

News from the Chapters

Central Chapter

The Central Chapter technologists were extremely happy to host the 24th Annual Meeting of the Society of Nuclear Medicine in Chicago. It was extremely gratifying to see the large turnout of technologists in attendance. We hope that everyone enjoyed the social events for which many of the local technologists spent hours preparing and planning. Special thanks should go to those members of the Local Arrangements Committee who worked their fingers to the bone blowing up balloons for the Technologist Party: Theresa S. Ciez, Loren P. McKoveck, Sally K. Russell, and Lois Moore Koch. To those technologists from other parts of the country who arrived in costume at the technologist party, we say *hurrah and thank you!* Special thanks should also go to the National Office Staff for the hours and hours of behind-the-scenes work they provided to make the meeting successful.

The Central Chapter Technologist Section is in the process of planning the Annual Fall Meeting to be held in Marshfield, WI, Sept. 30–Oct. 1, 1977. The topic of the meeting will be endocrinology and radionuclides. For further information on the technologist program, please contact: Ella Anger, 5175 North Hopkins, Milwaukee, WI 53209. Programs will be offered for PAR and CEU credits through VOICE at that meeting.

New officers for the 1977–1978 term assumed their respective offices at the close of the Annual Meeting. John G. Allen is Chapter President. A special election is now in progress for the position of President-Elect. The results of that election will be announced in the next issue of *JNMT*. Several local groups also held elections. The newly elected presidents of each group are as follows: ATACA—Paul Klosowski; ATAM—Hans

Richter; NOSNT—David Williams; and SEMATA—Jerry Morrissette. Anyone wishing information concerning local area meetings should contact these people.

—Sue Weiss

Greater New York Chapter

The Greater New York Chapter will hold its Annual Fall Meeting on Saturday, Nov. 12. The technologists will be guests of the professional component and will hear lectures on the subject of mathematics. The meeting will be held at the New York Hilton, NY. For further information contact: Violet Custer, Martland Medical Center, Nuclear Medicine Dept., 65 Bergen St., Newark, NJ 07107.

The Seventh Annual Spring Symposium, to be held on Mar. 31–Apr. 1, 1978, at the Howard Johnson Motor Hotel in Atlantic City, NJ, is well into the planning stages. Two days of lectures and workshops will be offered on the topics of radioimmunoassay, registry review, imaging instrumentation, and imaging procedures. These courses will be eligible for CEU credit through the VOICE program. For further information contact: John Reilley, Temple University Hospital, Nuclear Medicine Dept., 3401 N. Broad St., Philadelphia, PA 19140.

The Greater New York Chapter Hotline telephone number is (212) 889-1388.

—Gary D. Gallamore

Hawaii Chapter

We are proud to announce the election of new officers for the year. Because of an outstanding performance, Sandra Ashley has been re-

elected to a second term as President. Christina Carlson was elected Vice-President. The new Executive Committee will encourage continuing education as its major goal. To meet this goal, physicians and technologists from the Honolulu area are already meeting once a month to share and discuss their most interesting cases.

This past June, our chapter joined the Hawaii Chapter of the Health Physicists Society in a joint dinner meeting at the Hale Kao Hotel. We were fortunate to hear John Auxier, PhD, President-Elect of the National Health Society, speak on the "Effects of Radiation on Humans," based on radiation data collected from Hiroshima and Nagasaki. Nuclear medicine physicians and technologists from Honolulu and Maui turned out for this eventful evening. Also noteworthy is that, as a result of this joint activity, the Hawaii Chapter of the Health Physicists Society has offered to conduct a series of future teaching sessions for our technologists for continuing education credit.

Future activities include an October cardiology conference sponsored by Searle Radiographics.

—Christina Carlson

Mideastern Chapter

The new officers of the chapter are Paul Cole, President; Larry Camper, President-Elect; and Barbara Jump, National Council Delegate.

The Spring Meeting in Arlington, VA, was very successful. A record number of technologists turned out and we are now looking forward to the Annual Fall Meeting in October, at the Holiday Inn, Old Towne, Alexandria, VA.

A nuclear medicine review course was held May 20–21, at Fairfax Hospital, Fairfax, VA. Chuck Rose, Director of the Medical Education Department, General Electric Co. directed the two-day course and 38 people attended.

We are now in the process of selecting a VOICE representative for the chapter.

—Janice Znamirovski

Missouri Valley Chapter

The Missouri Valley Chapter is pleased to announce the official recognition of another grassroots chapter covering the greater Omaha area. This brings the number of recognized subchapters to five, once again demonstrating the active interest and concern in the growth of the Technologist Section in this area. Since Sept., 1976, the chapter boasts an increase in its membership of 24%, which to date marks the greatest increase in Section membership when compared with similar time periods. It is hoped that this increase includes technologists in some of the outlying areas of the chapter, as this has been a major concern of our membership.

The Greater St. Louis Association of Nuclear Medicine Technologists and the Mallinckrodt Institute of Radiology will again cosponsor another Annual Seminar in Nuclear Medicine, Sept. 10–11, 1977. The program will cover such areas as thrombus detection, radiolabeled blood components, radiopharmaceutical considerations, and radionuclide therapy. VOICE approval has been granted. After successful completion of the VOICE credit test, 0.5 CEU will be awarded for participation. Those desiring additional information should contact Don Bernier, Mallinckrodt Institute, St. Louis, MO.

Earth City, MO (just outside St. Louis) is the site of this year's Annual Chapter Meeting. It will be held Oct. 21–23, 1977. This meeting will include an all-day workshop sponsored by the Department of Professional Education of Searle Radiographics. It is expected to be of particular value to experienced nuclear medicine technologists seeking to extend their capabilities in performing diagnostic procedures.

One objective of this program is to disseminate practical information on the newer developments in instrumentation and clinical procedures in the field. Election results and committee appointments will also be made known at the chapter's Business Meeting. We are looking forward to the best attendance ever. Technologists desiring more information may contact Ms. Mickey Clark, Mallinckrodt Institute. Other sessions will present recent advances in radiopharmaceuticals, with special emphasis on the role of the technologist.

Technologists in the Kansas City area are attempting to collect data on present nuclear medicine procedures for a centralized file. The object of such a file is to have on hand information on all types of nuclear medicine procedures to be used for reference.

—Sheri L. Pasternak

New England Chapter

It was a quiet summer following the very successful meeting in Chicago. Chapter technologists will be participating in a symposium with physicians, Oct. 22–23, 1977. The meeting will be held at the Copley Plaza Hotel in Boston. A variety of topics is planned for technologists on Saturday, Oct. 23. The chapter officers for 1978 will be installed at the end of the day's business meeting.

—Cecile Gaigals

Northern California Chapter

California nuclear medicine technologists are pleased to note that Assembly Bill 1545, which would specifically recognize and establish regulations for the practice of nuclear medicine in California, is nearing passage. Both physicians and technologists in California have been very involved with formulation of the bill.

In recent meetings, the chapter has combined technologist and scientific sessions. Lectures on radiobiology, radiation detection, and radiation protection were presented during the technologist sessions. The scientific program included a lecture on the history of the sodium iodine scintillation detector.

The chapter is now exploring the possibility of holding mini-meetings; these would be half-day sessions/seminars presented on Saturdays on such topics as management development.

—Stan Shook

Pacific Northwest Chapter

The Pacific Northwest Chapter will be holding several workshops for technologists in the upcoming weeks. One in the Seattle area will be geared specifically to learning how to write a scientific paper. Another one- or two-day workshop will be given in the Portland/Seattle area on scintillation cameras and quality control.

It is planned that all the workshops will be submitted for CEU approval and PAR credit through the VOICE program.

Don't forget the monthly scan meeting held at Public Health Hospital, Seattle, on the second Thursday of each month at 7:30 p.m. In the Portland area, be sure to check with VA Hospital about their monthly technologists scan meeting. In the Spokane area, check with Gary Enos at Holy Family Hospital for Spokane area programs.

Hope to see you in Las Vegas for the Second Annual Western Regional Meeting.

—Danielle Scudder

Pittsburgh Chapter

The new officers for the Pittsburgh Chapter, 1977–1978, are Lancy

Brunetto, Indiana Hospital, Indiana, PA, President; James Douglas, Indiana Hospital, Indiana, PA, President-Elect; and Robert Weaver, Conemeugh Valley Memorial Hospital, Johnstown, PA, National Council Delegate.

A seminar on a variety of topics is now being planned for September. The seminar, expected to be for two days, will take place in the DuBois, PA, area.

—Christine Woodrum

Rocky Mountain Chapter

Cardiovascular nuclear medicine and emission tomography were featured at a symposium sponsored by Searle Radiographics at the Stouffer Inn in Denver, CO, June 4, 1977. August Miale, Jr., MD, from Miami, J. T. Willerson, MD, from Dallas, and H. Schelbert, MD, from San Diego were featured speakers.

Plans are underway for the 1978 Annual Meeting of the Rocky Mountain Chapter. The meeting will be held in Albuquerque, probably in early April. Among the activities being considered is a trip to Los Alamos Scientific Laboratory with a special scientific session to be held in the Laboratory's new meeting facility. Also under consideration are two simultaneous sessions, one for nuclear medicine technologists and one for radiopharmacists. In both cases, workshops in special procedures, such as ^{125}I fibrinogen uptake measurements and clinical radiopharmaceutical investigations, are likely to be included.

The Chapter President is Robert Appledorn, Div. of Nuclear Medicine, University of New Mexico.

Members of the Rocky Mountain Chapter who would like to pass along suggestions for the 1978 program are urged to write: Buck Rhodes, Radiopharmacy, University of New Mexico, Albuquerque, NM 87137.

—Toussaint Battison

Southeastern Chapter

Plans are nearing completion for the Southeastern Chapter Annual Meeting to be held at the Hyatt House in Winston Salem, NC, Oct. 12-15, 1977. A continuing education program for the Technologist Section entitled, "Highlighting the 1977 Multichannels of Nuclear Medicine," will consist of: "How to make Personal Progress on Purpose," by David Swartz, PhD; "Professional and Personal Liability for the Technologist: Appreciating and Avoiding the Pitfalls," by Roger Bley, MD Dr. Bley is also a lawyer); "Technologist-Physician Relationship," by C. Douglas Maynard, MD; "Comparison of Nuclear Medicine, Ultrasound and Computerized Tomography Imaging," by Donald G. Ward; and "Everything You Wanted to Know about Multichannel Analyzers but Were Afraid to Ask," by Rodney C. Williams, MS, and Henry M. Chilton, PharmD.

Start making plans now to attend. Continuing education units for the program will be requested from VOICE and ECE.

Candidates for the Southeastern Chapter Technologist Section for 1977-1978 are Marsha Baggett and Doug Weitzel for President-Elect, and James Sims for National Council Delegate.

An official request to the Chapter from the technologists stating that the technologists' group wishes to be recognized as the "Technologist Section, Southeastern Chapter, Society of Nuclear Medicine," was issued.

The Sixth Annual Spring Meeting of the Florida Nuclear Medicine Technologists was successful. Plans are underway for a Second Annual Winter Meeting. The new president for the FNMT for 1977 is Janet Brandon.

At the present time, there are active groups in East Tennessee, West Tennessee, and the Nashville area. Plans are underway to bring these groups together for a state meeting to be held Oct. 1, 1977, in Nashville. The East Tennessee Organization of Nuclear Medicine

Technologists' next meeting is being planned for Oct. 29 or 30. The West Tennessee Nuclear Medicine Technologists met on Apr. 30, 1977, in Memphis to establish a constitution, and bylaws, elect officers, and attend continuing education sessions for PAR credits. Monthly meetings will be held on the first Tuesday of the month at different hospitals in the area.

—Ann Cox

Southern California Chapter

On July 14 a dinner meeting was held to discuss the current status of national and state technologist licensure. The discussion was led by Dorothy Price of the Northern California Chapter and Joan Herbst, National Council Delegate from the Southern California Chapter. There was also a discussion on the Nuclear Medicine Technologist Certification Board.

On Aug. 26-28, a weekend workshop was held in San Diego to discuss present and future personnel requirements in federal nuclear medicine laboratories. An exciting night out at the San Diego Wild Animal Park followed. A buffet dinner and dancing to music provided by a live band also highlighted the evening.

—Dennis Del'Homme

Southwestern Chapter

The Southwest Chapter would like to commend all those responsible for the Technologist Sessions of the Chicago meeting. We enjoyed all the activities in the Windy City, especially the Tech Party.

Most of the Southwest Chapter has been in a summer mood. All the sections are reporting limited activities for the summer but are indicating great enthusiasm for the Fall and, in most cases, a new group of officers and programs.

Joe C. Leonard, MD, presented a program on gallium scanning at the

July 6 meeting of the Central Oklahoma Section. New officers will be elected this month at the September meeting.

The Ark-La-Techs meeting was held July 21. A report of the Chicago trip from Glenda Davidson of Highland Hospital, Doretta Hutto of Willis-Knighton, and Shirley Ledbetter of VA Hospital was presented.

The North Texas Technologist Section closed another very successful year with the election of officers. Regular bimonthly meetings are scheduled to resume again in September. A sincere thanks goes to all officers who worked this past year to make this a memorable one: Art Hall, Chairman, and Jennifer Fisher, Vice-Chairman and VOICE representative. Newly elected officers for the coming fall will be George Pifer, Chairman, and Jay Lippert, Vice-Chairman.

The Houston Technologist Section has just elected new officers. Lee Fredericks, Memorial City General Hospital, is President; Chuck Lazzarre, President-Elect from Hermann Hospital, is planning tech-

nologist-oriented programs. The new officers hope to place heavy emphasis on continuing education at the local level and to involve every technologist in our area.

The Northeastern Oklahoma Society of Nuclear Medicine Technologists held its quarterly meeting June 7 in Tulsa at Oklahoma Osteopathic Hospital. The scientific program, presented by Dean Fullingim, MD, was "Computer Applications in Nuclear Medicine." Part of Dr. Fullingim's presentation was a demonstration of a newly installed DEC Gamma-II system.

The Southwestern Chapter will provide a placement service for technologists and hospitals. This service will provide a current list of openings and technologists seeking positions. The service will not enter into the negotiations between the technologist and the hospital. All inquiries will be held in strict confidence unless the technologist wishes his name to be made available. This information will be maintained by the President-Elect. Inquiries can be made to Tom Kay,

USAF School of Aerospace Medicine/NGIR, Brooks AFB, TX 78235.

—George E. Pifer

News from Overseas

Puerto Rico

The Society of Nuclear Medicine of Puerto Rico had its Annual Meeting at the Condado Holiday Inn, May 27-28. The guest speaker for the occasion was Richard Reba, MD. A symposium on "Challenges to Nuclear Medicine: Socio-economic Perspectives," was another feature of the program.

During the administrative session, the Ultrasound 1978 and American College of Nuclear Physicians 1979 Annual Meetings to be held in Puerto Rico were discussed among other topics. The meeting was well attended by nuclear medicine physicians and technologists.

—Rafael Bernabe-Prida