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Aside from the monthly PSNM Board Meetings, the following were the Society’s activities in 2014:

• January 11: Philippine Specialty Board of Nuclear Medicine Examination was held at the Makati Medical Center. Four examinees passed and were subsequently inducted as Diplomates in the Annual Convention the following month.

• February 8-9: PSNM 29th Annual Convention “Best Clinical Practices and Current Issues in Multi-disciplinary Nuclear Medicine” was held at Taal Vista Hotel, Tagaytay City.

• May 25, 2015: World Thyroid Day Celebration activities included a “Lay Forum on Thyroid Awareness” for the military service personnel and their families at the AFP Medical Center, QC followed by a “Dinner Symposium” at the Luxent Hotel, QC

• June 9: Residents’ Lecture Series started with the joint “SLMC-PSNM Seminar-Workshop in Basic Research Methodologies in Clinical Nuclear Medicine, part 1” at the St. Lukes Medical Center, QC. This was given by Drs. Vincent Peter C. Magboo and Irene S. Bandong

• July 15: Residents’ Lecture Series “SLMC-PSNM Seminar-Workshop in Basic Research Methodologies in Clinical Nuclear Medicine, part 2” at the St. Lukes Medical Center, QC. This was given by Drs. Emerita A. Barrenechea and Gerard L. Goco.

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• August 4-8: The Society’s participants to the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) RAS/6/075 Initial Project Planning/Coordinative Meeting on Optimizing the Role of Nuclear Medicine in the Diagnosis and Management of Childhood Cancer and Inborn Diseases held in Seoul, South Korea were Drs. Teofilo O.L. San Luis, Jr. and Maria Lourdes M. Taylan together with Dr. Thomas Neil B. Pascual is now connected with the IAEA

• August 13: The Society was represented by Dr. Johann Giovanni P. Mea in the formulation of the National Thyroid Cancer Awareness Bill 4463. This was spearheaded by Buhay Party List Representative Cong. Mariano Velarde and the officers of the Philippine Thyroid Cancer Survivors Inc (PhilThyCas)

• August 23-24, 2015: A Strategic Planning was held by the Society’s Board Members in Soleste Suites, QC. Agenda included: formulation of Clinical Practice Guidelines, revisions in the guidelines for the Nuclear Medicine Training Council, hospital accreditation, continuing medical education of the members of the Technologists Section and updates from the Taskforce on PET, among others.

• August 27- September 2: The Society was represented by Drs. Emerita A. Barrenechea, Thomas Neil B. Pascual, Bonan Achilles G. Mendoza, Alvin P. Quiñon and Karina Michaela D.C. del Mundo in the World Federation of Nuclear Medicine and Biology Congress in Cancun, Mexico.

• September 9: A Corporate Night was held at Mesa Grill, Robinsons Magnolia, QC as thanksgiving for the continuous support of the Society’s industrial partners

• September 22: Residents’ Lecture Series “Echo-lecture on Pediatric Nuclear Medicine” was given by Dr. Maria Lourdes M. Taylan at the St. Lukes Medical Center.
• October 6-10: IAEA-DOH Bureau of Health Devices and Technology Workshop Development of E-learning in Clinical Training of Medical Physicists in Radiotherapy and Diagnostic Radiology was held at the DOH compound, Manila. Dr. Orestes P. Monzon was a resource person since he has successfully held four courses of Distance Assisted Training (DAT) for Medical Technologists for PSNM members. The last two DAT courses were mainly e-learning modules.

• October 18: Residents’ In-Service Exams was held at the St. Lukes Medical Center. Eleven residents took the examination.
• November 4-7: The Joint Annual General Meeting of the Asian Regional Cooperative Council in Nuclear Medicine and Japan Society of Nuclear Medicine was held in Osaka, Japan. Research papers were presented by the following members: Drs. Deverly D. Tumapon, Carla Mari S. Macaisa, Nilo C. Lopez, Jr. and Mr. Oliver R. Lubiano (technologist). Likewise, the first examination for the Asian Board of Nuclear Medicine was held. Dr. Teofilo O.L. San Luis, Jr. was one of the examiners. The two diplomates of the Society who took the exam and passed were Drs. Eduardo Erasto S. Ongkeko and Jefferson R. Pagsisihan.

• November 17-21: IAEA-PNRI Expert Mission on the Cyclotron Project was held. Activities kicked off at the National Kidney Institute where the second cyclotron in the country has been placed. Lectures were given by Dr. Homer A. Macapinlac and radiopharmacist, Ms. Dao Le, of MD Anderson, Texas, USA. Hospitals which participated included Cardinal Santos Memorial Center, Makati Medical Center, Perpetual Help Medical Center, Las Piñas, DelaSalle University Medical Center, Cavite, Chong Hua Hospital, Cebu City and Davao Doctors Hospital, Davao City. Aside from this, the experts also visited the Food and Drug Administration.

• December 6: Graduating Residents’ Paper Presentation and Society’s Christmas Party was held at the Back to the 70s Bistro, QC. Two residents presented their research works.

• December 6-7: The Society was represented by Drs. Teofilo O.L. San Luis, Jr and Maria Lourdes M. Taylan at the Asian Society of Nuclear Medicine Summit Meeting held in Shanghai, China.