

Technologist News

Examination Board Approved by National Council

A landmark decision for nuclear medicine technology was reached in Las Vegas on Jan. 26 when the National Council delegates of the Section voted in favor of proceeding with the formation of an independent nuclear medicine technology examination board. The accepted name is Nuclear Medicine Technology Certification Board (NMTCB).

The delegates approved the functions of the Board, which will be to establish requirements for certification, conduct examinations leading to certification, issue certificates to those who fulfill its requirements, and conduct recertification activities, all in order to evaluate the competence of individual candidates in the field of nuclear medicine technology as well as set educational standards for them.

Section President Mark Muilenburg anticipates that most aspects of the Board will be completed by the time of the Society's Annual Meeting in Chicago, with the first examination tentatively scheduled for 1978. By June, a timetable and a contract will be developed with the American College Testing Program (ACT), the

examination service chosen to work with the NMTCB. The NMTCB will be meeting before then to finalize its bylaws and policies. The skills and/or knowledge necessary to perform nuclear medicine procedures will be reviewed, the test content determined, and the test item development initiated. An item writers workshop will be conducted at the June meeting.

The decision to proceed with the Board is the culmination of many months of investigation and deliberation. Immediately after resolutions in Dallas which supported the concept and the exploration of implementation of a nuclear medicine technology certification board, a Task Force was appointed and held its first meeting in September. A great deal of information was presented then for study in the interim before Las Vegas (please see p. 166 of the December *JNMT* for a full report of the Task Force meeting).

Prior to that first meeting, proposals were solicited from professional testing organizations, whose services are required for an efficient and competent organization of the

examination. Following the meeting, more detailed proposals were requested from two of those organizations.

A proposal was developed for presentation to the Society's Executive Committee and Board of Trustees in Atlanta just before the Las Vegas meeting. This proposal contained a request for a start-up grant of \$10,000 for the NMTCB. This was granted unanimously and the money became available for the initial development.

In Las Vegas, the Task Force met for a day prior to the National Council meeting to prepare a final proposal for the Council. Proposed bylaws, Board structure, policies, and a developmental timetable were discussed. All of this information was then presented to the Council with the recommendation that the NMTCB be established.

After a thorough review and discussion, the Council unanimously endorsed the recommendation. All details on bylaws, structure, and the policies will be shared with the membership when they are finalized. Watch for these in your June issue of the *JNMT*.

Survey Points to Widespread Support for NMT Certifying Body

An impressive 86.7%—or 1,047 out of 1,207—of technologists answering a recent survey made by the Technologist Section support the concept of an examination sponsored by the Section.

More remarkable is that 50.3% of the 1,065 responding technologists who are already certified by ARRT

or ASCP or both indicate that they would be willing to take such an examination.

Among technologists who are not certified, 86.8% say that they would prefer to take a Section-sponsored examination rather than another test. Of all the participants, 56.6% indicate that they would be willing to

participate in recertification at periodic intervals.

The trends shown by survey results were important considerations to the National Council during its deliberations on whether to approve the establishment of a certifying program. The results may also be used in the development of the examination.

Chicago June Program Unveiled

A superb scientific program, designed for both personal and professional enrichment, awaits technologists at the 24th Annual Meeting of SNM in Chicago.

A worthy addition to the program this year is a full series of psychology sessions, moderated by Sue Attee. According to Paul Christian, chairman of the Scientific Program Committee, the great interest that Karen Clark generated in Dallas with her lecture "I Ain't Much Baby, But I'm all I've Got" prompted an expansion into the area of human interaction.

Karen Clark is back this year, with a two-part session entitled "How to Survive This Business of Living." Part one will be "You Yourself!" followed by "How Do We Cope?" Two lectures are planned by nursing personnel. Sue Herbst will address herself to the psychological aspects of the ill person and Diane Fochtman will talk about dealing with pediatric patients. The final lecture, by L. David Wells, will relate the previous sessions with a special emphasis to nuclear medicine patients.

Leo Lopez and Terri Ellis are back with administration workshops, this year focusing on budget preparation. Ten hours are scheduled for educational sessions by Joel Cole, Don Hamilton, Bob Schneider, and Rich

Pollock. In a series of workshops, they will demonstrate how to develop your own audiovisual teaching aids.

A special imaging session is scheduled just prior to the business meeting. Addressing a controversial topic in medicine today, Edward Staab, of Chapel Hill, NC, will present "Computed Tomography, Ultrasound, and Nuclear Medicine: Competitive or Complementary—A Review of the SNM Midwinter Meeting." In addition, radiopharmaceutical considerations will be discussed by Sally Wagoner and an overview of scintigraphic bone disease will be presented by Gaellan McIlmoyle. Both instructors are from the Mallinckrodt Institute.

The program naturally includes selected technologist papers and exhibits. The abstracts for the papers will be published in the next issue of the *Journal*. Under the VOICE program, CEU credit has been applied for the psychology, administration, and education sessions, and PAR credit for the other educational activities.

The Chicago Annual Meeting program, available in April for preregistration, will contain a detailed summary of all sessions for which CEU and PAR accreditation has been assigned.

Sue Weiss, in charge of the Local Arrangements Committee, is making sure that a splendid time is guaranteed for all. The super technologist party, entitled "Roaring 20s," will be held at Navy Pier on Lake Michigan. All Central Chapter members will be there in 1920s costumes—or so they promise now—and are inviting everyone to do the same. The Ice Breaker cocktail party is planned on the terrace of McCormick Place, site of the meeting, with a view on the lake.

The committee is also preparing a booklet listing recommended restaurants, and a sleuth of fantastic children's tours is all set. The Society will be publishing a daily newsletter to inform all of the educational and social activities for the day.

CRS Joins SNM in Annual Meeting

The Clinical Radioassay Society has agreed to hold its 3rd Annual Meeting in conjunction with the Society's 24th Annual Meeting in Chicago. The move is expected to improve the quality of the radioassay presentations as well as encourage the participation by clinical chemists at Society meetings.

Under the agreement, worked out by CRS President Martin Marcus and SNM vice-chairman of the Scientific Program Committee Howard Dworkin, the CRS will have an active role in the supervision of the entire radioassay program. The workshop portion of the meeting will be chaired by Grafton Chase, vice-president of CRS. Danielle J. Battaglia, president of the Washington-Baltimore Chapter of CRS, will work with Dr. Dworkin on final paper selection for the RIA sessions.

Dr. Chase's workshops will deal with in vitro radioassay quality control, sample handling and separation methods, and new thyroid testing techniques. Additionally, CRS Program Director John Langan will coordinate four 1½-hour lectures on radioassay.

In another joint venture, the two societies will present the first Berson-Yalow Award for the best manuscript submitted in the in-vitro area. The Award was established in recognition of the work done by Solomon A. Berson and Rosalyn S. Yalow in the development of RIA.

ASMT Quits Registry Board

The American Society for Medical Technology withdrew from the Board of Registry of Medical Technologists on Jan. 14 and announced its support of the new National Certification Agency for Medical Laboratory Personnel, which is planning to offer certification examinations by this summer. The split marked a break in more than 40 years of cooperation between the ASMT and the American Society of Clinical Pathologists, which jointly governed the Board of Registry.



Chicago's imposing skyline, ready to accept the world of nuclear medicine in June.

Message from the President

I'm happy to announce to you a major breakthrough in the field of nuclear medicine technology. The Section, through a National Council decision, has decided to implement the Nuclear Medicine Technology Certification Board (NMTCB).



After years of discussion concerning certification, the Section is sponsoring an initiative in this ever increasingly important aspect of the profession. This is indeed an area which will have IMPACT. More details on the NMTCB are found in a news article on p. 1 of this issue and I would like you to refer to it. As all aspects of the Board are finalized, you the Section will be kept fully informed and up to date.

Certification is a separate entity and must be conducted independently from a professional society. Professions which certify themselves are being subjected to increasing scrutiny by the federal government, in particular the Federal Trade Commission (FTC).

Four areas critical to nuclear medicine technology

which must be conducted separately, but with some communication, are accreditation, certification, assurance of continued competence, and licensure. It is critical that as a professional organization we participate in all these separate but interrelated areas, the ultimate goal being better nuclear medicine health care.

We are now actively participating in all these areas and are willing to take innovative leadership roles. Specific examples are accreditation of educational programs through JRC-NMT representation, certification through the new NMTCB, assurance of continued competence through continuing education and VOICE, and licensure through interaction with the legislative processes at the national and local levels.

With the increasingly active participation of all of us in the Section in these areas, we as an organization are being recognized as a profession assuming leadership in addressing the critical issues facing all individuals working in the health care delivery system.

MARK I. MUILENBURG

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Sue Hemingway: A Delegate Gets her Chapter Moving

The Section's Pacific Northwest Chapter, 10th largest, is leading chapter-wide membership drives with a spectacular 35% rise in technologist membership since June 1976. The Technologist Section overall has experienced an 18% rise during the same period.

The Section admitted 371 new members at its 4th Annual Winter Meeting in Las Vegas. The largest chapter by membership is still the Central, with 480 members, 86 of them new—or 22% rise. Second and third are the Greater New York and Southeastern, respectively, with 391 and 304 members. They upped their respective memberships by 16% and 23%. The Pacific Northwest Chapter added 19 members to its previous 54 for a total of 73.

The successful drive in the Pacific Northwest Chapter was almost singlehandedly carried out by President Pro-Tem and National Council Delegate Susan L. Hemingway. She

claims it was just a "matter of being at the right place at the right time and approaching people who were ready to join the Society." Simple, isn't it?

Sue attributes most of her success to making it a point to talk to people at all conventions and meetings to get them interested. She also asked commercial service representatives to let her know the names of technologists in out-of-the-way places and she made personal contacts with them whenever possible. She adds that, to get new and potential mem-



bers interested, "I am trying to use them in committees and get them involved."

Part of the growth, as Susan points out, results from the fact that in training centers "people are 'programmed' to join the Society. Now we are providing things which are applicable on the technical level, and they [students] can see the value of joining."

She gives a lot of credit to the *JNMT* as an added stimulus for becoming a member of the Section. In her hospital, students see the value of the *Journal* "because we use it in some of our teaching." She adds that "as a lab, it brings us up to date on bioassays and new quality control procedures," and "students see it as a viable thing, not just sitting and collecting dust."

And if you catch her off guard, she'll give you the real reason for the pretty terrific success: "It's because we're all pretty terrific up here!"

The VOICE Box

Meeting Booth Meets with Success

In two-and-a-half days, VOICE membership jumped from 666 to 741 as technologists took advantage of an opportunity to sign up for VOICE and receive continuing education credits for sessions in progress at the Fourth Annual Winter Meeting of the SNM Technologist Section in Las Vegas, Jan. 28-30.

Section members and nonmembers alike were encouraged to ask questions and register for VOICE membership at the VOICE booth, which was open throughout the entire meeting.

The booth, sponsored by the Continuing Education Committee, offered overall continuing education information and a specific program counseling service to VOICE members and current or prospective course directors. Booth facilities included numerous handouts, the most popular of which were the *VOICE Packet* and the latest VOICE publication, the *Course Director's Handbook*.

The new *Handbook* was specifically designed to help chapter program chairpersons and local course directors organize and present successful CEU programs. Additional copies of this and other VOICE publications are available from the National Office upon request.

Because of the initial success of the VOICE booth, plans are being made to provide the same service at the 24th Annual Meeting of the Society in Chicago.

In addition to the VOICE booth, a special Continuing Education Committee presentation about VOICE was made to all National Council delegates prior to the scientific sessions. Delegates agreed it would be appropriate to recommend that all chapters appoint VOICE representatives to work directly with National Office Education Coordinator Karen J. Chang for grassroots liaison. Representatives would be called upon to publicize the need for continuing education in general and in terms of recertification, and to make local communities aware of the VOICE program. Meetings of representatives would be held prior to all national Technologist Section meetings to discuss various aspects of the program and to respond to local matters of concern.

Further inquiries concerning the VOICE program should be addressed to either Louis M. Izzo, chairman of the Committee on Continuing Education, or Karen J. Chang, in care of the National Office of the Society of Nuclear Medicine, 475 Park Ave. South, New York, NY 10016.

VOICE Approves . . .

The following 1977 National Nuclear Medicine Seminars, sponsored by E.R. Squibb & Sons, have been approved for PAR credits by the Continuing Education Review Board (CERB) under the VOICE program.

Mar. 15-18. Memphis, TN.

Mar. 29- Apr. 1. Portland, ME.

Apr. 12-15. Los Angeles, CA.

Apr. 19-22. St. Petersburg, FL.

Apr. 26-29. Denver, CO.

May 3-6. East Brunswick, NJ.

May 3-6. New Orleans, LA.

May 9-12. Omaha, NE.

July 11-14. Louisville, KY.

Sept. 19-22. Detroit, MI.

Sept. 27-30. Albany, NY.

Oct. 25-28. Williamsburg, VA.

Oct. 31- Nov. 3. San Francisco, CA.

Nov. 1-4. East Brunswick, NJ.

For further information contact Daniel J. Murphy Jr., E.R. Squibb & Sons, PO Box 4000, Princeton, NJ 08540.



Course directors are reminded that they may receive CEU and PAR program accreditation advice at any time during the organization of a continuing education program from any member of the Continuing Education Review Board (CERB): Elaine Cuklanz at (303) 394-8200; Mary E. Maxwell at (612) 221-3788; or James C. Sims at (205) 934-2140.

Master and Bachelor Degree Programs for Registered Technologists

Greensboro College is offering a new program leading to a BS degree for people already registered in nuclear medicine (ARRT or ASCP). These students may enter Greensboro College and complete a program in two years. Transfer credits from four-year institutions are acceptable with a grade of C or better. The final 30 semester hours of the program must be taken on the college campus or in its consortium.

Further information is available from Dr. Arnold Van Pelt, Director,

Allied Health Programs, Greensboro College, Greensboro, NC 27420; tel. (919) 272-7102, ext. 266.



Registered nuclear medicine technologists interested in college teaching are now being accepted into the Master of Science Allied Health Teacher Preparation Program of the State University of New York at Buffalo.

The program may be completed in three semesters full time, and ap-

plicants may begin in either the Fall or Spring semesters.

The curriculum includes special allied health education courses and courses to enrich the students' nuclear medicine technology background.

To obtain further information and application forms, please write to Health Sciences Education and Evaluation, State University of New York at Buffalo, 260 Winspear Ave., Buffalo, NY 14214; tel. (716) 831-4245.



In yet another polished presidential performance, Mark Muilenburg conducts a very business-like business meeting, bringing Technologist Section members up to date on committee activities, the certification issue, and Executive Committee decisions. Patiently seated from left to right are Barbara Horton, Sue Weiss, Margaret Glos, Jim Langan, and Parliamentarian Margaret Grumme.

Views



Mark also made a point of touring the various hands-on workshops, which were the special feature of this year's program, taking time to discuss the intricacies of quality control with JNMT Editor L. David Wells and Sally Van Ormer, who demonstrated one of the mobile scintillation cameras to all workshop participants.

In the Presidential Suite, what could be more appropriate than conscientious Past President Glenn Isserstedt offering valuable pointers to President-Elect Jim Langan? Nothing, except that every meeting has been over for hours and Jim really did hope to see at least one Vegas midnight show.



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Las Vegas itself was definitely a drawing card in increasing the large turnout at this year's Winter Meeting. The registration booth, "womanned" by Mary Jane Eimer, Maureen Kintley, Gail Nelson, and Cathy Tulloch, was a popular spot for renewing old acquaintances and reminiscing about old times.



In a light-hearted show of Magnum Force, Mark Muilenburg presents a bountiful bottle of bubbly to delighted John Allen, just one of the many lucky winners in the prize drawings sponsored by commercial exhibitors.



Vegas

Continuing education played a prominent role in the meeting as seen by the popularity of the VOICE booth and in the time taken by workshop leader Don Bernier to explain the method of signing up for PAR and CEU credits, while assistant Francine Schaffner patiently awaits her own CUE.



National Council Resolutions—January 26-27, 1976

In addition to the implementation of the Nuclear Medicine Technology Certification Board, the following important resolutions were passed at the National Council Delegate meeting:

JNMT Editor resigns. With regret, the resignation of L. David Wells, editor of the *JNMT* for more than three years, was accepted by the Council, effective June 1977.

Applications for *JNMT* Editor are now being accepted in accordance with the guidelines outlined on p. 12 of this issue. Mr. Wells's personal statement concerning his decision is found on p. 11.

Nominations selected. Nominations for the June 1977 election include President-Elect: Lou Izzo, Sue Weiss; Secretary-Historian: Joan Herbst, Christine Woodrum; Treasurer: Violet Custer, Jennifer A. Matthews. A special election newsletter will be sent to all members in April.

Meeting site selected. San Diego is the site of the 1979 Fifth Annual Winter Meeting.

Distinguished Honorees accepted. Thomas P. Haynie and Henry N. Wagner were designated Distinguished Honorees of the Technologist Section for their involvement in its formation.

Membership up to 2,472. A total of 371 new members were added to Technologist Section rosters. The Student Affiliate category will be emphasized and former members canvassed in a membership drive from March through June by Jim Langan's Membership Committee.

Officers to describe their positions. Job descriptions, to be submitted to President Mark Muilenburg in June, have been requested of all elected committee members, standing and special committee chairpersons, and National Council delegates, to facilitate transition for successors.

Academic Council. The formation of an Academic Council comprised of AMA-approved school program directors is to be investigated.

Representative to AAPM. A Technologist Section representative will assist in the development of a physics and mathematics review book by the American Association of Physicists in Medicine.

Award guidelines approved. Award guidelines for scientific papers, scientific exhibits, and *JNMT* awards were adopted as standing rules and are available from the National Office.

Section historical file. The Past Presidents' Council will compile and annually revise an official historical record of the Section and the field in general.

News from the Chapters

Central Chapter

The annual Spring Central Chapter meeting was held in Chicago on Feb. 24-26 at the Hyatt Hotel. Concurrent physician and technologist programs on instrumentation and imaging were offered. The Technologist Section program included teaching sessions on current instrumentation and brain imaging. An invited guest speaker was C. Craig Harris, past president of SNM. The Central Chapter technologists are extremely appreciative of his efforts, which helped to make the program successful. Twelve proffered papers by Central Chapter technologists were included on the program. Topics included cardiac output venography, and instrumentation. Technologist Section program chairpersons Sue Attee and Midge Ochart are to be commended for a job well done. We look forward to their continued participation.

The Third Annual Continuing Education for Nuclear Medicine Technologists series is underway, with the first offering having been in Detroit at William Beaumont Hospital on Feb. 4-5. Sylvia Long was the local program coordinator as well as serving as the Technologist Section coordinator for the entire series. Other sessions will be held in the following locations:

Milwaukee—Waukesha Memorial Hospital; Mar. 11-12; Greg Zeuske, NMT Coordinator.

Minneapolis—University Hospitals; Apr. 1-2; James Tennison, NMT Coordinator.

Chicago—Wesley Memorial Hospital; Apr. 15-16; Debbie Gryniewicz, NMT Coordinator.

Indianapolis—University Hospital; May 6-7; Jerry Porter, NMT Coordinator.

The topic of this year's series is "Current Status of Nuclear Medicine Organ Imaging."

Central Chapter technologists are eagerly awaiting and planning for the annual SNM meeting in Chicago.

Sue Attee of the Detroit group has been working on the Technologist Section program with Paul Christian, and several ATACA members are busily working on local arrangements.

We look forward to welcoming everyone to the Central Chapter and the "Windy City."

—Sue Weiss

Missouri Valley Chapter

Officers of the Missouri Valley Chapter were installed at the Chapter Meeting in Iowa City, IA. Sheri Pasternak is the new president and National Council delegate.

Due to concern about the large number of practicing NMTs who are not presently members of SNM, a task force has been established with the goal of approaching those professionals. We hope to make them aware of Technologist Section activities which may be beneficial and/or affect their function as nuclear medicine technologists. The Chapter will appreciate any suggestions that would be of help to this group.

Various members are putting forth their efforts toward the formation of additional subchapters within the Chapter. As another means of increasing membership, they are promoting SNM membership within the various subchapters themselves. Karen Kirchhoff, Publications Committee chairperson, would like to receive any other newsletters which are being published by other chapters. Her address is: Dept of Nuclear Medicine, 1200 Pleasant Street, Iowa Methodist Medical Center, Des Moines, IA 53108.

The Greater St. Louis Association of Nuclear Medicine Technologists held its 3rd Annual Seminar. Ronald Evens, from the Mallinckrodt Institute of Radiology, presented a lecture on computerized axial tomography and its impact on the future of nuclear medicine. Other topics

discussed were portable cameras, imaging of tumors and other inflammatory diseases, and a round-table discussion focused on the Technologist Section's proposal for an SNM-sponsored registry examination.

The Greater Kansas City Chapter has continued its practice of monthly meetings for which members are encouraged to apply for PAR credits.

Technologists in Des Moines are still in the process of establishing a subchapter. Their first informal meeting was held Nov. 30, 1976, at Iowa Lutheran Hospital. They met again Feb. 24, 1977.

—Sheri L. Pasternak

New England Chapter

The Chapter Newsletter has been revived, with an issue distributed in December and subsequent issues in the planning. An economic survey will be distributed shortly that deals with salary ranges, benefits, on-call policies, and other such pertinent data gathered throughout the Chapter.

The Massachusetts Grass Roots program has been active with the following meetings having been held: "Renal Imaging" in December; "Fibrinogen" in January; and "⁶⁷Ga" in February. Both Connecticut and Rhode Island held meetings in December. All three states are planning to continue these monthly get-togethers.

The Scientific Program Committee is busy preparing for the annual spring symposium to be held on April 23, 1977, at the Hyannis Sheraton Regal Hotel, Hyannis, MA. VOICE accreditation will definitely be applied for so that participants may receive credit for attendance.

—Cecile Gaigals

Pittsburgh Chapter

The Pittsburgh Chapter will hold another meeting Mar. 11, 1977, at DuBois, PA, at the Sheraton Inn. This will most probably be their per-

manent meeting place, as agreed upon at the last quarterly meeting. The Pittsburgh Chapter recently sent a donation to the VOICE Program in an effort to assist this worthwhile program. Anyone interested in the Chapter is again urged to contact Chris Woodrum at Bradford Hospital.

—Chris Woodrum

Rocky Mountain Chapter

The Rocky Mountain Chapter has finalized the reorganization of its Technologist Section.

Committees for the 1977 Annual Scientific Meeting of the Rocky Mountain Chapter have been established. The working arrangements committees are Publications, Finance and Registration, Scientific Program, and Exhibitors and Advertising. The Meeting's Executive Committee, composed of two officers from the Chapter and two officers from the Chapter's Technologist Section, will coordinate the working committees.

The Meeting will be held Mar. 24-26 in Denver, CO. It has been proposed that it be limited to one-to-three topics. The desires of the members and the availability of national speakers will dictate the acceptance of this proposal.

A flyer describing the VOICE program was included in mailings announcing the Meeting.

Workshops on stationary counters, scanners, and automatic processors were given in Salt Lake City, Cheyenne, and Denver.

Albuquerque has formed a subchapter with meetings held once a month.

Eight new membership applications have been received from the Chapter area.

The Rocky Mountain Chapter fully supports a separate or conjoint nuclear medicine technology registry sponsored by the Technologist Section.

—Toussaint (Trudy) Battison

Southeastern Chapter

Our president's primary goal this year is *Improved Service to the Membership*. Accordingly, several new committees have been formed. A new Legislative Committee will keep technologists informed of any legislative matters which transpire; a Job-Placement Service Committee will investigate the feasibility of a job-placement service for all Chapter technologists; a Graphic Committee has been charged with obtaining an official banner and other insignia for the Chapter's Technologist Section.

Our president feels that the time has come for some "fine tuning" within the Section. She hopes that all members will develop a very clear, distinct response to the question "Why should I join?"

On Jan. 15 the East Tennessee Technologists held an organizational meeting in Oak Ridge, TN. Plans are in progress to establish a state organization of nuclear medicine technologists in Tennessee. Questionnaires are being sent out to all local technologists regarding a state meeting. It is anticipated that the meeting would be held in Nashville. Memphis area technologists are attempting to establish their own local organization.

The Kentucky Society of Nuclear Medicine Technologists will hold its First Annual Spring Symposium on June 10-11 at Park Mammoth, Mammoth Cave National Park.

Florida Technologists are still hard at work trying to raise funds to cover legislative costs that they have incurred. A two-day RIA workshop was held Feb. 25-26 at the Host International Hotel in Tampa, FL. The Sixth Annual Meeting of the Florida Nuclear Medicine Technologists will be held Apr. 28-30 at the Miami Marriott.

Abbott Laboratories sponsored a seminar at Birmingham University Hospital on Dec. 10.

The Georgia Society of Nuclear Medicine Technologists held their Third Annual Meeting in Augusta, GA, on Feb. 25-26. The program was

accredited by VOICE and covered innovations in nuclear medicine.

In September, the North Carolina Society of Nuclear Medicine Council met with the North Carolina Society of Radiologic Technologists Council to discuss licensure. On Jan. 15, there was a special call meeting of the NCSNM held in Winston-Salem for the purpose of ratification and refinement of the North Carolina Licensure Bill.

Doug Weitzel was installed as new president of the Ohio Valley Society of Nuclear Medicine.

—Ann Cox and Larry Holmes

Southwestern Chapter

Activities on the various local levels of the Southwestern Chapter Technologist Section slowed considerably during the holidays. Everyone's attention is focused on upcoming meetings at this time. The 22nd Annual Society of Nuclear Medicine Southwestern Chapter Meeting will be held Mar. 18-20 in El Paso, TX. Plans are being finalized by the Chapter Technologist Section President Mary Reager and Scientific Program Chairman Tom Kay.

A bone symposium will be presented by the North Texas Technologist Section in Dallas over Apr. 22-23. Anyone desiring information regarding the symposium should contact Denise Cooper, 8765 Southwestern #2139, Dallas, TX 75206.

The Ark-La Technologists recently installed new officers. The new president is Ruth Dufrene.

Northeastern Oklahoma held a quarterly workshop on CT scanning in November, and also installed new officers, with Ruthie Frandsen as president.

As outgoing news representative for the Southwestern Chapter, I wish to express my thanks to everyone who has contributed his time and effort in coordinating news of the various events occurring within our chapter.

Thank you.

—Ann Logan

News from Overseas

Puerto Rico

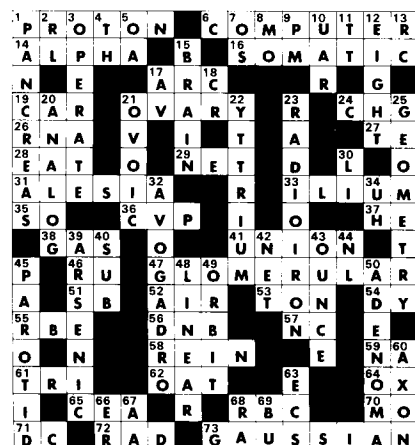
A request by the Society of Nuclear Medicine Physicians for chapter membership in the American College of Nuclear Physicians was accepted in principle. The final decision was made at the ACNP meeting in New Orleans, February 1977. Dr. Rodriguez-Rosado is the Society's representative to the ACNP.

The Society of Nuclear Medicine of Puerto Rico, together with the Section of Nuclear Medicine of the Puerto Rico Medical Association, presented a symposium on nuclear medicine on Nov. 17, 1976, at the Convention Center in San Juan. Those who attended were given continuing education credits. The Society also held a seminar on nuclear medicine and ultrasound on Dec. 9-11, 1976. The faculty consisted of well-known specialists from Puerto Rico, the United States, and Latin America. This seminar also met the criteria for credits in continuing medical education.

—Rafael Bernabe Prida

Crossword Puzzle Solution

These are answers to a puzzle from the December 1976 issue of the JNMT (Vol 4., No. 4).



Word Find

submitted by Lynne Wells

1. A process by which all or part of the energy of the incident radiation is transferred to matter
2. Aggregation of suspended particles
3. Sensitivity to drugs
4. Positively charged electrode
5. Defined as 1/2 the mass of ^{12}C
6. Observed count in the absence of a source
7. Device for accelerating beta particles
8. Region in a nuclear reactor where the fission process occurs
9. Time following an impulse where the instrument is unable to record other ionizing events
10. Radioactive disintegration
11. Device used for measuring radiation dose
12. Electromagnetic radiation with its origin in the nucleus
13. Hereditarily transmissible character
14. Time required for 1/2 of a given number of atoms to undergo decay
15. A charged atom
16. Nuclides have same number of protons, are same chemically, but have different number of neutrons
17. Contains one or more radioactive atoms; referred to as a tag
18. "A" number
19. $\left(\frac{1}{0.693}\right) (T^{1/2})$
20. 10^6eV
21. Device used for determining the amount of radiation in a working area
22. Atom having no charge
23. Shield used to store radioactive syringe doses
24. A nuclear reactor
25. A charged particle having a mass of approximately 273 times that of an electron
26. The part of an instrument's characteristic curve which is independent of voltage
27. Synonym for radioactive element
28. Roentgen equivalent physical
29. M_0 of a particle at rest
30. Lead wall for radiation protection purposes
31. Material emitting radiation
32. A plot of the intensity of radiation as a function of wavelength or frequency
33. An isotope used to tag or follow a chemical reaction or process
34. Time-rate motion in a specific direction
35. Splitting of a spectral line by a strong magnetic field

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Answers to the Word Find will appear in the next issue.