

# News from the Chapters

## Central Chapter

New officers have been elected to the Central Chapter's Technologist Section. The President-elect is Jim Hook, CNMT; Secretary is Sally Zabawa, CNMT; and the Treasurer is Marie Hacker, CNMT. Elected to the Bylaws Committee were Patti Corrigan, Shirley Garrett, CNMT, and Ken Lorick. Special thanks go to our past president, Wayne Weislo, CNMT, for all of the work he has done for our Chapter in the last several years. Our new president, Jim Wirrell, CNMT, has also worked hard serving as both president-elect and treasurer for this past year.

A successful meeting on endocrinology was held by the Chapter in Detroit in April. A party for technologists after our business meeting was a great success.

The 1982 continuing education program enlightened members on the impact of federal and state regulations on nuclear medicine. For example, the "New Federalism in Nuclear Medicine" program was held in May in Indianapolis, Chicago, and Ann Arbor; it included discussions on the Randolph Bill, the ALARA concept, and the biological effects of low-level radiation. A panel discussion on nuclear power was also presented by members of the American Nuclear Society. Technologists who helped organize this program were Kathy Zimmer and Ronni Markwell, CNMT, with local coordinators Judy Barr, Dennice Weisner, CNMT, and Michael Tuscan, CNMT.

—Christine Kushner, CNMT

## Mideastern Chapter

The 12th Annual Meeting of the Mideastern Society of Nuclear Medicine was held April 2 and 3 in Fredericksburg, VA. Highlighting the business meeting was the installation of officers for the coming year. With the leadership of Gregory Shindlecker, CNMT, President; Kay Hixson, CNMT, President-elect; Janice Honeyman, CNMT, Secretary; and Timothy Gleason, CNMT, Treasurer, we anticipate a very active year. Congratulations to all.

Headlining the educational session was the presentation of numerous scientific and clinical papers by area

technologists. The manuscripts receiving honors were:

*First Place:* "The Basic Principles and Techniques of Nuclear Magnetic Resonance," by Kenneth Costen of the University of Virginia;

*Second Place:* "Radionuclide Venography," by Barbara Park, CNMT, Rosemary Luger, and P.E. Dibos, MD, from Franklin Square Hospital.

*Third Place:* "The Use of 51-Cr Sodium Chromate in Detecting GI-GU Fistulae," by D. Honig of the University of Virginia.

As all manuscripts were of high quality the judging was very difficult. We would like to congratulate the authors of all ten manuscripts selected for presentation in competition.

Future activities in planning for the Mideastern Chapter, Technologist Section, include the annual review session in August and the Fall Meeting scheduled for October 29 and 30 in Olde Towne, Alexandria, VA. We are continuing to monitor the activities of state bureaus handling the technologist licensure proposed by the "Randolph Bill."

—Karen S. Sargent, CNMT

## Missouri Valley Chapter

The Second Annual South Central Kansas Nuclear Medicine Seminar will be held in Wichita on August 5-8, 1982, at the Hilton East. The seminar will cover three topics, the first being a registry review that will be held August 5-8. On August 7 and 8, there will be two seminars for chief technologists, assistant chief technologists, and supervisors. The topics for these seminars are "Capital Equipment Budgeting" and "Stress Management." For further information contact Roy Aldridge, CNMT, Wesley Medical Center, Dept. of Nuclear Medicine, 550 N. Hillside, Wichita, KS 67214; (316)688-2844.

The Annual Fall Meeting of the Missouri Valley Chapter will be held in Columbia, MO, on Sept. 24-26, 1982, at the Ramada Inn on Highway 70. The topic for the meeting is "The Current and Future Needs of Radiopharmaceuticals in Nuclear Medicine along with Their Clinical Applications." The meeting will also consist of a tour of the

nuclear reactor at the University of Missouri. For further information contact Wynn Volkert, PhD, VA Hospital, Dept. of Nuclear Medicine, Columbia, MO 65201.

—Mary Jo Struttman, CNMT

## New England Chapter

The New England Chapter's Technologist Section is proud to announce that our Tenth Annual Spring Symposium held in Hyannis, MA, on April 16-18, 1982, was a huge success, attracting over 260 registrants. Linda Pytlik, CNMT, Vice President and Scientific Program Chairman, developed and organized a multifaceted program with lectures on topics ranging from gallium-67 to cardiac imaging. To complement the technologists' sessions, 17 student papers were presented.

Congratulations are extended to the Executive Committee for a job well done as well as to our 335 members for their continued support of the chapter. Special thanks to Linda Pytlik for all her time and effort in planning this meeting.

The officers of the 1982-83 Executive Committee will be Linda Pytlik, CNMT, Yale-New Haven Hospital, President; Michael W. Plankey, CNMT, Yale-New Haven Hospital, Vice President; Mary Cross, CNMT, University of Massachusetts Medical Center, Secretary; Susan Brown, CNMT, New England Medical Center, Treasurer; and Maureen Monahan, CNMT, Worcester City Hospital, National Delegate. The following members were elected to the Nominating Committee: Leonard Quartararo, Sharon London, CNMT, Jim Amato, CNMT, and Charles McCarthy, CNMT.

A combined physician-technologist meeting will be held on Goats Island, Newport, RI, Oct. 22-24, 1982.

—Michael W. Plankey, CNMT

## Northern California Chapter

The Program Committee has been working very hard this year and doing a great job. A very successful meeting and tour of the RadPharm cyclotron and facilities were held on February 6, in

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Burlingame, RadPharm produces iodine-123, gallium citrate, and thallium-201 for use in nuclear medicine. The Santa Clara Valley Medical Center was host for our April 3 meeting on "Nuclear Medicine, Ultrasound and EKG in Evaluation of Cardiac Patients."

"Nuclear Medicine and the Referring Physician" was the topic for the 14th Annual Spring Symposium held at Caesars Tahoe and cosponsored by the Sierra Valley Nuclear Medicine Association and the Northern California Chapter. On May 22, Mercy General Hospital, Sacramento, was host for a meeting on "Procedures and Application of Labeled Cells." Plans are being made now for a registry review to be held in July for technologists.

Our midwinter meeting was held Jan. 16-17 at the Oakland Airport. On March 6 a nuclear magnetic resonance conference was held at the UCSF Radiologic Imaging Lab.

Good luck to Laura Herradora Miller, CNMT, on her nomination for President-Elect of the Technologist Section.

For job placement information contact: Roxann V. Foster, CNMT, Nuclear Medicine Dept., Laurel Grove Hospital, 19933 Lake Chabot Rd., Castro Valley, CA 94546. Please include a self-addressed, stamped envelope.

—Robin Bailey, CNMT

### **Pacific Northwest Chapter**

Technologist Section chapter officers for 1982 were installed at the spring meeting in Portland, March 13. The officers are: President—Mike Simmons, CNMT, Seattle VA; Vice-president—Tim Cobb, CNMT, Spokane Deaconess; President-elect—Roy McCulloch, CNMT, Tacoma St. Joseph; Secretary—Sue Minerich, CNMT, Seattle Swedish; and Treasurer—Sue Ammerman, CNMT, Seattle Waldo General.

—Roy McCulloch, CNMT

### **Southern California Chapter**

We have enjoyed several educational programs in the Southern California Chapter recently. These included a one-day seminar entitled "Nuclear Medicine Today," which dealt with current topics of interest in nuclear medicine; an enjoyable evening program entitled, "Medical Quackery," presented by Dr. Moses Greenfield, which provided physicians and technologists with the opportunity to enjoy a little rest and

relaxation mixed with some good humor dealing with the various quackeries of medicine; a four-day review course designed to prepare the student/technologist for ARRT and/or NMTCB registry exams; and last, but not least, a weekend stress workshop designed to help those working in the allied health care fields to effectively deal and live with stress.

The Educational Committee is currently designing the technologists' educational program for the Seventh Western Regional Meeting (to be held in San Diego in October), which will include such topics as EKG—part I and part II, inflammatory bone imaging, and other current topics of interest.

For those technologists who are considering a move to our Southern California area and would like assistance in available jobs, please call Debbie Behrendt at (213)829-5511 (ask for nuclear medicine).

—Kathy Thomas, CNMT

### **Southwestern Chapter**

Our slate of officers and committee chairmen for 1982-1983 is complete. Art Hall, CNMT, is our President-Elect. Committee chairmen are as follows: Paul Yurko, CNMT—Scientific Program Committee; Dan Patrick—Finance Committee; Margaret Perry, CNMT—Nominating Committee; John Pippin, CNMT—Continuing Education Committee; Frank Frederick, CNMT—Academic Affairs Committee; Carl Ryals, CNMT—Legislative Affairs Committee; Doretta Chico, CNMT—VOICE Representative; Laurie Proctor, CNMT—Bylaws Committee; Paul English, CNMT—Socio-Economic Committee; and Gary Myers, CNMT—Publications Committee.

—Gary Myers, CNMT

### **... and from Puerto Rico**

Several interesting activities occurred during the last few months; one of these was a diagnostic radionuclides workshop held March 3-5. The workshop was sponsored by the nuclear medicine and ultrasound technology program of the College of Health Related Professions, University of Puerto Rico Medical Sciences Campus and the VA Hospital in San Juan.

This workshop was essentially structured for our students in nuclear medicine technology. The lectures, demonstrations, and laboratory sessions included such topics as radionuclide generators, diagnostic radiopharmaceuticals, radionuclide dosimetry, adverse reactions of radiopharmaceuticals, and several case presentation sessions.

The guest speaker was Harold L. Atkins, MD, from the Dept. of Radiology of the School of Medicine and Health Science Center of the State University of New York at Stony Brook.

During February and March we were visited by Leon S. Malmud, MD, Associate Professor, Div. of Nuclear Medicine, Temple University Health Science Center, Philadelphia, PA, who lectured us on functional studies of the gastrointestinal tract with nuclear medicine techniques.

—Rafael Bernabe-Prida, CNMT

Let's hear from you! All chapters of the Technologist Section are invited to participate in "News from the Chapters."

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