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Preface

As chairman of the European Association of Nuclear Medicine (EANM) 2001 annual meeting, I tried to reach two goals: a “universal nuclear medicine” congress where all people could speak and learn using the same language, and a full exploration of the possibility of making a diagnosis through global imaging. I am personally convinced that nuclear medicine techniques in the detection of infection and inflammation are essential, and in the near future their role and clinical impact will be impressive. As stated during the meeting, this topic will be one of the major and expanding fields of interest for nuclear medicine.

During the post-congress meetings organized in Capri by Alberto Signore and Mauro Liberatore for each topic, there was a leading expert for the clinical, radiological and nuclear medicine aspects. This interaction was crucial for the quality of the discussion and the definition of flow charts that will be useful for all the medical community.

These meetings, where for each topic there is full coverage of all the aspects of imaging, are, in my opinion, the most fruitful and useful for the progression and diffusion of nuclear medicine procedures.

May 2002

Prof. Marco Salvatore
Chairman of the EANM Congress 2001

Some 35 years ago, a French singer sold millions of records with a song, trying to tell the world “*Capri c’est fini*” – Capri is over.

I don’t know what happened during these decades, but I thought that as long as I was in Naples, I should go to Capri and attend this EANM post-congress meeting. First, I must say that once again Alberto Signore and Mauro Liberatore succeeded in organizing a perfect meeting, under the auspices

of the Italian Association of Nuclear Medicine (AIMN) and of the International Society of Radiolabeled Blood Elements (ISORBE). Seventy people from 15 countries attended the meeting.

The six selected topics – *Inflammatory Bowel Diseases, Orthopaedic Infections, Fever of Unknown Origin and Endocarditis, Vascular Prosthesis Infections, Rheumatoid Arthritis, Neurological Infections* – were equally interesting. The construction of all sessions with the clinician update and the point of view of other modalities, when available, and nuclear medicine point of view, plus the quality of the speakers, contributed to the high standard reached. Fruitful discussions during the sessions and the different breaks allowed participants to exchange their views and opinions.

This kind of meeting matched what, in my opinion, has to be included in continuing medical education (CME): What are the clinicians' needs, What is "the offer" from other modalities, and Where does nuclear medicine stand? This is the only way we can progress.

The organizers succeeded in providing manuscripts from each speaker and summarized the discussions that took place at the end of each session. A flow chart synthesizing the common diagnostic attitude has been added to each chapter. This is a useful tool.

There is no doubt that Capri is forever!

April 2002

Prof. Serge Askienazy

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