

# News from the Chapters

## Central Chapter

The Continuing Education Committee program for 1979, "Nuclear Cardiology for the Technologist," has been a huge success this year. The course covered basic cardiac anatomy and physiology, as well as the routine performance of nuclear cardiology testing. Most important, it brought continuing education to the technologists, providing us with a convenient and inexpensive means by which we can keep abreast of the field.

We regret to announce the resignation of our president, David T. Williams. He has done an outstanding job as president and as a member of various Central Chapter committees during the past few years. We will be forever indebted to him for his involvement.

With summer approaching, the local technologist groups throughout the Central Chapter will recess. During the past year, the overall local involvement has increased.

The fall meeting of the Central Chapter will be held in Flint, MI, Oct. 20-21, at the Hurley Medical Center. The program topic will be "Oncology in Nuclear Medicine."

—Dorian Soper-Marks

## Greater New York Chapter

The Technologist Section in conjunction with physicians of the Greater New York Chapter held its spring symposium in Atlantic City, NJ, on March 23-24.

The two-day symposium was attended by over 750 technologists and physicians, who found a scientific program that offered something for everyone involved in nuclear medicine. Tracks on clinical imaging; instrumentation; computer applications; and radioassay were presented. CEU, PAR, and VUE credits were available for VOICE. Commercial exhibits—featuring the latest developments in nuclear medicine—were on display. The meeting was a tremendous success.

New officers were installed for the upcoming year and they have plans for a very exciting and educational year for the members of the chapter. Plans for the fall symposium are well underway; it will be held Oct. 25-28 in New York City.

—Jack Kozar

## Hawaii Chapter

The new year began with the installation of new officers: President—Alvin Leong (St. Francis Hospital); Vice President—Ruth Kaneshiro (Queen's Medical Center); and Secretary-Treasurer—Charmaine Koldon (Kuakini Medical Center).

Plans for our second annual meeting are near completion. It will be held at the Kuilima Resort Hotel on Memorial Day weekend. Our featured speaker will be Glen Hamilton, MD, from the VA Hospital in Seattle, WA. He will be speaking on nuclear cardiology; there will be three sessions. In addition, our local specialists will be lecturing on related topics.

We have also launched ourselves into a continuing education program directed by Steve Henderson of Mobile Medical. Speakers will address such topics as radiopharmacy; nuclear cardiology; and radiation protection and health physics.

—Ruth Y. Kaneshiro

## Mideastern Chapter

The Mideastern Chapter held its Ninth Annual Spring Meeting in Ocean City, MD, on April 5-8. Plans are now underway for our fall meeting to take place Oct. 19-20 in Old Town, Alexandria, VA. A review course is also being planned now for August—before the 1979 NMTCB examination on Sept. 15.

—Bonnie Clay

## Missouri Valley Chapter

Volunteers are needed to monitor legislative activity on licensure in every chapter state. Please contact a chapter officer or your local subsection officers if you are interested. We need your help!

Missouri technologists take heed. There is already licensure legislation before your state legislature. It is very important that you get involved now! Plans for the annual chapter meeting are proceeding well. Don't forget: Des Moines, IA, Oct. 12-14. Contact Karen Stuyvestant, Iowa Methodist Center, in Iowa City for more information.

—David J. Phegley

## New England Chapter

Our annual spring symposium was held on March 30 and 31, at the Sheraton Islander in Newport, RI. Topics included: computer applications and image display; educational requirements and programs; indium-111 labeled white cells; uniformity correction devices; collimator evaluation for In-111; teaching skills; and "scintillating cases."

New officers elected for the coming year are: President—Maureen Monahan; Vice President—Dayton Rich; Secretary—Cynthia Abreau; Treasurer—R. Faye Lavoice; and National Council Delegate—Wayne Cotnoir. President Jim Wirrell expressed his pleasure at the attendance of the meeting, with special thanks to Richard Tucker for a job well done as chairman of the Scientific Committee.

Plans are underway for the fall meeting in Boston, MA, on Oct. 13 and 14. Joint sessions will be held in the morning with the physicians, while the afternoon sessions will be devoted to separate physician and technologist sessions.

It is with regret that the Executive Committee has received the resignation of Bob English as National Council Delegate. Bob has begun a marketing career in nuclear medicine. Best wishes to him. Bob has been succeeded by Wayne Cotnoir.

—R. Faye Lavoice

## Northern California Chapter

The new officers for the Northern California Chapter are Marion Allen, President; Dwight Wolczak, President-Elect; Nancy Starr, Vice-President; Karin Roos, Secretary-Treasurer; and Laura Herradora Miller, National Council Delegate.

We are pleased that on Sept. 11, 1978, the state of California passed Assembly Bill 1545, which became effective Jan. 1, 1979. The bill requires the State Department of Health to establish standards of competence for nuclear medicine technologists. A committee will advise the State Department of Health on the formulation of regulations. The bill encompasses both in vivo and in vitro work.

Our midwinter meeting was held at the St. Francis Yacht Club in San Francisco on Jan. 31, 1979. The technologists' pro-

gram was a very interesting presentation on emission tomography by John W. Keys, MD, of the University of Michigan.

For our spring continuing education program we presented a series of six mini-meetings entitled "The Briefs," which dealt with patient care. Congratulations to Dwight Wolczak on his appointment to the Continuing Education Review Board of the VOICE program and many thanks to Laura Herradora Miller for her tireless efforts in job placement.

—Nancy L. Starr

### **Puerto Rico Chapter**

The American College of Nuclear Physicians held a nuclear medicine review course at the Condado Holiday Inn in San Juan Feb. 28 to March 3, 1979. A distinguished faculty discussed nuclear medicine topics of current interest from a balanced clinical perspective. We were fortunate to have with us Nobel Laureate Rosalyn S. Yalow, PhD, who delivered the keynote address and discussed the socio-economic aspects of radioimmunoassay. Other faculty members covered aspects of nuclear imaging and compared these studies to ultrasound and computed tomography examinations when applicable.

As added attractions, the local hosts and nuclear medicine physicians of Puerto Rico planned a special program of uniquely Puerto Rican cultural and social events such as the Puerto Rican National Folkloric Ballet, which presented a special program at the President's Reception. Also, the Puerto Rican Children's Choir presented a special tribute to Dr. Yalow. In addition, attendees were treated to a special fiesta in the beautiful Caribe Hilton gardens.

The President of the Technologist Section, Susan Weiss, visited us for the occasion.

—Rafael Bernabe-Prida

### **Rocky Mountain Chapter**

The Rocky Mountain Nuclear Medicine Conference was held April 5-7, 1979, in Denver, CO. It was cosponsored by the SNM-SNM-TS, and Presbyterian Medical Center. The program highlighted tomographic nuclear cardiology. Alexander Gottschalk, MD, of Yale University School of Medicine spoke on "Conventional Thallium Scanning." Michael L. Goris, MD, Stanford University School of Medicine, enlightened us on "Bare Bone Requirements and Luxury Gadgets for Nuclear Cardiology."

The Rocky Mountain Chapter held its

annual business meeting and our newly elected officers were announced: They are: President—William J. Baker; President-Elect—Dick Trow; Vice President (Utah)—Robert Beightol; Vice President (Colorado)—William Klingsmith, III; Vice President (New Mexico)—Fred Mettler, MD; Secretary-Treasurer—Toussaint Battison; and National Council Delegate—Rita Vigil.

—Toussaint P. Battison

### **Southeastern Chapter**

The Southeastern Chapter Annual Meeting will be held at the Hyatt House in Orlando, FL, Oct. 31–Nov. 3. The continuing education program will include an RIA workshop. Awards of \$75, \$50, and \$35 will again be presented to the technologists presenting the three best scientific papers. For more information contact Pat Reece, Div. of Nuclear Medicine, North Carolina Baptist Hospital, Winston-Salem, NC 27103.

The Alabama Society of Nuclear Medicine held its annual meeting in Mobile, AL, on May 11 and 12. Frank H. DeLand, MD, was a guest speaker.

The Eighth Annual Florida Society of Nuclear Medicine meeting was held in Tampa, FL, on May 3-5.

The Georgia Society of Nuclear Medicine Technologists held its annual meeting March 9 and 10 in Macon. The program was "Renal Studies in Nuclear Medicine."

Henry N. Wagner, Jr., MD, was a guest speaker for the North Carolina Annual Meeting held in Charlotte April 7.

The Tennessee Society of Nuclear Medicine Technologists held its annual meeting May 12 and 13 in Opryland on "Renal Studies in Nuclear Medicine." Susan Weiss, President of the Technologist Section, was guest speaker and installed the new officers.

A job placement service continues to operate in the organization headed by Mary Maddox. The service is free to technologists; for information call (404) 828-3691.

We are looking forward to having the SNM Annual Meeting in the SEC this June. See you in Atlanta!

—Marcia Boyd

### **Southern California Chapter**

The resignation of Joni Herbst as president of the Southern California Chapter was surprising to everyone, especially so to Vice President Bob Odelson who has assumed the position. After many active years as a technologist, Joni has gone into sales.

In April technologists from the Southern California area attended a Cardiovascular Nuclear Medicine Symposium in Anaheim conducted by the Harbor-UCLA Medical Center. The day-long event featured seven well-known speakers covering all aspects of current practice in this rapidly growing field. Emphasis was on methodology and quality control of the various techniques.

For a change of pace, in May the Southern California Chapter, Technologist Section, held an evening meeting at UCLA on lymph node scintigraphy using Tc-99m antimony colloid. Larry Greenfield, MD, from City of Hope in Duarte, CA, and Elaine DuFresne, NMT, from Sidney Farber Cancer Institute, Boston, MA, were guest speakers.

In June all eyes turn toward Atlanta, GA, and the SNM National Meeting. There will be an evening meeting sometime in July for a report from Dennis DelHomme, the National Council delegate.

—Frances Neagley

### **Southwestern Chapter**

With a successful Southwestern Chapter Annual Meeting behind us, the SWC Technologist Section is well into another busy and productive year. The emphasis this year will be on: continuing education; licensure; increasing membership; and improved communications with all levels of the Society of Nuclear Medicine.

The SWC Technologist Section has seven active local sections covering the four-state area of Louisiana, Arkansas, Oklahoma, and Texas with a membership of two hundred fifty. Several symposia, registry reviews, and workshops have been presented, the most recent being: radiopharmaceutical quality control—Houston section; dynamics in nuclear medicine—North Texas Section; and nuclear cardiology—Central Oklahoma Section.

Technologists of the SWC would like to express our gratitude to the 1978-79 officers, physicians, and all who have supported us with their dedication and determination.

—Margaret Perry