

American Society For Nanomedicine

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Dear Colleagues,

We enthusiastically announce the formation of a new, democratic and transparent professional society, *American Society for Nanomedicine* (ASNMM). ASNMM's activities will focus on innovative cutting-edge research in nanomedicine as well as the applications of nanotechnology to the pharmaceutical and biotechnology industries. While promoting seminal research activities in nanomedicine worldwide, issues such as ethics, safety and toxicity, intellectual property, and commercialization will also be addressed and explored. We hope to achieve these goals through an open forum of ideas and collaborative efforts, alongside close cooperation and coordination with our American and international colleagues.

ASNMM has been registered as a non-profit organization by its Founding Committee. The Founding Committee is currently drafting the bylaws that will guide and guard the Society for future development and collaboration. Once the draft of the bylaws is developed, we will solicit your input online. As a member, you will have the opportunity to participate in finalizing the bylaws and enjoying other benefits such as reduced rates to attend ASNMM meetings and discounted rates for society journals. The membership base of ASNMM is drawn from diverse, yet overlapping fields like nanotechnology, engineering, medicine, law, policy, ethics, toxicology, biotechnology, pharmaceutical sciences and biomedical sciences. In the near future, open elections for the Society officers, board members and operating committees will be held in accordance with the bylaws.

ASNMM's membership fees are as follows:

- ❖ Lifetime Member - \$500
- ❖ Regular Member - \$100/year
- ❖ Medical Fellow/Postdoctoral Member - \$50/year
- ❖ Predoctoral Student Member - \$25/year
- ❖ Corporate Member - \$1000/year

Please note that these special membership fees are valid until July 1, 2009. Join today before membership fees increase!

ASNMM's inaugural conference, *The 1st Annual Conference of the American Society for Nanomedicine*, is in the planning stages and will be held in Potomac, Maryland, USA during October 22-25, 2009. We solicit your support and participation.

We look forward to your active participation in the Society as a potential member, potential official or as a citizen of the nanomedicine community. In this regard, you are invited to visit the Society's official website at <http://www.amsocnanomed.org/> to join our new, dynamic Society. You can also sign up your company to be a corporate member.

Best Regards,

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