

# News from the Chapters

## Central Chapter

The Spring meeting of the Central Chapter was held Mar. 30–Apr. 1, in Indianapolis, IN. A host of commercial exhibits were presented in conjunction with an excellent technical program. John Allen and Sylvia Long are to be commended for their efforts as program coordinators.

The Fall meeting of the Central Chapter will be held in Ann Arbor, MI, Oct. 22 and 23. The topic of the meeting will be bone imaging.

The first series of audiovisual educational programs are now available through the Central Chapter. These programs are designed and professionally produced expressly for technologists. The programs, which are in a tape/slide format, are available to members (\$40) and non-members (\$50). Direct inquiries to: Audiovisual Division, Central Chapter Technologist Section, 247 East Ontario, Chicago, IL 60611.

A course in applied radiation protection entitled "ALARA and Nuclear Medicine," is being presented throughout the Chapter by the continuing education committee.

The results of the annual Central Chapter Technologist Section election are as follows: Greg Zeuske—President-Elect; Mark Wojciechowski—Secretary; and Denise Walters—Treasurer. The new officers will assume their positions at the close of the Society of Nuclear Medicine's 25th Annual Meeting. We wish to extend our congratulations and support to the new officers.

The Technologist Section members of the Central Chapter wish to express their gratitude to their 1977–1978 officers. Their dedication and determination to uphold the quality of nuclear medicine technology cannot be surpassed. John Allen—President; David Williams—President-Elect; Christine Pasterski—Secretary; and Gail Pearson—Treasurer,

we thank you sincerely for all of your time and efforts.

—*Dorian Soper-Marks*

## Greater New York Chapter

The 7th Annual Spring Symposium presented by the Greater New York Chapter was held at the Howard Johnson Regency Hotel, in Atlantic City, NJ, Mar. 31–Apr. 1, 1978. Participants heard lectures on cardiovascular and diagnostic imaging applications, as well as a T-4 quality control workshop and the usual registry review.

The New York Chapter physicians held their meeting concurrently as guests of the Technologist Section. Approximately 785 participants made this the largest meeting the Greater New York Chapter has ever held.

VOICE credits were awarded to eligible technologists.

Our social activities included a cocktail party and dance on Friday night and a banquet and dance on Saturday; the 1978 officers were also installed then.

Plans are now in the making for our Fall meeting to be held in Philadelphia.

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

—*Gary Gallamore*

## Hawaii Chapter

Our First Annual State Convention at Del Webb's Kuilima Hotel was a great success. We chose as speakers local physicians from each of the nuclear medicine departments on Oahu. The general topic of the convention was "Dynamic Studies." Lectures were presented on venography, cerebral blood flows,

myocardial blood pooling, the physics of dynamic flow, and the radiopharmaceuticals used in dynamic studies. But it wasn't all work that weekend: after conclusion of the scientific sessions, technologists participated in both golf and tennis tournaments. At night, the dice were rolling at casino night. It was such good fun and we hope to do it again next year.

Our only education program planned to date will be in the fall. Dee Bradford is currently arranging a Searle-sponsored workshop with the topic to be announced.

—*Christina Carlson*

## New England Chapter

The New England Chapter did its utmost to keep its technologists involved in spite of uncooperative winter weather. A two-day meeting was held in North Conway, NH, at the end of January to offer the widely scattered technologists of northern New England a chance to meet. Informal discussions and papers on a variety of topics were held in the mornings; then all adjourned to the ski slopes for the afternoons. The format was especially well received and should be repeated next year.

An all-day symposium on cardiology was held in Hartford, CT, on March 11. The Massachusetts group had to postpone several evening programs because of snow. It seems that a majority of area technologists are involved in evening courses, so an afternoon grassroots program was then scheduled for Mar. 31, 1978. It is hoped that this approach will draw a larger turnout.

The annual Spring Symposium was held in Newport, RI, on Apr. 28 and 29, 1978. The Friday afternoon session dealt primarily with aspects of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission and the Food and Drug Administration. On Saturday there were scientific papers, as well as our annual business meeting.

A new format was recently introduced: the *New England Journal of*

*Nuclear Medicine Technology*. The first issue, published January 1978, contained scientific articles, placement ads, technologist news, a calendar of events, and commercial advertising. It was a first-rate publication and we look forward to ensuing issues.

We hope that by the time this issue of the *Journal* is published many New Englanders will have confirmed their plans to attend the 25th Annual SNM Meeting in Anaheim. See you there!

—*Cecile Gaigals*

### Rocky Mountain Chapter

The Rocky Mountain Chapter of the Society of Nuclear Medicine held its 1978 Annual Meeting on Thursday Apr. 6, 1978. An in-depth exploration and critical analysis of the newest area of clinical pharmacy was featured. Concurrently, nuclear medicine technology sessions were presented with L. David Wells' lecture about "Quality Assurance of Patient Care in Nuclear Medicine" a feature. A special session at Los Alamos, including a tour of Los Alamos Scientific Laboratory/Linear Accelerator, and a bus trip through scenic Jemez Mountains were additional highlights. Also a "Country Lunch," complete with libations and mountain melodies, proved very popular.

—*Trudy Battison*

### Southeastern Chapter

The Southeastern Chapter Annual Meeting will be held November 1-4, 1978, in Birmingham, AL. For further information, contact Fran Kontzen, Nuclear Medicine Dept., V.A. Hospital, 700 South 19th St., Birmingham, AL 35233.

The Alabama Society of Nuclear Medicine held its Annual Meeting in Birmingham on May 11 and 12.

The Florida Nuclear Medicine Technologists Annual Meeting was

held May 11-13, in Daytona Beach. A registry review was offered with a mock registry exam and workshops in ultrasound, computerized tomography, film quality, RIA, and nuclear imaging.

An organization meeting of the Mississippi Society of Nuclear Medicine was held on Feb. 25 in Jackson, MS.

Barbara Horton, President of the SEC Technologist Section, spoke on the Nuclear Medicine Technology Certification Board at the North Carolina Society of Nuclear Medicine Technologists' Annual Meeting, which was held May 19 and 20, in Chapel Hill, NC.

The Third Annual Meeting of the South Carolina Society of Nuclear Medicine Technology took place in Columbia on March 10 and 11. Featured topic of this meeting was cardiovascular nuclear medicine.

Nashville, TN, was the setting for the Tennessee Society of Nuclear Medicine Technology Second Annual Meeting May 5-7, 1978. This CEU-approved program included an abdominal aspects of nuclear medicine session.

The Georgia Society of Nuclear Medicine Technologists held its annual meeting on February 24-25, 1978, in Savannah, GA. A CEU-eligible program on cardiovascular nuclear medicine was presented. Officers for 1978 are: President—Wanda Hibbard; President-Elect—Elaine Lee; Secretary—Sheila Allen; and Treasurer—Bonnie Jopling.

Doug Anderson, chairman of our Legislative Affairs Committee, has set up a legislative network for the Technologist Section in our Chapter. We have also started a Job Placement Service; Mary Maddox will be the Director. Any technologist who is a member of the Technologist Section, SNM, may obtain this service free of charge. Contact Mary Maddox, the School of Radiologic Technologies, Medical College of Georgia, Augusta, GA 30902, phone (404) 828-3691.

—*Ann Cox*

### Southern California Chapter

After a couple of relatively quiet months, Southern California is beginning to show a lot of increased activity. Our San Diego Segment held a well-attended dinner party for the installation of its new officers on Jan. 12, 1978. Our first weekend workshop was held May 13 and 14 in Palm Springs, CA. The subject was "How Nuclear Medicine Can Meet Oncology's Diagnostic Needs" and the program proved to be excellent. The second weekend workshop will probably be held in Santa Barbara with Desert Hot Springs as an alternative.

We are looking into a Technologist Finder Service to make available a listing of positions that are open in Southern California and also technicians who are looking for work in the area. More information will follow as plans are completed.

The nuclear medicine lecture series taught by Stephen Graham, PhD, and Clayton Douglas concluded May 3, 1978. In addition, a registry review course was held successfully on April 15 and 22 and May 6 to prepare for the May registry exam.

The Southern California Chapter is eagerly looking forward to seeing all of you at the 25th Annual Meeting of the Society in Anaheim. Plans are underway for a super technologists party at Knott's Berry Farm. We are in the process of printing a restaurant guide for the Anaheim area which will be included in the registration packet. In addition, we will have a hospitality suite in the Convention Center and invite everyone to come in and meet the technologists from Southern California.

Hope to see you all in June.

—*Sue Swanson*

### Southwestern Chapter

The Southwestern Chapter of the Society of Nuclear Medicine held its Annual Meeting in Little Rock, AR, Mar 17-19. New officers elected for

the 1978-1979 term are: Tom Kay—President; Sister Bernard Ann Ruebusch—President-Elect; Margaret Perry—Secretary-Treasurer; Don Kunday—Scientific and Teaching Sessions Chairman; Art Hall and Marvin Strickland—Nominating Committee. Approximately 300 people attended what was felt to have been one of the best meetings ever. San Antonio, TX will be the site of the next Annual Meeting in March 1979.

The North Texas Technologist Section held its cardiovascular nuclear medicine Spring Symposium April 14 and 15; more than 200 people attended. Speakers included: Louis Buja, MD, James Willerson, MD, Ernest M. Stokely, PhD, Samuel E. Lewis, MD, Robert Parkey, MD, and Donald Twieg, PhD. All these lecturers are from the University of Texas, Southwestern Medical School.

The Houston Section has sponsored registry reviews on April 15 and 29, and May 6 and 13.

The New Orleans Society held elections: Jack Martin was elected President and Jean Vaughn was elected Secretary-Treasurer. The office of President-Elect is still open. Their annual banquet will be in June.

The Central Oklahoma Technol-

ogist Section's group project—Calibration of Dose Calibrators in Greater Oklahoma City Hospitals—was accepted to be presented at the 25th Annual Meeting in Anaheim, CA. The project was coordinated by Laurie Proctor, Dan Patrick, and Vernon Fickin, and will be presented by Ms. Proctor. Their bimonthly meeting will be held in Edmond, on May 3, 1978. The topic for discussion will be proposed legislation for state licensure of nuclear medicine technologists in Oklahoma.

—George E. Pifer

## News from Overseas

### **Puerto Rico**

A program leading to a B.S. degree in nuclear medicine technology and ultrasound has been established at the University of Puerto Rico Medical Sciences Campus, with the cooperation of the Society of Nuclear Medicine of Puerto Rico and the nuclear medicine facilities operating here.

This achievement reflects the common interests and efforts of all the institutions involved and it makes possible the utilization of the existing facilities and equipment, as well as the academic potential available in the participating facilities, to further nuclear medicine.

The academic program consists of three years of study in the field of natural sciences at the college level and one year of theory and clinical experiences in nuclear medicine and ultrasound. The technologist in nuclear medicine and ultrasound will have to show competence in several areas such as patient care, dexterity in the performance of the procedures related to the profession, and administrative duties.

The student technologist will be trained to offer service of the highest quality and at the same time share certain teaching and clinical research duties with the nuclear medicine physician.

The program is part of the College of Allied Health Professions of the University of Puerto Rico School of Medicine. At the present time there are five students engaged in the program; they are expected to finish their training and obtain their degrees in June, 1978.

—Rafael Bernabe-Prida