

# Technologist News

## San Diego Meeting Was Bigger and Better

The week of June 11th proved to be both an educational and social success as 5,264 (compared with 3,833 last year) met in San Diego at the 21st Annual Meeting. For the early birds an all-day seminar on Management Development was held on Monday, June 10th. For the remainder of the week, 25 papers, 29 exhibits, and 13 teaching sessions on varied topics were presented. Each of these afforded the technologist an excellent opportunity to keep abreast of current developments in his field. The Scientific Program and Teaching Session Committee, chaired by Richard Pollack, is to be congratulated for its excellent selection of speakers and exhibitors.

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Outgoing President Leo Lopez receives gavel and then introduces incoming President Vince Cherico.

So as to dispute the theory of all work and no play, the Technologist Local Arrangements Committee, chaired by Robert Tolley, is also to be complimented for its fun-filled program highlighted by an evening at San Diego's Sea World. Other social events included an evening in Tijuana and the traditional Ice Breaker and Exhibitor Cocktail Parties. At the end of the week, an exhausted group left San Diego eager to return to their departments to apply some of the newly acquired knowledge—yet already anticipating next year's meeting in Philadelphia.

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## Blast in National Office Delays JNMT

On April 22nd a tremendous gas explosion destroyed the building in which the Technologist Section National Office was located. Unfortunately all material for the June issue of *JNMT* was in the office at the time and was not recoverable until many weeks after the explosion. Thus the issue you are now reading has been badly delayed. Many thanks on behalf of your staff at the National Office for your patience and understanding during these trying times.

## Awards to Tech Section Members

Under the chairmanship of Camille Boyce, the Awards Committee revamped and extended the awards program of the Technologist Section this past year—developing three categories of awards: (1) awards for papers presented by technologists at the Annual Meeting, (2) awards for exhibits by technologists at the Annual Meeting, and (3) awards for the best papers published in the *Journal of Nuclear Medicine Technology*.

According to Camille, the Awards Judging Committee had a difficult time making decisions this year because the quality of the exhibits and papers presented in San Diego was so excellent. As an example, Camille points out, there were 29 exhibits displayed which were judged on educational merit, originality, organization, and artistic appeal. Out of a possible 300 points, 59% of the exhibits scored over 200 points. In addition, there were 25 papers presented which were judged on the

quality of the abstract, the visual material, and presentation. Out of a possible 900 points, 95% scored over 650 points, 40% scored over 750 points, and 20% scored over 800 points!

The results of the judges' deliberations are:

#### Technologist Papers

**First place.** "Scintigraphic Isotope Mammography" by S. J. Swann, National Institutes of Health, Bethesda, Md.

**Second place.** "Cardiac Scintigraphic Imaging Using a Physiological Synchronizer" by J. J. Kozar III, Massachusetts General Hospital, Boston, Mass.

**Third place.** "The Res-o-mat ETR Test for the Determination of Neo-Natal Thyroid" by G. D. Gallamore, Jersey Shore Medical Center, Neptune, N. J.

#### Technologist Exhibits

**First place.** "Dual Radionuclide Myocardial Imaging—You Have a Normal Heart, Charley Brown" by Linda Morrow, Ohio State University Hospital, Columbus, Ohio.

**Second place.** "Radiation Safety and Nuclear Medicine" by John Howley, National Institutes of Health, Bethesda, Md.

**Third place.** "Anger Camera Comparison Study" by E. L. Lands, Jr., Holy Family Hospital, Des Plaines, Ill.

#### Technologist Journal Award

"Radionuclide Contamination of Fission Generator Eluate" by Vernon Ficken, University of Oklahoma Health Services Center, Oklahoma City, Okla. *JNMT* 1, No. 2: 11-13, 1973

Congratulations to the winners!

## David Wells Is New JNMT Editor

As of the Annual Meeting in San Diego, David Wells has taken over as Editor of the *Journal of Nuclear Medicine Technology* from Glenn Isserstedt who becomes President-Elect.

David is Supervisory Technologist/Instructor at the University of Kansas Medical Center in Kansas City, Kansas. Registered by the ARRT, he comes to the position of Editor with an excellent publications background as member of JNMT's Editorial Board, as program director for a Workshop on "How to Write a Technical Paper," and as the author of numerous papers on his own work. He has also been



active in numerous continuing education activities including membership on the Tech Section's Continuing Education Committee, a surveyor of the AMA Joint Review Commission on Educational Programs in Nuclear Medicine Technology, and a Program Director for the Missouri Valley Chapter Second Annual Registry Review Course in Kansas City.

The editorial excellence of *JNMT* depends on you, the members of the Technologist Section, who are looked to for high-quality papers for publication. Please pitch in to make the *JNMT* even better. Send your papers and suggestions to David Wells, The University of Kansas Medical Center, Division of Nuclear Medicine, Department of Radiology, Kansas City, Kansas 66103.

## See You in Houston

Mark your calendar now for the Second Winter Meeting of the Technologist Section at the Regency Hyatt House in Houston on February 7-9.

Program Chairman Jim Sims and Co-Chairman Theda Driscoll as well as Local Arrangements Chairman Bill Otte are deep in the planning stage for the meeting which will probably emphasize teaching sessions on clinical, scientific, and administrative subjects. In addition, exhibits will once again be an important part of the program, and special time in the exhibit hall is being planned as an integral part of the teaching experience. The possibility of scientific exhibits by technologists is also being considered.

Jim, Theda, and Bill urge all members who have suggestions about any aspect of the meeting to contact them quickly. All correspondence should be sent to

Theda at 6516 Bertner Blvd., Houston, Texas 77025. Suggestions help to make the meeting a more profitable experience for all who attend. They need your help. So PITCH IN!

## Election Results

This May the voting members of the Technologist Section selected their new officers. The results are:

President-Elect: Glenn A. Isserstedt

Secretary-Historian: Mark I. Muilenburg

Treasurer: Carol Diamanti

Membership Committee: Larry Cavendish and Jacqueline Long

Nominating Committee: Ronald E. Andrews, Donald R. Hamilton, Mary Maxwell, and David Wells.

# Chapter News

## Central Chapter

Indiana University School of Medicine held its first continuing education program for Nuclear Medicine Technologists the 29th and 30th of March. The theme of this workshop was "Clinical Applications of the Gamma Scintillation Camera" emphasizing imaging in this mode. The didactic sessions were reinforced by practical applications within the clinical areas of the University. Physicians were on hand directing the sessions to explain those aspects of scanning necessary for interpretation.

Instrumentation was discussed by Robert T. Anger. The guest speaker was Dr. Payne whose topic was "The Impact of Future Imaging Instrumentation Developments of the Nuclear Medicine Technologist".

It was felt by all who attended that the sessions were well presented and quite comprehensive. Since the course was designed to meet the needs of technologists who anticipate or have recently begun nuclear medicine studies with a camera, it can be said that for the first time around it was a job well done, covering everything from bones to brains.

The Central Chapter held its Annual Spring Meeting on the 23rd and 24th of March at the Sheraton, Des Plaines, Illinois. The theme for the meeting was "Radionuclides in the Detection of Lung Disease". Transmission scanning, radiopharmacy, and evaluation of pulmonary pathology were just a few of the subjects.

Newly elected officers were also announced at this meeting.

## Greater New York Chapter

On April 26th and 27th at the Marriott Hotel in Saddlebrook, New York, the Greater New York Chapter held its third Annual Spring Symposium. The meeting began with a cocktail party Friday evening. On Saturday, guest speaker Harold Atkins of Brookhaven National Laboratories' Medical Research Division, opened the plenary sessions with a discussion of radionuclide procedures involving the thyroid. Part of these sessions included the popular instrumentation workshops. The meeting followed its past performances with enthusiastic attendance and comments of a job well done.

The question of wetwork being performed by the nuclear medicine departments in the New York area is still a popular subject despite the legislation to put it in the pathologist's hands. Although of indirect interest to technologists, it is nonetheless important as it may mean that nuclear medicine for many may lose its individuality, imaging may become a part of general radiology, and wetwork the sole province of pathology. At this time, no legislation has been put forth to change this. Time will be the determining factor.

Membership, headed by Rich Pollack, is increasing at a steady rate. Hopes have it that there will be some 30-60 new members of the Technologist Section voted in at the upcoming meeting in San Diego.

## Mid-Eastern Chapter

The event of late for the Mid-Eastern Chapter was its Annual Meeting on March 29th and 30th. There was a separate program for the Technologist Section which incorporated teaching ses-

sions and the presentation of submitted papers. New officers were also elected.

Legislation in this area is at a standstill for the moment with the present stress on such items as Watergate, impeachment, and the energy crises. Perhaps by the next issue of *JNMT* more will have been accomplished at this level.

## Missouri Valley Chapter

The Missouri Valley Chapter held its second semiannual National Registry Review on Saturday and Sunday, May 4th and 5th at the University of Kansas Medical Center, Kansas City, Kansas. These sessions were designed to help those taking the Registry to find out which areas they were weak in and to give some idea as to the type of questions they would most likely see on the ARRT exam.

For those not interested in a registry review, the Chapter simultaneously sponsored a workshop entitled "How to Write a Technical Paper". The objectives were to provide participants with the basic fundamentals for writing technical papers. The subjects included: style consideration and sentence structure, preparation of illustrations, and the publication process.

Registrants for this section were given a technical paper to critique before the meeting and the critique was discussed in session.

On March 12th, the St. Louis Society of Nuclear Medicine Technologists had as its guest speaker Paul Early of the Nuclear Medicine Institute, Cleveland, Ohio. Refreshments were served and a good time was had by all.

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### **Northern California Chapter**

The executive committee of our sunshine chapter out west has kept quite busy over the last few months. The proposal for a newsletter was submitted. The popular as well as successful idea of a Registry review was also mentioned.

On March 4th, Carol Diamanti, National Council Delegate, presented a detailed report of important items from the New Orleans meeting.

On the educational side of current events, the chapter held a "Symposium on Lung Scanning" February 2nd at Mary's Help Hospital, Daly City, California. Approximately 75 persons attended the morning-only symposium. Lectures included pulmonary physiology and blood gases as related to lung scanning, and the diagnostic potential of electrocardiography. Several short periods were left open for discussion during which participants were urged to ask questions or discuss areas of the lectures which may have been unclear. Certificates of attendance were given. The meetings were followed by a luncheon and tours of the hospital and its nuclear medicine department. Though the symposium was short, the lectures were excellent and very informative.

### **Pacific Northwest Chapter**

The last weekend in March marked the date for the Pacific Northwest Chapter's annual ski meeting at Wenechee, Washington. Both physicians and technologists were present discussing everything possible at their meetings. The technical sessions ended with a burst of laughter coming from the slopes. The meeting, needless to say, was quite enjoyable.

In January a regional monthly meeting was held in Portland and was well attended. Pediatric nuclear medicine was the topic of discussion for Dr. Hamberger, the guest speaker. Dr. Wil Nelp, President of the Society of Nuclear Medicine, addressed the group there. The primary concern of the meeting was membership of the Technologist Section and what could be done to promote better participation in the Chapter area.

### **Southern California Chapter**

During the past few months the Technologist Section, Southern California Chapter, has actively responded to meeting the necessary requirements of a functioning chapter. A continuing Education Committee has provided the Southern California membership with several outstanding possibilities to encourage continuing education. A didactic course, title "A Lecture Series in Nuclear Medicine" was conducted by Stephen Grahan. The first of a three part series, the course covered radionuclide production, dosimetry of internally administered dose, exposure to person licensing, and RIA. The participants met six times for 3 hr at a time for this first series costing \$45.00. Cost for all three series is \$90.00.

The gas shortage has imposed its limitations on the membership and has resulted in cancellation of the February general meeting to be made up at a later date. A workshop scheduled in late April was designed to stimulate interest by participation in the use of various types of equipment. Included in the two day workshop were Picker's Omniview, Searle Radiographic's HP accessories, Ohio Nu-

clear's camera and data system, and GE's Maxiscan. A prime rib luncheon was included. A workshop scheduled for the fall of 1974 will cover exclusively wet lab work.

### **Southeastern Chapter**

In the Southeastern Chapter there has been much discussion and concern about the proposed cojoint registry (ARRT and ASCP). Most technologists, students, and perspective employers of technologists are not aware of current progress in this area. Martin C. Thomas, Program Chairman of the Southeastern Society of Nuclear Medicine Technology, has observed the air of concern from many individuals and has set up a workshop at the fall Southeastern Chapter meeting on Oct. 30-Nov. 2, 1974. A panel composed of several individuals directly involved with the Registry will be available to discuss the current situation. The workshop is titled, "Registries for Nuclear Medicine Technologists—Past, Present, and Future". This workshop should prove to be a valuable source of information for all interested individuals. Your attendance should prove to be a most profitable experience.

### **Southwestern Chapter**

The Southwestern Chapter held its annual meeting March 15-17th at the Skirvin Plaza Hotel in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. The Technologist Section presented a complete program including a workshop and panel discussion on Friday and scientific exhibits on Saturday. The chapter once again duplicated last year's success with a very large turnout.

# Message from the President



This being the last opportunity to write a message under the office of the president, I, the elected and appointed officer for this year, wish to express my sincere gratitude to the membership. Your vote of confidence a year ago is represented by the various activities undertaken this year. We feel that the Section is now firmly

recognized as the official representative of the nuclear medicine technologist.

It would be impractical and redundant to elaborate on all the "good things" that have transpired this year; however, I would like to point to the areas which have elicited greatest response:

1. Conjoint Registry in Nuclear Medicine Technology—in traveling around the country this topic was perhaps the one most consistently discussed. Some of the criticisms of the present Registry were valid; many, however, were a result of people with no affiliation and little knowledge of the internal workings of the Registry acting as official spokesmen. My suggestion is that you contact the Registry directly for any specific questions that you might have. The Section continues to participate with the proposed conjoint Registry, and we can assure you that your comments will be passed on to the Board.
2. Winter Meeting—The success of the first Winter Meeting has already been well publicized. From all indications we can expect to continue this as a yearly tradition. A more detailed analysis will ensure a proper mechanism for selecting the host city in the future. We encourage local chapters to submit written proposals as sponsors in hosting the Winter Meeting.

3. Section Administrator—with the resignation of Robin Kaplan as Administrator of the Section, we find ourselves in search of a competent replacement. It is imperative that we select someone who can help the Section meet its future objectives. The Search Committee will review applications and make its recommendation to the National Council at the San Diego Meeting.

4. *Journal of Nuclear Medicine Technology*—The crisis that existed in not knowing whether the *Journal* would continue to be published is past. By every indication, the future of this outstanding publication looks bright. This is the only mechanism for a national network of communication in nuclear medicine technology. Your continued support in submitting papers and in advertisements is encouraged.

5. Chapter Representation in the National Council—Many unhappy technologists have stated that they are not aware of the policy that is formulated at the National Council Meeting. I sympathize with them because we had about fifty percent representation at our recent Winter Meeting. This problem can best be resolved at the chapter level. Your representative is either elected or appointed. I suggest that you contact your local officers and work towards establishing a viable solution.

In closing, I wish to thank all of the people who worked with me this year. My reward comes in having been given a chance to work with fine people and to contribute to the success of what will be a great American society—the Section.

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