



Dear EANM community,
Dear colleagues and friends,

I hope this letter finds you all well. It seems like it was only yesterday that I took up the role of EANM President—how time flies!

In these ever-evolving times for healthcare and medical technologies, I was honoured to lead the EANM for the past two years as an organisation dedicated to advancing the field of nuclear medicine across Europe and beyond.

Thanks to your continued commitment and collaboration, we have achieved remarkable progress, despite the challenges faced globally. Our combined efforts have furthered the development of new diagnostic and therapeutic tools, contributed to ground-breaking research, and enhanced the quality of care for our patients.

I would like to make use of my last letter as EANM President to highlight some key initiatives that have been shaping the future of our community.

Reflections on the EANM'24 Congress in Hamburg

I would like to thank everyone who made the EANM'24 Congress such a success! With a record-breaking 8,680 participants, this year's congress highlighted our community's growth.

The EANM'24 was not just our most attended—it was also filled with innovation. We proudly launched the **EANM Next-Gen programme**, offering free registration and accommodation to 100 young professionals, selected from over 600 international applicants. We also introduced nuclear medicine to high school and undergraduate students through our **EANM Science Day**.

I also would like to congratulate everyone who presented their research and participated in the engaging discussions that enriched this year's congress. In addition, it was a pleasure to

connect with both current and potential volunteers at the **Meet The Volunteers (MTV) event**. Thank you to all of you for your invaluable contributions!

To relive these memorable moments, be sure to check out the [EANM TV programme](#) and [photo albums](#). In addition, mark your calendars for next year's [EANM'25 Congress](#), which will be held in **Barcelona (Spain) from October 4 until October 8, 2025!**

General Updates

New Structure & Get Involved

As the saying goes, structure follows function. The approved 2023 restructuring enabled the EANM Committees to launch temporary expert project groups focused on specific subtopics. Overarching themes are now addressed by the EANM Councils, and piloting groups can also provide the EANM Board with expert advice.

More volunteers than ever have stepped forward to support our growth, but even more are needed. If you would like to become an EANM volunteer and contribute your knowledge and expertise in all possible fields, please check our ['Get Involved'](#) opportunities, regularly updated on the EANM website.

Young Professionals Council (YPC) & INSPIRE by EANM

I am delighted to see the EANM's growing focus on [initiatives for Young Professionals](#), thanks to the dedicated efforts of the [EANM Young Professionals Council](#) and the EANM Office. At the EANM'24, we witnessed the enthusiasm of young colleagues participating in sessions, engaging on social media, and enjoying the **Young Professionals Lounge**, which hosted dedicated talks.

Looking ahead to 2025, there is even more good news! Following this year's success, the **EANM Next-Gen programme** will return, offering additional free registrations and accommodation nights in Barcelona. Moreover, the EANM Young Professionals Council is launching the first-ever **EANM Mentorship Programme**. A call for mentors and mentees will be announced soon—stay tuned for more!

On the topic of the future Nuclear Medicine workforce, the [INSPIRE by EANM programme](#) was successfully launched in early 2024. A survey conducted among our community in May and June 2024 provided valuable insights and recommendations about our workforce's needs and expectations. These findings will soon be published. Additionally, an exhibit showcasing the various nuclear medicine professions was presented at this year's congress and will feature at upcoming promotional events to inspire students from diverse faculties to pursue careers in our field.

Finally, I would like to thank once again **our industry partners—Lilly, Novartis, Nusano and Siemens Healthineers**—for generously supporting our INSPIRE by EANM programme. I am also pleased to share that donations from more industry partners have been secured, and new connections have been established. Thanks to this, the INSPIRE project group, led by **Tim van**

den Wyngaert (Chair of the YPC), will be able to launch a new series of activities to further this important programme.

European School of Multimodality Imaging & Therapy (ESMIT)

As we wrap up the year, looking at our educational offer, I am excited and proud to present you the upcoming [ESMIT 2025 programme](#), which, as usual, promises fresh learning opportunities.

Each year, we strive to offer an expanded range of topics and interactive learning experiences that address the evolving needs of today's nuclear medicine professionals. From onsite hands-on courses to a brand-new Live Webinar Series offered free of charge, we will cover cutting-edge topics such as AI in imaging and theranostics.

Whether you are looking to deepen your clinical knowledge or explore the latest advancements in multimodal imaging, this programme is designed to keep you at the forefront of the field. Best of all, most of it is free with a simple registration.

Do not miss out—read more on the [ESMIT website!](#)

EARL – Research4Life

[EARL](#) has experienced exceptional growth in recent years, driven by strategic planning, resilience, and adaptability. Through new accreditations, certifications, and the SASAI programme, EARL has consistently supported the global nuclear medicine community and has seized opportunities, mitigated risks, and pursued sustainable technological advancements.

Since 2019, the number of EARL-accredited centres has more than tripled, and accredited scanners have quadrupled—clear evidence of EARL's growing impact on the profession. The launch of the [Theranostics Centres of Excellence \(CoE\) certification](#) this summer marked a significant milestone.

Innovation and adaptability remain at the core of EARL's values. In 2025, the organisation plans to introduce levels 2 and 3 of the Theranostics CoE Certification and the 177Lu SPECT/CT accreditation. EARL is also collaborating with SNMMI and ARTNet to establish a global 18F PET/CT accreditation for multicenter clinical trials.

Welcome to the New Board Members & Farewell

In anticipation of the upcoming EANM Board rotation, I would like to introduce its new members. Starting in January 2025, the EANM will be led by Paola Anna Erba as EANM President (2025-2026), with the collaboration and support of:

- President Elect (2025 – 2026): Felix Mottaghy
- Secretary/Treasurer (2024 – 2025): Alexis Vrachimis
- Internal Groups Officer (2025 – 2026): Val Lewington
- Scientific Liaison Officer (2025 – 2026): Michel Koole
- Congress Chair (2023 – 2025): Valentina Garibotto
- Education Chair (2023 – 2025): Soňa Balogová

Congratulations and welcome on board!

Now that I am stepping down as EANM President, I leave with a deep sense of gratitude to all of you and a lot of optimism for the EANM's future. I am confident that, under the leadership of my successor, Paola Anna Erba, and with your continued support, the association will achieve even more groundbreaking advancements.

Thank you for your dedication to all our endeavours. As we approach this festive season, I hope you find time to rest, recharge, and enjoy quality moments with your loved ones.

Wishing you all a joyful holiday season and a prosperous New Year 2025.

Sincerely,

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