

This year, EANM is electing a new EANM Secretary/Treasurer for the 2026–2027 term. Two highly qualified candidates are standing for election, but only one will be chosen by the EANM Members' Assembly. Make sure to read their interviews before casting your vote!

Meet Murat Fani Bozkurt (Türkiye)



1. Could you walk us through your journey into the nuclear medicine field?

Following my high school graduation in my hometown of Denizli, a city in the Aegean region of Türkiye, I began my medical education at Hacettepe University Faculty of Medicine in Ankara. I had always been a very curious student, and I wanted to know more about the unknown aspects of disease states and pathophysiology. Because of this, I initially planned to become a pathologist when I first started medical school. It was my beloved mother (R.I.P) who first mentioned nuclear medicine to me, having heard about it from a friend, and she thought that it could become the perfect field for me.

Her advice sparked my interest in nuclear medicine, and I was really amazed by the unique characteristics of nuclear medicine, especially the ability to target and image disease states using radiation. This led me to pursue my residency training at the Hacettepe University Department of Nuclear Medicine after my graduation as an M.D. in 1997.

Among all conventional imaging and therapeutic modalities of that time, my main interests were gamma-probe guided lesion detection (sentinel lymph node and gamma probe guided parathyroidectomy in particular) and nuclear oncology. After completing my residency training, I had the chance to go abroad for a research fellowship in PET in oncology at the University of Pennsylvania PET Center in 2003, where Prof. Abass Alavi was my mentor. Later, I had the chance to be a visiting fellow in cardiac PET imaging at Brigham and Women's Hospital, Harvard University. My mentors were Prof. Marcelo DiCarli and Prof. Sharmila Dorbala.

Since 2005, I have been working as a staff nuclear medicine physician at Hacettepe University Department of Nuclear Medicine. I became an Associate Professor in 2010, a full Professor in 2019, and served as Head of Department from 2022 to 2025. My current interests are mainly nuclear oncology (molecular imaging applications with SPECT/CT and PET/CT, theranostic applications), Y-90 microsphere therapy, nuclear cardiology and AI applications in nuclear medicine.

2. Before running for a Board position, you have been involved with EANM. Could you share how you first became aware of EANM and the ways you have contributed to our community so far?

I first became aware of EANM during my residency training. Submitting abstracts for the [EANM Annual Congresses](#) and waiting for the results was always very exciting for me as a young resident. I attended the EANM Annual Congresses in Berlin, Paris, Naples, and Birmingham, where I had the opportunity to present my research.

The first-ever EANM Annual Congress in Istanbul in 2005 was an especially pleasing experience as a young professional at the time. I was one of the first EANM young investigators and I had the chance to represent my country as a young professional in 2009. Prof. Arturo Chiti was my mentor at that time, and he encouraged me to apply for the [EANM Oncology Committee](#) in 2010, which I joined until 2016. During this period, I was also an instructor for the European School of Nuclear Medicine (ESNM, now known as [ESMIT](#)), and I had the chance to give lectures for both beginner and advanced courses along with distinguished experts in the field.

After completing my term-of-office as a member of the EANM Oncology Committee, I served as a senior advisor for the same committee. I subsequently served as Chief Chair of [ESMIT Level 1](#), with my term concluding in 2016.

3. Serving on the EANM Board requires significant commitment. What motivated you to apply, and what inspired you to specifically seek the position of EANM Secretary-Treasurer?

EANM is without doubt the world-leading organisation promoting nuclear medicine, and its global influence is significantly increasing. I think that serving as EANM Secretary-Treasurer within the EANM Board would be an ideal opportunity for me to contribute and apply my skills, given my expertise.

Speaking of expertise, I have already served for many years as a Board member at the national level. I was first elected to the Board of the [Turkish Society of Nuclear Medicine \(TSNM\)](#) in 2014, and I have since then held several positions:

- Treasurer for seven years, through consecutive re-elections
- Re-elected in 2021 and appointed General Secretary for a two-year term
- Re-elected once more and served as President of TSNM for two years, until April 2025

My journey in the TSNM Board lasted eleven years and was for me a nice opportunity to develop further skills, including management skills and the capacity to communicate with a diverse professional audience.

Before my election to the TSNM Board, it was also very important for me to get more familiar with the TSNM Board's activities. I was therefore a member of the TSNM Board of Auditors from 2008 to 2014.

Currently, I also serve as an external auditor for the [World Federation of Nuclear Medicine and Biology \(WFNMB\)](#), a responsibility I am very excited to hold.

4. Beyond the Blouse: If you were not a nuclear medicine expert, what other career path would interest you?

If I were not a nuclear medicine expert, I would probably be a film director. I believe nuclear medicine and filmmaking share a lot in common, especially when it comes to imaging. As a director, I would love to uncover the untold and unseen aspects of life from different perspectives.

But in a way, that is exactly what we do as nuclear medicine professionals: we create 'films' that reveal the unseen aspects of our patients, helping them express what lies hidden behind their health problems. In other words, we make 'sensitive films'. It's amazing, don't you think?