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*A Message from AAMI's President
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Dear AAMI Members:

I begin my last quarterly report of 2010 with this sampling of AAMI staff's "favorite" accomplishments this year. We all share this with you in a *toast of gratitude for your support that made this work we do for you possible*:

1. **[AAMI/FDA Infusion Device Summit](#)**: This was AAMI's most significant defining moment of the year. Even if you aren't involved with pumps, please take a minute to look at this outstanding [post-summit publication](#), which sets the bar high for future events and special publications.
2. **"Big" standards**: Several new standards were published in 2010 including the comprehensive human factors standard, [HE75](#) (already recognized by the FDA); the updated steam sterilization standard, [ST79](#); the risk management for IT networks standard, [80001-1](#); the first standard in a series about small bore connectors, [ISO 80369-1](#); and the sterilization guidance document, [TIR12](#).
3. **New offices**: If you haven't been to our new offices, come see our new digs in Arlington, VA! The new office enables us to accommodate more meetings, hold more interactive meetings, and there's room to grow.
4. **Upgraded distance learning**: We moved to a new webinar platform and increased [our distance learning options](#). This will be an increasing focus in 2011 as well.
5. **Record numbers**: We had record membership numbers and [certification](#) applications; and came two people short of tying our all time [Annual Conference](#) attendance record.
6. **New resources for biomed**: A new [biomed career video](#) was created; a new weekly "Ask George" (aka George Mills, Joint Commission) feature premiered on AAMI's Joint Commission e-forum; and Paul Kelley (an AAMI Board of Directors member and TMC leader) was named to the Joint Commission's Patient Safety Advisory Council. We've also launched a major new curriculum development project to help biomed schools standardize their curriculum.

A personal highlight of the year was being selected to serve on the ANSI Board of Directors for a one-year term starting January 1, 2011. As an ANSI-accredited standards development organization, this is a great opportunity for AAMI to bring the voice of the medical device sector to the ANSI governance table. ANSI is also the official U.S. voice in the global standards arena, and being a part of the process where those standards policies are developed is important to your standards work.

A big lesson for me was taking hold of the need to bring together all of our stakeholders—industry, regulators, clinical technology managers from all healthcare settings, nurses and other clinicians, academic experts and researchers—for a healthy dialogue on important issues. We created that space with the Infusion Device Summit, and we hope you look forward to more of it in 2011.

Best wishes for a joyous holiday season and very prosperous and healthy 2011!
Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mary Logan". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Mary Logan
AAMI President