

News from the Chapters

Central Chapter

The Central Chapter and Hurley Medical Center, Flint, Michigan, will present Nuclear Medicine in Oncology, Oct. 20-21, 1979. The course objectives of the fall meeting will be an in-depth review of the use of nuclear medicine techniques in diagnosing, staging, following and treating malignant diseases. Areas reviewed will include the use of immunological techniques in detection and treatment, a review of thyroid carcinoma treatment and methods of following the patient, and an evaluation of tumor-specific imaging agents from both the pharmacological and clinical aspects. Correlation of other imaging modalities such as ultrasound and computed tomography will be presented. Radioassay techniques in tumor management will also be reviewed. The faculty includes clinicians as well as nuclear medicine specialists to allow an interplay between disciplines and facilitate an understanding of problems. The course is designed for clinical oncologists, nuclear medicine physicians and technologists.

With fall having arrived, the local technologists groups throughout the Central Chapter are busy preparing for their new educational tracks. These will include the computer applications program being presented in the fall by the Wisconsin Society of Nuclear Medicine Technologists (WSNMT).

The ATACA was held on Sept. 8th and 9th at Rush-Presbyterian, St. Lukes Hospital, Chicago, IL.

—Dorian Soper-Marks

Eastern Great Lakes

The Technologist Section of the Eastern Great Lakes Chapter has been inactive for some time. After the resignation of Chuck Henry as president of the Chapter, Sue Weiss recently appointed Margaret Jaconski (Rochester, NY) to assume this position until elections can be held.

A membership drive is planned to revitalize the Chapter. With licensure legislation before the New York State Legislature it is important for technologists to get involved in their professional organization now!

On May 4th, the spring meeting of the EGL Chapter was held at McMaster University Medical Centre in Hamilton, Ontario. For the first time, a technologists' workshop was held in conjunction with this meeting. Both the workshop in quality control and the presentation of scientific papers were well attended by technologists. The guest lecturer, Dr. William Oldendorf, Professor of Neurology, UCLA School of Medicine, spoke on "The Past, Present and Future of Brain Imaging".

—Ann M. Steves

Hawaii Chapter

Despite a few inconveniences in accommodations and scheduling during the busy Memorial Day weekend, the 2nd Annual Meeting of the Hawaii Chapter was a great success. The highlight of the convention was our guest speaker, Dr. Glen Hamilton. In addition to being an outstanding speaker, we found Dr. Hamilton to be a relaxed and amiable friend, eager to meet all of us on a personal basis. We enjoyed his very comprehensive lectures on nuclear cardiology, as well as the informal chats over lunch and cocktails. We are looking forward to our next meeting in 1980 and hope that we can match the standard Dr. Hamilton has set.

—Ruth Kaneshiro

Greater New York Chapter

This period of time finds the Chapter involved in activities associated with licensure of nuclear medicine technologists. Almost every state in the Chapter has some type of legislation pending in this area and I am pleased to announce that technologists are involved in almost every aspect of work to make sure of our representation.

Grass-roots meetings are planned for a future month and everyone looks forward to the fall Chapter meeting in New York. The main theme will be nuclear cardiology.

A special committee has been formed consisting of physicians and technolo-

gists, which will meet this summer to discuss increased participation by technologists on the chapter level. The Job Placement Service continues to operate in the Chapter through Jean Frey. For information call (516) 679-9268.

—John J. Kozar, III

Mideastern Chapter

The Mideastern Chapter would like to extend its congratulations to the newly-elected officers of the National Technologists Section. A special congrats to our own Michael Cianci, as he steps into the office of President-Elect. Good luck to all of you.

The Chapter Executive Committee has been busily planning several exciting events for the coming year. The new officers are: Christie Burkhead, President-Elect; Kay Hixson, Secretary; Charles Harrell, Treasurer; and the Nominating Committee: Don Hixson, Carolyn Billups, Sally Merchant and Jeff O'Neal. President Sue Bright announced her appointments for the coming year: Harish Vaidya, VOICE Representative; Bonnie Clay, Editor of the Newsletter and Publicity Chairperson; Nelly Kelty, Membership Chairperson; and Paul Cole, Bylaws Chairman.

A refresher and Registry review course was held Aug. 25-26 at Prince George's Community College. The course was sponsored by PGCC and G.E. Medical Systems.

The Annual Fall Meeting will be held on Oct. 19-20 at the Holiday Inn, Old Town, Alexandria, VA. Topics will include: Radiation Safety, Cardiovascular Nuclear Medicine, Basic Computers, a legal update and a C.P.R. course.

A computer workshop is also in planning for Sept. 21-22.

—Bonnie Clay

Missouri Valley Chapter

This is a final reminder on the Chapter meeting to be held next month, October 12-14. Make your plans now to attend. The topic this year will be "The Role of Nuclear Medicine in Oncology." We would like to extend our congratulations

and thanks in advance to the Des Moines area technologists, especially Karen Stuyvesant, for all the hard work and planning that obviously went into the program.

This will be our last issue as news writer for the Missouri Valley Chapter and we would like to take a few lines to thank all the chapter members for the privilege of serving them. We received much more than we gave.

—David J. Phegley

Pacific Northwest Chapter

The Chapter's membership is enthusiastically looking forward to the autumn get-together with our two west coast neighbors, the Northern and Southern California Chapters, at the Fourth Annual Western Regional Meeting, which will be held in Monterey, CA on Oct. 18-21.

A major concern of the present PNWC Tech Section administration is increasing the organization and activity at the sub-chapter level. A responsive chapter must have grass roots.

Congratulations go out to two PNWC members who have won election to national office in the Tech Section. They are Shelley Hartnett, Treasurer, and Mark Lanz, Finance Committee member.

—Roy McCulloch

Puerto Rico Chapter

The Puerto Rican Society of Nuclear Medicine had its annual convention in May at the Puerto Rico Medical Association facilities in San Juan. Among the activities there was a workshop on nuclear medicine quality control that included instrumentation, radiopharmaceuticals, diagnostic procedures by ROC analysis, *in vitro* tests, radio-immunoassays, and digoxin radio-immunoassay procedures pitfalls. After the presentations there was a panel discussion by the participants.

Dr. Freida Silva de Roldan, a Nuclear Medicine Board diplomate, is the President of the Society. Dr. Samuel Sostre, also a Board diplomate, is President-Elect.

—Rafael Bernabe Prida

Pittsburgh Chapter

A good turnout marked the spring gathering of the Pittsburgh Chapter. Speaking on "Radiation Safety and Protection in the field of Nuclear Medicine," Krishnadas Banerjee, PhD

provided an interesting lecture and discussion for our attendees.

—Thomas F. Pearce

Southeastern Chapter

Several educational tracks will be available for the technologists at the 20th Annual Southeastern Chapter Meeting in Orlando, FL., Oct. 31-Nov. 3. These will include a cardiac track, with a discussion workshop, pulmonary, renal, thyroid tracks, and an RIA workshop. There will be several opportunities for VOICE credits.

The second annual meeting of the Mississippi Society of Nuclear Medicine, which was held April 28 in Jackson, included an educational program on Nuclear Cardiology.

The Ohio Valley Society of Nuclear Medicine has held three educational meetings during the past year. The annual seminar will be held at Stouffer's in Dayton, OH, Sept. 29. A career overview of nuclear medicine will be the topic.

An educational program entitled "Hematological Studies in Nuclear Medicine" is planned for the biannual CEU meeting of the West Tennessee Organization of Nuclear Medicine Technologists in Memphis, Sept. 8.

A questionnaire was included in June *Newsletter* to the technologist regarding the status of the profession. Results will be presented at the annual meeting in Orlando.

—Marcia Boyd

Southern California Chapter

The month of July had no formal scientific meetings and afforded most of the membership an opportunity to enjoy the beautiful Southern California sunshine. The Executive Committee, however, was very busy responding to the National Council Delegate's report on the Atlanta meeting, and preparing election ballots for mailing Aug. 1.

In mid-August, a workshop on "New Imaging Modalities" was held at the Anaheim Convention Center. The day-long presentation offered VOICE credits and was well attended.

The enthusiastic response to the Medi-Physics and Squibb radiopharmaceutical plant tours last March prompted a return engagement in mid-September. Once again the limited spaces available meant that tardy registrants missed this enlightening event.

Ending the summer and this month will be a wine and cheese social, featuring the installation of new officers and a

VOICE information presentation. This should be a relaxing evening for making new friends and renewing old acquaintances.

—Frances Neagley

Southwestern Chapter

The Southwestern Chapter will hold its Annual Fall planning meeting on October 13, 1979 from 9:00am to 2:00pm at the Airport Holiday Inn West in Hurst, TX. All interested members are encouraged to attend.

The Annual SWC Meeting will be held in March in Houston, Texas. Plans are being made for two pre-meeting programs. The program topics are: The Legal Aspects of Nuclear Medicine Technology and a Registry Review.

The Ark La Tech Section would like to congratulate the 1979 graduating class of the VA Hospital School of Nuclear Medicine Technology in Shreveport, LA. The school has seven students currently enrolled in their program.

The Nuclear Medicine Technologists of Arkansas will hold their annual symposium on Sept. 21-22, 1979, in Little Rock, AR. The theme for this year's symposium is Nuclear Medicine—The State of the Art. For more information please contact Denise Jennings, University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences, Nuclear Medicine Department, 430 W. Markham, Little Rock, AR 72201.

The North Texas Technologist Section is planning a productive year, with emphasis on continuing education and increased involvement in the Society of Nuclear Medicine on both the chapter and national levels. In addition to their bimonthly meetings the NTTS will be sponsoring a computer workshop, a CPR workshop and their Annual Spring Symposium. The topic for the Symposium will be oncology. The NTTS would like to recognize their physician advisors for their excellent support and advice.

The Houston Area Technologists held their first installation banquet at the Cellar Door. Congratulations and good luck to these new officers.

—Margaret Perry