

News from the Chapters

Central Chapter

The fall meeting of the Central Chapter was held on Oct. 21 and 22 in Ann Arbor, MI. The topic of the meeting was Skeletal Imaging, with all sessions and presentations directly related to that topic.

The spring meeting of the Central Chapter will be held at the Chicago Marriott Hotel, Chicago, IL, on Feb. 22 and 23, 1979. For the first time, we will be holding conjoint sessions for physicians and technologists. The first session will contain an overview of pediatric nuclear medicine; the second, a data manipulation section, will demonstrate the multiple applications of computers in a nuclear medicine department. The third session will be devoted to practical applications of unusual clinical procedures. All sessions are approved for VOICE credits.

The Central Chapter wishes to extend its congratulations to those who passed the NMTCB certification examination. The overall participation of those who took the exam, and those who are now certified, reflects a concern for the needed establishment of nuclear medicine technology as its own entity.

Finally, we would like to wish everyone the happiest of holidays and hope that the new year brings joy and peace.

—Dorian Soper-Marks

Greater New York Chapter

The Fall Meeting of the Greater New York Chapter was held on Saturday, Nov. 11, 1978, at the University Hilton Hotel in Philadelphia. The entire session was devoted to quality control and covered such subjects as gamma cameras, dose calibrators, radiopharmaceuticals, and radioimmunoassay. Scientific papers and exhibits by chapter technologists presented at the Annual Meeting in Anaheim were again presented to give members of our chapter who could not attend the Anaheim Meeting an opportunity to hear these papers and view the exhibits contributed by members of our chapter.

The Eighth Annual Spring Symposium will take place on Mar. 23 and 24, 1979, at the Regency Hotel in Atlantic City, NJ. Topics to be covered at this meeting include such subjects as com-

puter technology, a clinical update on in vivo procedures including the newest investigational procedures, and an overview of in vitro nuclear medicine to include such topics as research, development, and automation of procedures. A two-day registry review will also be offered.

Our usual social events will take place in the evenings. A Friday night disco and our Saturday night dinner dance are only two of the highlights scheduled for the evenings. After the Saturday evening dinner dance, technologists who wish to continue their evening may attend the late show at the Resorts International Hotel taking advantage of special rates that have been offered to us.

For further information contact: Jim Wilson, Nuclear Medicine Dept., St. Michael's Hospital Newark, NJ 07102.

—Gary D. Gallamore

Mideastern Chapter

The Mideastern Chapter Technologist Section is planning its Annual Fall Meeting for Oct. 27 and 28 in Old Town Alexandria, VA. The program will include Computer Roles, RIA, Stress Cardiology, Thyroid Testing, and Portable Imaging; VOICE credit will be offered.

The Maryland Association of Nuclear Medicine Technology held a dinner meeting in September. Larry Holder, MD, spoke on "Renal Imaging."

The Chapter's VOICE representative is Harish Vaidya. Susan Litrenta is our new Membership Chairman. Susan and Harish are both in Washington, DC.

—Janice McVey

New England Chapter

The 14th Annual Fall Meeting of the New England Chapter was held in Hartford, CT, on Oct. 7-8, 1978, in conjunction with physicians. There were 225 in attendance, including 126 technologists. A varied program was offered with teaching sessions for both technologists and physicians.

New technologists officers installed at the business meeting include: Jim Wirrell, Boston City Hospital—Presi-

dent; Richard Tucker, St. Elizabeth's; Hospital—Vice President; Susan Tucker, Bunker Hill College—Secretary; Maureen Monahan, Worcester City Hospital—Treasurer; and Robert English, Burbank Hospital—National Council Delegate.

Plans are being formulated now for the spring symposium to be held in April.

—R. Faye Lavoice

Pacific Northwest

The Pacific Northwest Chapter, Technologist Section, sponsored a VOICE-approved program, "Cardiovascular Anatomy and Physiology for Nuclear Medicine Technologist," at the Western Regional III Meeting, held in Vancouver, British Columbia. Over 120 technologists attended the educational and scientific sessions.

The Seattle area technologists are continuing their monthly meetings featuring guest speakers, on a rotating hospital basis.

On Mar. 24, 1979 (Saturday), the PNW Chapter will be sponsoring a VOICE-approved program "Radio-pharmaceutical Quality Control," given by the Bureau of Radiologic Health for anyone interested. It will be held in the Health Sciences Complex at the University of Washington Hospital. More information will be sent to technologists at a later date. For further information, contact Shelley D. Hartnett, Harborview Medical Center (206) 223-3303.

—Shelly D. Hartnett

Puerto Rico Chapter

Several physicians, a technologist, and a biochemist from Puerto Rico attended the Second International Congress in Nuclear Medicine and Biology held in Washington, DC.

Those who were present at the technologist sessions heard representatives from several countries talk about the practice of nuclear medicine technology in their respective areas. Puerto Rico was not represented, so I think it is in order to delineate very briefly the present state of the art in the island.

Those engaged in the practice of nu-

clear medicine technology in Puerto Rico do not have to be college graduates although some possess a B.S. degree or higher. No examination is required but certification by the NMTCB is especially encouraged. Some took the examination in September 1978 and others applied for recognition of previous certifications. We have a nuclear medicine and ultrasound technology program, which is part of the college of Allied Health Professions of the School of Medicine of the University of Puerto Rico, leading to a B.S. degree.

The technologist does the quality control procedures, injects radiopharmaceuticals if allowed by the supervising physicians, does not prepare radiopharmaceuticals as such and does not specialize in any particular phase of nuclear medicine technology.

Salary depends on education, experience, duties, responsibilities, and place of employment.

—*Rafael Bernabe-Prida*

Rocky Mountain Chapter

The Rocky Mountain Chapter once again will sponsor a Nuclear Medicine Conference; it will be held at the Executive Tower Inn in Denver on Apr. 5-7, 1979. Current trends in nuclear cardiology will be the major topic.

The Utah subchapter sponsored an open discussion on "State Licensure of Nuclear Medicine Technologists" recently at the Utah Medical Center. Deletion of "Nuclear Medicine Technologist"

from a proposed radiologic technology licensure bill was passed with a 98% vote. A letter was sent to the USRT requesting the deletion of Nuclear Medicine Technologists.

—*Trudy Battison*

Southeastern Chapter

The Florida Nuclear Medicine Technologists have combined efforts with the Clinical Radioassay Society of Florida to sponsor a joint meeting on "Recent Advances in Radioassay and Data Reduction." The conference is to be held on Jan. 11-13, 1979, at the Eden Roc Hotel in Miami Beach, FL. For further information, contact Doug Anderson, Dept. of Nuclear Medicine, Doctors Hospital of Lake Worth, Lake Worth, FL 33461.

September 22-23, 1978, were the dates of the North Carolina Nuclear Medicine Technologists, Inc. fall seminar. It was held in Fayetteville, NC.

Plans are underway for the Fifth Annual Meeting of the Georgia Society of Nuclear Medicine Technologists. This meeting will be held in Macon on Mar. 9 and 10, 1979. Their intent is to have a VOICE-approved renal program for technologists in Georgia and the Southeast.

A biannual meeting of the Kentucky Society of Nuclear Medicine Technologists was held on Sept. 9, 1978, in Frankfort, KY. In addition to the educational courses, new officers were installed.

On Sept. 30, 1978, the East Tennessee Organization of Nuclear Medicine Technologists held their fall meeting in Knoxville. Plans are underway for the TSNMT Third Annual Spring Meeting to be held at the fabulous Opryland Hotel in Nashville on May 12-13, 1979. Harold Hodges has recently been appointed to serve as Associate Editor for the *Journal of Nuclear Medicine Technology*.

Other technologist appointments from our chapter include Wanda Hibbard and James Sims, who have been appointed to the Continuing Education Review Board. James Sims will serve as Chairman this year. Fran Kontzen has been appointed Chairman of the Bylaws Committee, Technologist Section, SNM. Huey Barnett will serve on the Scientific Program Committee. Barbara Horton has been appointed Chairman of the Government Affairs Committee, Technologist Section, SNM.

The American College of Nuclear Physicians is holding a meeting of special interest to medical technologists and nuclear medicine technologists. It will be held at the Condado Holiday Inn, San Juan, Puerto Rico, Feb. 28 through Mar. 4, 1979. Topics ranging from imaging to federal regulations are included in the program. Both VOICE and PACE credits have been requested. Highlight of the meeting will be the appearance of Keynote Speaker Nobel Laureate, Rosalyn Yalow, PhD. For additional information, contact Lawrence R. Muroff, MD, Dept. of Nuclear Medicine, University Community Hospital, 3100 East Fletcher Ave., Tampa, FL 33612.

—*Ann Cox*