

# News from the Chapters

## Central Chapter

The Central Chapter held its Annual Fall Meeting on Oct. 1 and 2 in Marshfield, WI. The topic of the meeting was "Nuclear Medicine in Endocrinology and Metabolism." A quality control workshop for technologists, held Sept. 30 at St. Joseph's Hospital, was sponsored by the Milwaukee area technologists. Technologists attending the meeting were able to obtain PAR and CEU credits through VOICE.

The Spring Meeting will be held in Indianapolis at the Hyatt Regency March 29-Apr. 2. Four programs are being submitted for VOICE approval, each offering 0.5 CEU credits for those who attend and successfully complete evaluation. They are as follows: Nuclear Cardiology and the Technologist; Education in Nuclear Medicine Technology; Quality Control and the Technologist; and Planning or Renovation of a Nuclear Medicine Clinic. For information on the technologist program, contact John Allen, Nuclear Radiology Dept., Methodist Hospital, 1604 N. Capitol Ave., Indianapolis, IN 46202.

The new President-Elect of the Central Chapter Technologist Section is David T. Williams. David is chief technologist at Marymount Hospital, Dept. of Nuclear Medicine, Garfield, OH. He is also President of the Northern Ohio Society of Nuclear Technologists, chairperson of the Central Chapter Technologist Section's Legislative and Membership Committees, and a member of the National Committee for Continuing Education.

The resolution of the Ad Hoc Committee on Central Chapter/Technologist Section Relationships was presented to the general membership in Marshfield. It was voted upon and passed and the bylaws were amended to include technologist members on those committees of the Central Chapter that directly affect the

technologist membership, i.e., Program, Continuing Education, and Publication Committees.

Audiovisual educational programs will be available by March 1978 from the Central Chapter. Individual programs are 30-45 minutes long and include approximately 70 slides. The suggested selling price is \$35 for members and \$45 for nonmembers. For information contact Sue Weiss, Div. of Nuclear Medicine, The Children's Memorial Hospital, 2300 Children's Plaza, Chicago, IL 60614.

We are pleased to announce that the State of Indiana has proclaimed the week of June 19-25 as "Nuclear Medicine Technology Week." Wouldn't it be nice if every state proclaimed similar recognition? Does anyone know his Governor or Representative? If you do, why not pursue it!?

—Dorian Soper-Marks

## Greater New York Chapter

The Greater New York Chapter held its Annual Fall Meeting on Saturday, Nov. 12. The technologists were guests of the physicians and heard lectures on mathematical applications in nuclear medicine technology. Technologists were able to earn up to 0.5 CEU credits for their participation.

The Greater New York Chapter's 7th Annual Spring Symposium plans have been completed. The Symposium will be held on Mar. 31-Apr. 1, 1978, at the Howard Johnson Motor Hotel in Atlantic City, NJ. Lectures and workshops will be offered on the following topics: registry review; nuclear cardiology; diagnostic imaging aspects; and T<sub>1</sub> quality control workshops, which will consist of 2 hours of lectures and 3 hours of hands-on activity.

Applications for CEU credit through VOICE are pending at this

time. Applications for 0.5 CEU credits have been made individually for the cardiology, imaging aspects, and quality control workshops. Application for 1.0 CEU credit for the registry review has also been made.

Several social functions have been scheduled for the evening. 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 Gallamore

## Hawaii Chapter

After plenty of summertime fun in the Hawaiian sun, our chapter presented its first continuing education program. This past Sept. 24, a symposium on "Updated Nuclear Cardiology" was sponsored by Searle Radiographics. Participating faculty from California included Daniel Berman, MD, Elias Botvinick, MD, and Richard Meyers, MD. They spoke on such topics as radionuclides and stress testing, left ventricular function, and multi-gated imaging.

The successful turnout at the symposium has encouraged our chapter's efforts for future activities. Tentatively, we are arranging a radiation safety course through the University of Hawaii in February and a joint state convention with Radiologic Technologists in May of 1978.

—Christina Carlson

## Mideastern Chapter

On Oct. 28-29, 1977, the Chapter held its Annual Fall Meeting in Old Town Alexandria, VA. This was another joint meeting of technologists, scientists, and physicians. The program included the following discussions: A Patient as a Total Being; Maslow's Theory of Hierarchy; Basic Nuclear Cardiology; and Hepatobiliary Imaging. The program was submitted for approval to earn 0.5

CEUs and 6 PAR credits through the VOICE program.

The Washington Area Council held a meeting on Sept. 16, 1977. Dr. Bertram Sauerbrunn was the guest speaker on the topic, "Correlation of Nuclear Medicine and Ultrasound." The Maryland Association of Nuclear Medicine Technology held a meeting on Sept. 14, 1977. Dr. Terry Rehn spoke on "Cardiac Anatomy and Physiology." Lou Izzo was present at both of these meetings to speak about the VOICE program. Both organizations planned meetings for November.

Sally Merchant has agreed to serve as the VOICE representative for this area.

—Janice McVey

### Missouri Valley Chapter

The new officers of the Missouri Valley Chapter are: President—Kathleen Johnson; President-Elect—David Phegley; and Secretary-Treasurer—Susan Christie.

The Missouri Valley Chapter's Annual Meeting was held Oct. 21–23, in St. Louis, MO. Technologists, physicians, and scientists turned out in large numbers for the program.

—Kathleen Johnson

### New England Chapter

The New England Chapter turned out for its Annual Fall Meeting on Oct. 22 and 23. The technologist papers included fibrinogen procedures, gallium case reports, and an enlightening review of how best to fill out a resume. A lecture was given on the new emission CT scanners and the work being done at an area hospital.

The business meeting saw the gavel change hands as Robert English, elected last spring, officially took office. The new administration promises a busy year for the New England group.

—Cecile Gaigals

### Pacific Northwest Chapter

The computer workshop held at the Swedish and VA Hospitals in October was well attended. A big thanks to Pat Avery from the Denver area who was guest speaker. Two more VOICE workshops worth more than just interest will be held this December in Portland on "Quality Assurance for Scintillation Cameras." Another will be held in the Spring on Radioimmunoassay, in the Spokane area. Check with Gary Enos (Continuing Education Chairperson) at Holy Family Hospital, Spokane, for information about monthly scan meetings and workshops.

In the Portland area be sure to check with VA Hospital about scan meetings and workshops.

Please think about papers, poster exhibits, and otherwise now for the Annual Pacific Northwest Spring Meeting in Port Ludlow.

Look for more information from Shelly Dooling Hartnett on monthly scan meetings for technologists in the Seattle area.

—Danielle Scudder

### Rocky Mountain Chapter

A new position at the Indiana School of Medicine has caused Robert Appledorn to resign as President of the Technologist Section, Rocky Mountain Chapter. President-Elect Fred Pitman, University Heights Hospital, Albuquerque, NM, assumed the office immediately.

The Rocky Mountain Chapter attended the Society of Nuclear Medicine's Annual Western Regional Meeting, held in Las Vegas Oct. 21–23, 1977, at the Aladdin Hotel. The meeting covered: Pediatric Nuclear Medicine; Emergency Nuclear Medicine; Computed Tomography Scans and Nuclear Medicine; Bone Studies; Imaging Studies of Tumors and Abscesses; the Cardiovascular System; and Ultrasound.

Technologists seeking positions in the Rocky Mountain Area should contact Paul Christian, University

of Utah Medical Center, Salt Lake City, UT.

—Toussaint Battison

### Southeastern Chapter

The VOICE-approved continuing education program held at the Southeastern Chapter Technologist Section's Annual Meeting on Oct. 14, 1977, was well attended by technologists in the southeastern states.

Florida nuclear medicine technologists held their 2nd Annual Meeting on Nov. 10 and 11 in Riviera Beach, FL. The bill for licensing NMTs in the state of Florida, which did not make it through the Legislature, was discussed. Two successful meetings have been held this year.

The Kentucky Society of Nuclear Medicine Technologists held its 1st Annual Spring Symposium June 10 and 11 at Mammoth Cave National Park. Richard Spencer was elected President.

After three years of work, Central Mississippi nuclear medicine technologists have directed their attorney to file an application with the Secretary of the State for the Charter for the Mississippi Society of Nuclear Medicine. The Society will consist of physicians, scientists, and technologists with an active interest in the field of nuclear medicine. Tentative plans are to establish northern, central, and southern districts of the Technologist Section for the purpose of having local educational meetings throughout the year. The Central Area Technologists met recently in Jackson, MS, and elected officers.

Western Tennessee Nuclear Medicine Technologists held their Fall Meeting on Sept. 10. The group has met monthly since the organizational meeting in April. The Executive Council of the Eastern Tennessee Organization of Nuclear Medicine Technologists met on July 23. The 1st Annual Tennessee Nuclear Medicine Technologists Meeting was held on Oct. 1 in Nashville. Harold Hodges was elected President of this group. Jennifer Matthews, Pres-

ident of the Southeastern Chapter Technologist Section, attended the Tennessee meeting to assist in organizational endeavors.

All of the Southeastern states are now organized on a state level.

—Ann Cox

### **Southern California Chapter**

We are pleased to have been hosts for the 2nd Annual Western Regional Meeting of the Society of Nuclear Medicine. The meeting was held this year in Las Vegas, NV, from Oct. 21-23, 1977. Special thanks should go to the Program Chairpersons Naomi Alazraki, MD, and Sally Van Ormer. Interest in this meeting was high, as evidenced by the fact that 1,100 persons and 26 commercial exhibitors attended.

On Oct. 18, the Southern California Chapter's election meeting was held and new officers were either installed or elected. They are: Gerald Graber—President; Joan Herbst—President-Elect; Francine Aguilar—Vice President; Darlene Huang—Secretary-Treasurer; Susan Swanson—National Delegate Alternate; and Dennis Del'Homme—National Delegate. My address is 4647 Zion Ave., Dept. of Nuclear Medicine, Kaiser-Permanente Medical Center, San Diego, CA 92120.

The Chapter's Education Committee is presently conducting a 20-week series of basic concepts in diagnostic ultrasound with computerized body scanning and tomographic nuclear scanning correlations. The lecture series is to run from Sept. 26, 1977, to Mar. 20, 1978. William Sample, MD, Assistant Professor of Radiologic Science, and Chief, Section of Ultrasound and Computerized Body Scanning, UCLA, is conducting the program. A lecture series in nuclear medicine and a review course for nuclear medicine registry are also being conducted.

The lecture series is being taught by Stephen Graham, PhD, and Clayton Douglas from Nov. 9, 1977, to May 3, 1978. The registry review began Oct. 29, 1977 and will continue until Nov. 12, 1977.

—Dennis Del'Homme

### **Southwestern Chapter**

The Southwestern Chapter's activities seem to be growing this fall. Plans for the 23rd Annual Southwestern Chapter Meeting, to be held Mar. 16-18, 1978, in Little Rock, AR, are nearing completion. The meeting will be held at the Camelot Inn and adjoining Convention Center. Scientific teaching sessions will be centered around the cardiovascular system. Deadline for submission of abstracts is Dec. 15.

This year the Chapter is encouraging technologists and physicians to enter scientific exhibits. During the last few years, this area of the meeting has declined. As an added incentive, \$50 cash prizes will be awarded to the first-place technologist and physician exhibits; \$25 will be awarded to the two second-place exhibits. Third-place winners, as well as first- and second-place winners, will receive certificates.

The Ark-La Techs held their last meeting Oct. 20. Ray Jisha, a Radiation Safety Officer at LSU Medical Center, spoke on the "Health Physics Aspects of Radioiodine Treatment."

The North Texas Technologist Section has begun another promising year. Their first bimonthly meeting took place Sept. 15. The program topic was cardiovascular nuclear medicine. A radiopharmaceutical quality control workshop was held at St. Paul's Hospital in Dallas, Oct. 21. Some 47 persons attended; 0.6 CEU credits were available.

The San Antonio Section notes that Incarnate Word College awarded its first B.S. degree in nuclear med-

icine science to Thomas D. Kay, President-Elect, of the Southwestern Chapter Technologist Section. There are now more than 30 students in this IWC program.

Officers of the Houston Section kicked off the year with a big fall barbecue at Clear Lake in the Bay area. Despite threatening weather, 45 members and guests had a marvelous time. Their September meeting featured John Heavin, who presented a program on radiopharmaceutical QC.

Houston College is well on the way with its associate degree program. Carl Baker is the coordinator of the nuclear medicine technology program.

—George E. Pifer

## **News from Overseas**

### **Puerto Rico**

The Committee of Continuing Medical Education of Bayamon, in conjunction with Melendez Hospital, Brenes Hospital, San Pablo Hospital, University of Puerto Rico School of Medicine, Puerto Rico Department of Health, Bayamon Regional Hospital, Dr. I. Gonzalez Martinez Oncologic Hospital, and the Puerto Rico Society of Nuclear Medicine presented a comparative evaluation of noninvasive procedures in clinical medicine including computerized tomography, ultrasound, and nuclear medicine on Oct. 10-15, 1977.

The speakers for the activity, which took place at the Convention Center in San Juan, included well-known authorities on nuclear medicine and ultrasound from leading medical institutions in the United States.

—Rafael Bernabe Prida