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33rd Seminar of European School of Nuclear Medicine, Tallinn 2006

The 33rd Seminar of ESNM took place on 5–6 May 2006 in the charming City of Tallinn, Estonia. The scientific program included radiopharmacology, sentinel node scintigraphy diagnostics, NM in oncology and therapeutic NM (bone-joint) applications with such excellent lecturers as A. Bishof-Delaloye, P. Ell, M. Fisher and S. Mather. As usual the event was supervised by the vice dean of the ESNM, I. Szilvasi. Nearly 40 participants from 8 centres and Eastern European countries benefited from the meeting with up-to date NM science and routines.

The seminar ended as usual with an MCQ examination in which the 1st, 2nd and 3rd prizes were given respectively to G. Romanowicz (Poland), I. Kulakiene (Lithuania) and O. Kraft (Czech Republic).

The meeting is always not only a scientific but also a social event. Thanks to the fabulous organization provided by S. Nazarenko and his crew with support of Estonian NM Society and North Estonia Medical Centre, all lecturers and participants could admire the beautiful City of Tallinn and the hospitality of the Estonian people. This was also an opportunity to get to know the NM community of Baltic countries, which, with just under 20 members, seemed to be a small but exclusive club. The development of NM in that region is impressive with forthcoming installations of new equipment including SPECT/CT and PET/CT scanners.

It has been more than ten years since ESNM seminars started giving a unique opportunity for those who have limited access to



View of Tallinn's old town.

annual EANM congresses and other important MN meetings taking place in Western Europe. This is also a way to strengthen and consolidate the community of NM in our region. Hopefully this activity will be continued.

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