

# News from the Chapters

## Central Chapter

Central Chapter technologists are eagerly awaiting the arrival of technologists from across the country at the annual meeting. Local Chicago technologists have been busy planning the Technologist Party, including both a dance contest and a costume contest. The techs will hold a "decorating party" on the afternoon preceding the party itself. Local techs are also busy sewing costumes for the event. It will be a "Roaring Twenties" party, and all technologists are invited to come in costume. Central Chapter technologists will also staff the technologist hospitality room to help out-of-towners feel at home in the "Windy City".

Many local groups are in the process of holding annual elections. The results will be published in the next issue of *JNMT*. Good luck to all the candidates.

ATACA is planning the second annual Registry Review to be held in Chicago sometime in early fall. Details are not yet available, however those wishing information should contact Debbie Gryniewicz at Northwestern Memorial Hospital in Chicago.

Central Chapter technologists, in a show of confidence, voted over whelming approval and support for the new NMTCB. Most technologists indicated willingness to take the new examination, and definitely want some type of Continuing Education requirements. Many individuals expressed willingness to help the board get under way.

—*Sue Weiss*

## Greater New York Chapter

The Greater New York Chapter in support of Continuing Education held its Sixth Annual Spring Symposium on Mar. 26-27, 1977, in Atlantic City, NJ. Five hundred and sixty-four registrants (total attend-

ance over 600) enjoyed two days of excellent lectures and social functions. Registration for this year exceeded our previous Symposium by almost 40%. Both CEU and PAR credits were awarded to VOICE participants. Over 50 technologists signed up for VOICE membership during our meeting. Thirty-three commercial exhibitors were well pleased with the meeting.

The physicians' Spring Program, chaired by David Milstein, MD, was held concurrently and was well attended by Greater New York Chapter physicians.

Our Seventh Annual Spring Symposium will be held Mar. 31 thru Apr. 1, 1978, at the Howard Johnson Regency in Atlantic City, NJ. Mark your calendars now!

Our Chapter's Hot Line telephone number is (212) 889-1388. The new President of the Chapter is Liz Joyce, Albert Einstein Medical Center, Philadelphia, PA and the National Council Delegate is Gary D. Gallamore, Jersey Shore Medical Center, Neptune, NJ.

—*Gary D. Gallamore*

## Mideastern Chapter

On Mar. 9, 1977, the chapter presented a lecture by Peter Kirschner and Gerald Johnston, in Laurel, MD. Dr. Kirschner and Dr. Johnston spoke on Radiation and the Thyroid. On Mar 19, 1977, in conjunction with the University of Virginia and the Bureau of Radiological Health, the chapter held a radiopharmaceutical workshop.

The Annual Meeting was held Apr. 21-23, 1977, in Arlington, VA. The technologist section presented scientific papers and attended a Nuclear Cardiology Symposium. Other topics discussed were nuclear medicine certification and VOICE, and mobile scanning.

Susan Litrenta was elected President of the Washington Area Coun-

cil. Susan Bright was elected President of the Maryland Association of Nuclear Medical Technologists.

—*Larry Camper*

## Missouri Valley Chapter

The Missouri Valley Chapter is busy preparing its program for the Annual Meeting which will be held later this year in St. Louis. It is intended that this program will be submitted for CEU approval. The program will cover various aspects of quality control and we hope to set aside time for presentation of scientific papers.

Recently, the Mid-Iowa Chapter gained recognition as a subchapter within the Technologist Section of the Chapter. We are very happy to have gained significant input from this area as this is a large step toward active involvement within the Society itself. On Apr. 24, 1977, this group held its monthly meeting at Mercy Hospital in Des Moines. Their meeting included discussion of Estriol by RIA and a presentation of radiopharmaceutical quality assurance. They have submitted such sessions for VOICE approval.

As many institutions within the Kansas City area have recently acquired or will soon acquire computer capabilities, the Kansas City Technologist Section has been setting aside a part of their meetings for discussion of the realm of computers in nuclear medicine. They have observed several types of computers in operation and will continue to cover this area in detail at future meetings.

This group has concerned itself with state legislation regarding the licensure of nuclear medicine technologists within the State. No major enactments have taken place as yet, but it is being closely watched.

—*Sheri L. Pasternak*

## New England Chapter

The New England Chapter hosted its Annual Spring Symposium on

Apr. 23, 1977, at Hyannis, MA. New England technologists turned out in large numbers for the yearly event. Papers covered a wide variety of topics from gallium and heart scanning, to computers and membership requirements for ultrasound and radioimmunoassay societies.

The results of the chapter's mail ballot election were announced: Robert English, Burbank Hospital, Fitchburg, MA, is President as of Oct., 1977; Michael Coutcher, Newport Hospital, Newport, RI, is National Delegate.

On Apr. 12, 1977, a quality assurance program was presented at Hartford Hospital, CT. Featured speakers were Michael Cianci and James Langan. The Baystate Clinical Nuclear Medicine Review held its first meeting on May 12, 1977, in Newton, MA. Dr. Leonard Rosenthal, Montreal General Hospital, Montreal, Que., Canada, was the featured speaker at the VOICE-accredited session. The new group plans to hold monthly meetings.

The bimonthly newsletter continues to be published, keeping the membership well informed of committee activities and presenting scientific articles.

—*Cecile Gaigals*

### **Pacific Northwest Chapter**

The Pacific Northwest Chapter held its Annual Spring Meeting at Harrison Hot Springs, B.C. Canada, in March and it was a great success. Some 157 people were in attendance, including 35 technologists and 12 guests. Three of the 17 scientific papers were given by technologists and the quality was excellent.

The Technologist Section held its first formal business meeting and announced the results of the election of new officers for the coming year. There was a 63% return of ballots. New officers are: Shelly Dooling, President, Swedish Hospital, Seattle, WA, Allan Jansen, President-Elect, VA Hospital, Portland, OR, and

Danielle Scudder, National Council Delegate, Radiology Group, Bellevue, WA.

Please contact any of your new officers for help and/or information. A *tremendous* amount of work has been done by too few this past year to get our chapter off on the right foot, so please be prepared to say yes and lend a hand if asked to participate or serve on a committee. It's been reported that of all the chapters, ours had the largest growth rate this last year.

For the Seattle people and anyone else able and interested in attending, don't forget the monthly scan meetings at the Public Health hospital held the second Thursday of each month at 7:30 p.m. Contact Public Health Hospital, Department of Nuclear Medicine, to be placed on the mailing list.

Hope to see you in Chicago this month at the Annual SNM meeting.

—*Danielle Scudder*

### **Pittsburgh Chapter**

A meeting was held March 11, 1977, at the Sheraton Inn in DuBois, PA. Charles Rose spoke on Radiation Safety. Mr. Rose is a recognized author and radiological physicist and is currently the instructor for G.E. Medical Systems Seminars.

Nominations were taken for next year's officers, and results will be announced in the next issue. The chapter is working in conjunction with the Pennsylvania Bureau of Radiological Health in sponsoring a Quality Control Workshop on Scintillation Cameras to be held in Pittsburgh on May 7.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone concerned with the chapter for their support and enthusiasm during my term as president and news representative, and I hope they continue their support to the officers in the coming year.

—*Chris Woodrum*

### **Rocky Mountain Chapter**

The Rocky Mountain Nuclear Medicine Conference was held in Denver, CO, on Mar. 24-26, 1977. Approximately 350 attendees were present. Lectures included the legal aspects of radiopharmaceutical quality control, a comparison of ultrasound, CT, and whole body tomographic scanning, and heart scanning with cardiology and nuclear medicine.

The Technologist's Section annual business meeting was held and results of the recent election are as follows; Robert Appledorn, President, Fred Pitman, President-Elect, Trudy Battison, National Delegate, and Rita Vigil, National Delegate-Elect.

The 1978 Spring Meeting will be held in Albuquerque, NM.

—*Trudy Battison*

### **Southeastern Chapter**

The Ohio Valley Society of Nuclear Medicine held its first meeting in the fall of 1976 and featured a study in myocardial imaging with <sup>201</sup>Tl. Their second meeting was held in January 1977 with a presentation on computer application. Thirty technologists were in attendance at both meetings.

Florida nuclear medicine technologists have introduced a nuclear medicine technology bill into the Florida House of Representatives and the Florida Senate. House of Representatives sponsor is John Considine.

Harold Hodges was elected President of the East Tennessee Organization of Nuclear Medicine Technologists at the Organizational Meeting held on Jan. 15, 1977. The second meeting was held on Apr. 16, 1977, at the Holston Valley Hospital in Kingsport, TN.

South Alabama technologists have formed an organization called the Mobile Association of Nuclear Medicine. Their first meeting was held on Feb. 1, 1977. George Coumanis was elected President.

The Alabama State Meeting was held on May 6-7, 1977, in Montgomery. On Apr. 20, 21, and 22, 1977, the VA Regional Medical Education Center sponsored a lecture and workshop on Recent Advances in Renal and Cardiovascular Nuclear Medicine in Birmingham.

On Mar. 19, 1977, a Technologists' Seminar sponsored by G.D. Searle was presented by the Kentucky Society of Nuclear Medicine Technologists.

The Council of the Southeastern Chapter met in Winston-Salem, NC, on Feb. 26, 1977, for the spring meeting. Jennifer Mathews, chairman of the Committee for Technologists Affairs, gave an excellent report and was granted funds to aid in preparing a superior program for the technologists at the annual meeting. Start planning now to attend this meeting to be held on Oct. 12-15, 1977, at the Hyatt House in Winston-Salem, NC.

—Ann Cox and Larry Holmes

### **Southern California Chapter**

The Continuing Education Committee conducted a two-part workshop on Quality Control of Nuclear Instrumentation and a meeting on JCAH Requirements for Testing and Record Keeping on April 23 and May 21. A registry review was held on the consecutive Saturdays of April 30, May 7, and May 14.

On Feb. 24 a dinner meeting was held to discuss the current status of national and state technologist licensure. The discussion was led by Joni Herbst, National Delegate, and Danielle Kavanagh, Chairman of the Legislative Committee. Approximately 100 people were in attendance.

—Dennis Del'Homme

### **Southwestern Chapter**

The 22nd Annual Meeting of Southwestern Chapter was held in El Paso, TX, Mar. 18-20. Approxi-

mately 250 people registered, with many technologists in attendance. The scientific sessions were well planned, interesting, and very informative. Congratulations to Tom Kay, the Scientific Chairman, for a job well done. The local Arrangements Committee, with Jerome Waliszewski as the technologist representative, took care of our social needs with all that El Paso had to offer. We welcomed the Nuclear Medicine Technologists of Arkansas to the group. The Southwestern Chapter Technologist Section enjoyed a 21% growth in membership this year.

The National Past Presidents' Council initiated the distinguished honorees membership category in January at the annual meeting. Thomas Haynie and Henry N. Wagner, Jr., were elected for their involvement in the formation of the Technologist Section of the chapter. The Technologists of the Southwestern Chapter salute Dr. Haynie and Dr. Wagner for contributing freely of their time, talents and energy to this worthwhile establishment.

Newly elected officers are Shirley Ledbetter, President and National Delegate, and Tom Kay, President-Elect and Membership Committee Chairman.

A Continuing Education Committee has been formed with Carl Ryal as chairperson for those who would like help along this line. All the local sections reported growing interest in VOICE and are working to establish continuing education programs.

The New Orleans Section has reported about 20 members present at their meetings. A variety of topics are covered at each meeting and new information is shared in the open discussion. John P. Delord, Jr., was re-elected as president of this section.

The Ark-La Technologists met Apr. 7, with Roy Pirkle, E.R. Squibb Technical Associate from Birmingham, AL, as guest speaker. His topic was the Q.C. Analyzer. The Section welcomed R.S. Clayton to the Chapter.

The North Texas Section bi-monthly meeting was held at the Southwestern Medical School.

Thirty-one members, some from as far away as Brownwood and Abilene, attended the meeting to hear Joseph Nanus, Texas Department of Health, discuss Radioactive Licensing and Regulation Necessary for Inspection. The North Texas Section is planning its Fourth Annual Symposium. The topic, chosen by ballot at the previous year's symposium, will be "The Framework of Nuclear Medicine... Bone Imaging." The meeting was held at the Holiday Inn, Bedford, TX, Apr. 22-23 and will have VOICE credit.

—George Pifer

## **News from Overseas**

### **Puerto Rico**

On Mar. 15, 1977, the Nuclear Medicine Laboratory of the Center for Energy and Environment Research of the University of Puerto Rico at Rio Piedras, formerly the Puerto Rico Nuclear Center, presented Carlos Beckerman from the Michael Reese Medical Center. Dr. Beckerman lectured about the use of gallium in the study and follow up of benign and malignant processes.

Dr. Beckerman also lectured on March 16 on the use of gallium in lung diseases and in malignant diseases in infancy. This was sponsored by the Integral Center of Cancer and took place at the University Hospital of the Puerto Rico Medical Center in Rio Piedras.

—Rafael Bernabe-Prida