with different initiatives developed to engage the next generation of nuclear medicine professionals. The EANM Next-Gen Programme, which provides 100 early-career professionals with free registration and accommodation at the EANM'24, received an impressive response with almost 600 applications received. Building on last year's success, we will once again feature our **Young Professionals Lounge**, which provides students and young attendees with a space to network and explore topics tailored to them. Additionally, the **scientific programme** highlights sessions of special interest to young professionals – make sure to check it out!

I truly look forward to seeing you all in person in Hamburg in October.

Sincerely,  
Rudi Dierckx,



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