

# News from the Chapters

## Central Chapter

The spring meeting of the Central Chapter was held at the Chicago Marriott on Feb. 22-24. A conjoint program was presented, which included four separate tracts: Pediatric Nuclear Medicine, Data Manipulation Systems, Applications of Unusual Clinical Procedures in Nuclear Medicine, and Radioreceptor Assays. Commercial exhibits permitted the membership to view the latest developments in the field. The meeting was a tremendous success.

The Central Chapter recently received accreditation by the Liaison Committee on Continuing Medical Education allowing us to certify our own programs. This action recognizes the high quality of our programming.

From June through January, the Central Chapter Technologist Section has received 97 new membership applications, bringing our membership total to 750.

The Continuing Education lecture series (traveling road show) will be held this year in the following cities within the chapter: Indianapolis—March 17; Chicago—April 17; St. Paul—April 21; and Royal Oak—May 5. The topic will be nuclear cardiology for the technologist.

We would like to extend a special thank you to David A. Turner, MD, for his efforts in coordinating the programs in each city and also to the local technologist coordinators.

—Dorian Soper-Marks

## Mideastern Chapter

The Mideastern Chapter will hold its annual spring meeting in Ocean City on Apr. 5-7. The program will include nuclear cardiology and RIA sessions, as well as several other lectures and scientific papers. There will also be a technologist program, which will include talks on VOICE, licensure, emission tomography, scanning artifacts, and scientific papers. The Mideastern Technologist Section will hold its annual meeting on Feb. 2.

The Maryland Association of Nuclear Medicine Technology elected its new officers in January. At their last meeting,

MANMT voted to work on a state licensing bill for technologists: the group is also planning a spring symposium which will offer VOICE credits.

Don Hixson has taken over as President of the Washington Area Council, because Richard Brown has moved to West Virginia.

—Janice McVey

## Missouri Valley Chapter

Technologists of the Missouri Valley Chapter have in the past several months expressed concern over the escalating cost of membership in the Society and the Technologist Section. In response to "grass roots" pressure from the technologists of the Missouri Valley Chapter, our National Council Delegate has proposed the formation of an additional membership category to the Council. This category, along with student affiliates and distinguished honorees, would be exempt from SNM dues. We feel this category would bring Section membership within reach of more technologists. If this idea appeals to you please let your National Council Delegate know.

The Missouri State Legislature will be considering a technologist licensure bill in 1979. Although sponsored primarily by the MSRT, input from NMTs has been requested and well received.

Plans are being made now for the annual Missouri Valley Chapter meeting. This year's meeting will be hosted by the Iowa Methodist Medical Center; Des Moines area technologists are working hard to ensure its success. Don't miss it!

—David J. Phegley

## New England Chapter

Maine, New Hampshire, and Vermont Grassroots' sections took advantage of our New England winters and held their second annual meeting in North Conway, NH, on Feb. 17-18. Sessions were held each morning, to leave the afternoons free for fun on the ski slopes.

The Grassroots' section of Massachu-

setts met Dec. 5, at New England Nuclear Co. in Billerica and a tour was given of the plant.

The annual spring meeting of the chapter's Technologist Section will be held Mar. 30-31 in Newport, RI. The program includes computer technology sessions and a guest speaker, Donald Hamilton, BRH, who will discuss careers and education in nuclear medicine.

Lou Izzo, University of Vermont, has been appointed to serve on the NMTCB.

—R. Faye Lavoie

## Southeastern Chapter

The 19th annual meeting of the Southeastern Chapter was held Nov. 1-4 in Birmingham, AL. Several educational tracts for CEU and PAR VOICE credits were available to technologists. This included three workshops: VOICE Program Planning, Renal Studies, and Cardiac Studies. The Chapter was pleased to have Sue Weiss participate in the meeting; she presented a paper entitled "Pediatric Nuclear Medicine: The Technique of Genitourinary Studies," and installed our new officers.

Marsha Baggett from North Carolina will serve as President this year and Doug Anderson of Florida was elected President-Elect. Ellis Blanton of Kentucky is the new Chapter Delegate.

The Alabama Society of Nuclear Medicine will hold its annual meeting May 11-12 in Mobile. The Tennessee Society meeting will be held May 12-13 at Opryland Hotel in Nashville and March 23-24 will be the dates for the South Carolina fourth annual meeting at the Sheraton Palmetto in Greenville.

—Marcia Boyd

## Southern California Chapter

With the Sixth Annual Meeting held in San Diego and state technologists active in assistance and attendance, it is understandable that the new year began rather busily for technologists in Southern California.

Nonetheless, the major concern and planning for the year center around AB-1545—the Nuclear Medicine Technolo-

gist Licensure bill signed into the California Health and Safety Code on Sept. 11, 1978, by Governor Jerry Brown. Regulations for the implementation of the bill will be drafted this year with the assistance of an advisory committee chosen from members of different specialty groups. At a meeting in late January to discuss the new bill, Dani Kavanaugh, Duffy Price, and William Blahd, MD, were presented with engraved brass and onyx paperweights in appreciation of their efforts as members of the CMA subcommittee on NMT certification.

As if the first two months weren't busy enough, Southern California technologists also met in March to tour E.R. Squibb and Medi-Physics radiopharmaceutical plants. Because only 50 persons could be accommodated in a one-day meet-

ing, plans are underway to repeat this very successful workshop next September.

—Frances Neagley

### Southwestern Chapter

The Southwestern Chapter's annual meeting was held March 16-18 and one highlight of the meeting was an organ dissection session presented by Dr. Hughes of El Paso, TX, who presented positive scans with slides of the organs in question being dissected to prove the pathology demonstrated. Mary Mullier presented a course entitled "Death and Dying." Many papers were also presented and Sister Bernard Ann Ruebusch of Little Rock, AR, was installed as President.

The North Texas Technologist Section sponsored workshops on management and CPR: their annual spring meeting plans are still in the works; it will take place Apr. 20 and 21. The topic will be "Dynamics in Nuclear Medicine."

Nuclear medicine technologists of Arkansas held their annual symposium in Little Rock on Sept. 23. Technologists' attendance was excellent and the meeting a great success.

—George Pifer

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## Answers to Nuclear Medicine Cryptic Anacrostic

- A. Molybdenum
- B. Camera
- C. Anger
- D. Focus
- E. Embolism
- F. Energy
- G. Rescind
- H. Atomic
- I. Dowels
- J. Isotope
- K. Orbit
- L. Platelet
- M. Half hitch
- N. Approximation
- O. Roof
- P. Multihole
- Q. Article
- R. Computerise
- S. Eject
- T. Upshot
- U. Thought
- V. Ice
- W. Cottonwool
- X. Accord
- Y. Low curve
- Z. School

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"We must not become so preoccupied with the complexities of radiopharmaceutical formulations or computer or cyclotron technology that we lose sight of the major biological problems that nuclear medicine could solve."