

1 **The best of the old with promise of the new: the format of the annual meeting of the Society for**
2 **Neuroscience in Anesthesiology and Critical Care is changing**

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4 I am writing this Editorial having recently returned from the 2018 SNACC Annual Meeting in San
5 Francisco. As usual there was great science and education on offer over 1.5 days. One hundred twenty
6 one researchers from diverse groups presented during the poster discussion sessions; the abstracts
7 were published in full in the October 2018 issue of JNA [1]. It was inspiring to see so many junior
8 colleagues presenting their work, some for the first time. I congratulate everybody whose research
9 was chosen for presentation at the meeting, and particularly those who were successful in one of the
10 several awards that SNACC offers to encourage and promote junior researchers. The Thursday
11 afternoon workshops and symposia, and the main scientific sessions on Friday, were, as usual,
12 stimulating with a wide range of topics covered. This year, the Society was privileged to have a Nobel
13 laureate, Dr. Thomas C. Sudhof from Stanford University, to present the annual Maurice Albin lecture
14 on ‘Using human neurons to explore the molecular mechanisms of neuropsychiatric disorders.’ This
15 eponymous lecture was introduced in 2014 to honor a great neuroanesthesiologist and neuroscientist,
16 and I am certain that, like the audience, Dr. Albin would have been fascinated by the 2018 lecture.

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18 Maurice Albin was a founding member of SNACC, its second President, and first recipient of the
19 Society’s Distinguished Service Award in 2001 [2]. He was also a life-long supporter of this Journal,
20 both as an author and reviewer. His Special Article published in JNA in 1997 charts the early history
21 of SNACC following its inauguration in 1973 (then the Neurosurgical Anesthesia Society), including
22 the launch of JNA as the ‘voice of SNACC’ in 1989 [3]. I commend this article to you. It reproduces
23 many historic documents, including the program of the Society’s first annual conference in 1974.

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25 Since that 1974 conference, SNACC has held its Annual Meeting immediately prior to that of the
26 American Society of Anesthesiologists (ASA). However, starting in 2019, instead of co-locating with
27 the ASA, SNACC plans to host a stand-alone Annual Meeting [4]. The new and extended 2.5 day

28 program will provide greater flexibility and opportunities to hold workshops and focused learning
29 sessions in addition to the main scientific program, as well as more time to meet with friends and
30 colleagues. The 2019 SNACC meeting will be held in Phoenix, Arizona on September 12-14, 2019.
31 Plan now to attend and experience the best of the old with promise of the new!

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