

News from the Chapters

Eastern Great Lakes Chapter

Many of our members are aware of a drastic change which has occurred in the E.G.L. Chapter. It's become successfully active!

Technologists who are not members of the E.G.L. Chapter but who read the *JNMT* and live in the area are probably asking themselves what benefits can be received by being a member of our Chapter. Here are just a few: this local organization is concerned with your professional career; your individual concerns in particular areas of nuclear medicine may be voiced through us; you will be kept up to date on current happenings in nuclear medicine, such as pertinent news on various legislation affecting our practice; you will also be made aware of local meetings which may be of interest to you; and other local technologists attitudes on particular issues will become apparent to you.

As professionals we need to be well organized. It is important that we as technologists keep our education current so as to upgrade our professional attitudes, abilities, and commitments. Those goals can be accomplished through the organized efforts of our technologist chapter.

—Mike Monaco

Greater New York Chapter

Our Chapter held its Spring Technologist Meeting at Mt. Airy Lodge in the Poconos April 11-13 and technologists and physicians were given numerous opportunities to receive continuing education credits. Congratulations for a job well done and an outstanding educational program to John Capuzzi and Dr. Leon Malmud.

Local grassroots meetings have taken place in the Delaware Valley and New Jersey; they have been very successful in getting technologists involved in such current topics as licensure and new clinical procedures.

Planning for our Fall Meeting is now in progress. Be sure to set aside time this fall to lend your support and make this meeting another successful event.

A call for "help" goes out to all technologists. We need to hear from each and every one of you—your time and valuable knowledge are needed to make the Section a continued success in the future!

—Jack Kozar

Hawaii Chapter

On May 25-26, the Hawaii Chapter held its third annual meeting. As in years past our setting for our meeting was the Kuilima Resort Hotel on Oahu's magnificent north shore. Our featured guest speaker this year was Stephen Graham, PhD, from the VA Hospital, Sepulveda, CA. Dr. Graham spoke on a variety of subjects ranging from basic computer applications to the theory and operation of the "seven pinhole" collimator. Adding to the wide spectrum of clinical presentations were lectures given by members of our local nuclear medicine facilities. Combining the informative and interesting lectures with the relaxing and enjoyable atmosphere of the meeting location, it was no surprise that once again our annual meeting was an overall success.

—Patrick McGuigan

Mideastern Chapter

The Annual Spring Meeting of the Mideastern Chapter, Technologist Section, was held April 18 and 19 at the Ocean City Convention Center in Ocean City, MD. The guest speakers were Dr. John Harbert—Special Techniques Required for Cisternography; Dr. Eduard Kotlyarov—Nuclear Medicine Thyroid Studies/ Role of In Vivo Techniques; and John Reilly—An Overview of Gastrointestinal Nuclear Medicine.

—John Gochoco

Missouri Valley Chapter

The Missouri Valley Chapter is very proud to announce that our job placement center is now operating. We have a job placement hotline number and address for any technologist looking for employment in our six-state area—which includes Missouri, Kansas, Iowa, Nebraska, and South and North Dakota. All inquiries can be directed to: Timothy Myers, Truman Medical Center, Dept. of Nuclear Medicine, 2301 Holmes, Kansas City, MO 64111; (816) 556-3263.

Our committee has been very busy sending letters to all nuclear medicine departments and personnel directors in our area informing them of this service. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the technologists on the job placement committee for all of their hard

work. Our hats go off to Tim Myers, Chris Crandall, and Liz Fennelly!

Our membership committee is also hard at work and a massive drive is underway for new members. Recently, 271 recruitment letters with applications were sent out. Follow-up letters will be sent to those technologists who do not respond. Our progress will be reported in the next issue of *JNMT*.

If there are any questions I can answer concerning the Missouri Valley Chapter and our services, please feel free to contact me at: St. Luke's Hospital, Dept. of Nuclear Medicine and Ultrasound, 4401 Wornall Road, Kansas City, MO 64111.

—Susan Christie Mank

Northern California Chapter

The Northern California Chapter held its Mid-Winter Meeting March 19 at the Marriott Hotel in Berkeley. Chuck Rose, Director of Medical Education for General Electric, was our guest speaker. His talk on radiation protection was informative and well received by technologists and physicians.

Our National Council Delegate Laura Miller reported on the Louisville meeting. Dorothy Price, our liaison for governmental affairs, also gave an update on the current status of the state licensure bill at the meeting.

In April the technologist section sponsored two meetings. A dinner meeting on April 2 at Travis AFB featured Ralph Reynolds, MD, Chief of Hematology and Oncology at David Grant Medical Center. He spoke on tumor staging and its relationship to nuclear medicine. The other April meeting was a tour of the Medi-Physics company in Emeryville.

Future plans for our chapter include a cardiology workshop in July, tentatively scheduled as a half-day program to include lectures and problem-solving discussions.

Our annual registry review is planned for August 1980; more information will follow.

—Marcie Osborn

Pacific Northwest Chapter

Our new chapter officers were installed at the end of the PNW Spring Meeting held in Vancouver, British Columbia.

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The 1980-81 officers are Mark Lanz, President; Rosemarie Chiochio, President-Elect; Mike Robertson, Vice-President; Kathy Mercantante, Secretary/Historian; and Winnie Eaton, Treasurer.

—Roy McCulloch

Rocky Mountain Chapter

"Hepatobiliary and Gastrointestinal Nuclear Medicine" was the theme of the 1980 Annual Meeting of the Rocky Mountain Chapter of the Society of Nuclear Medicine. It was held March 26-29, 1980, at Park City, UT, with meeting hours adjusted to morning sessions so afternoons were free for skiing and other winter activities.

Our newly elected officers were announced; plaques of merit were presented to all past presidents and secretary-treasurers; the VOICE modifications were made known, and so was the NMTCB application deadline.

The meeting was well attended and accompanied by new snow for super skiing.

—Trudy Battison

Southeastern Chapter

The majority of the states in the Southeastern Chapter have held annual meetings this spring and a wide variety of continuing education programs were presented.

"Nuclear Medicine in Oncology" was the topic for discussion at Alabama's meeting. Georgia's meeting featured cardiovascular nuclear imaging and other selected topics. North Carolina entitled their meeting "Cardiology/Nuclear Medicine—A Team Effort." "Whole Body Imaging" was the title of the Tennessee State meeting. South Carolina held workshops on cardiology, computers, and RIA at their annual meeting. A number of guest speakers were available to present the cardiovascular program at the state meeting in Mississippi. Florida's Ninth Annual Meeting included tracks on nuclear imaging, RIA, nuclear medicine management, and ultrasound techniques. The Kentucky Spring Seminar was held in April. Numerous local meetings were also conducted in the states.

With all the spring educational programs behind us, plans are underway for the 21st Annual Southeastern Chapter Meeting to be held at Opryland Hotel in Nashville, Oct. 22-25. Awards will again be given to the technologists presenting the best papers. Harold Hodges, program chairman, promises a strong educational

program which will include two workshops for the technologists on "Quality Assurance on Radiopharmaceuticals and Radionuclide Handling," and "In Vitro Radioassay Problems".

Legislative activity has increased in individual states and the legislative network continues to be a viable and successful part of the chapter organization.

—Marcia Boyd

Southern California Chapter

The members of our Chapter have shown a dramatic increase in interest in chapter activities since 1980 began. The March 22 meeting, entitled "Cadiology/Computer Applications," was very successful. There were 175 in attendance at the City of Hope Medical Center.

An excellent review course was held over four consecutive weekends in April and May, which prepared students for the upcoming registry.

A call for committee members and officers was made at our business meeting in May at Children's Hospital. Anyone interested in being on a committee or a candidate for office should contact Francine Aguilar at UCLA: (213) 825-7701.

A call for papers for the Western Regional Meeting was also made at this meeting. The papers must be authored primarily by a technologist. Awards of \$100, \$50, and \$25 will be presented to the best three papers. Contact Jean Parker at PO Box 40279, San Francisco, CA 94140; (415) 647-0722 for more information.

If you are not receiving chapter mailings, or have other chapter problems, please contact Kathy Thomas or me at the City of Hope Medical Center, Duarte, CA 91010 or phone (213) 359-8111, ext. 3351.

—Ron Fomin

Southwestern Chapter

The Southwestern Chapter is well into another productive year. We would like to encourage all of our members to contact Dan Patrick, President, if you have any problems or suggestions concerning the Section. Dan will be able to help you and if he can't he will direct you to the proper person. Dan can be contacted at: VA Hospital, Nuclear Medicine Service, 921 N.E. 13th St., Oklahoma City, OK 73104.

We will hold our Annual Fall Planning Meeting in October; this meeting is open to all members and we would appreciate and encourage your attendance, for it is only with your input that the Technologist

Section can continue to strive to meet your needs. Again, if you will contact Dan Patrick he will tell you more about this meeting.

A hint from our VOICE representative: plan your continuing education programs now for 1980-81. By doing this you can make one application for approval for all of your programs in advance and save money in the process.

Congratulations to Dallas, TX, on their new school of Nuclear Medicine Technology opening this fall at El Centro Junior College. Read the SWC *Newsletter* to keep informed on what the Chapter is doing in between issues of the *JNMT*.

—Margaret M. Perry

...and from Puerto Rico

In March, the VA Hospital in San Juan presented a lecture on Computer Applications in Nuclear Medicine by Gary Gallamore, of Jersey Shore Medical Center in Neptune, NJ. Mr. Gallamore also directed a workshop on computers featuring "hands on" experience. Although these activities were intended mainly for NMT students, many physicians scientists, and technologists attended and benefited.

The Puerto Rican Society of Nuclear Medicine and the American Institute of Ultrasound in Medicine recently cosponsored "Ultrasound Update '80," a comprehensive review of diagnostic ultrasound with particular emphasis on the latest developments in the field. The update was attended by physicians doing diagnostic ultrasound, sonographers, and others who wanted to learn the current status of clinical applications of sonographic techniques. The educational program was presented by experts in the field and was accredited for Continuing Medical Education.

—Rafael Bernabe-Prida