

News from the Chapters

Eastern Great Lakes Chapter

The Eastern Great Lakes Chapter of the Society of Nuclear Medicine held its first annual meeting in Niagara Falls, Ontario on May 23. Growing interest in the E.G.L. Chapter was apparent by the excellent technologist turnout. Many technologists were very pleased with the entire program along with the scenic sights of Niagara Falls. Next year's meeting will be expanded to include more technologist presentations. It isn't too early to start thinking about papers for it!

Also watch for the second issue of the *E.G.L. Chapter Newsletter*. Send any newsworthy information to: Michael Monaco, Mercy Hospital, Dept. of Nuclear Medicine, 565 Abbott Rd., Buffalo, NY 14220.

—Michael Monaco

Missouri Valley Chapter

The Missouri Valley Chapter Membership Committee has been hard at work the past four months and a massive recruitment drive is underway. I am proud to report that we have enlisted many new members. . . but we are not satisfied. We request your support and efforts with this endeavor. If you know of any technologists who are not members of the Society and Section, give them a call and encourage them to join and most of all. . . participate. Applications can be obtained by writing me at St. Luke's Hospital, Dept. of Nuclear Medicine and Ultrasound, 4401 Wornall Rd., Kansas City, MO 64111.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the technologists and students on the Membership Committee for an awful lot of hard work. My deep appreciation goes to Kevin O'Donnell, Gretchen Courtney, Terry Cantrell, Lou White, and Andrea Purcell.

The Missouri Valley Chapter is very busy preparing for our Annual Fall Meeting. This year's program is entitled "Practical Advances in Nuclear Medicine." The meeting will be held Oct. 3-5 at the Sheraton Westport Hotel in St. Louis. Make your plans to attend now.

A one-day symposium entitled "Cardiovascular Nuclear Medicine" was held June 7th in Iowa City. The Eastern Iowa and Mid-Iowa subchapters cosponsored this very successful and well-attended event.

On a personal note: as my term of

office draws to a close, I would like to thank the entire staff in nuclear medicine at St. Luke's Hospital for all of the support and encouragement they gave me during the past year. I could not have done it without you all!

—Susan Christie Mank

Northern California Chapter

Urgent—Attend General Business Meeting of Northern California Technologist Section at Airport Marriott Hotel, Los Angeles, CA, Oct. 9-12, 1980. Executive Committee Votes to Use Technologist Funds for Meeting in Hawaii!!!

Now that we have your attention, we encourage you to participate in all meetings and programs of the Technologist Section. Attend the general business meeting. Meet your officers and learn the latest about the legislative licensure bill and how and when it is liable to affect your professional career.

Our job placement coordinator is Roxanne V. Foster, Nuclear Medicine Dept., Laurel Grove Hospital, 19933 Lake Chabot Rd., Castro Valley, CA 94546.

The placement coordinator's job is totally voluntary and we encourage you to contact her through written correspondence. The service is to help institutions locate technologists who are in search of employment and to inform technologists which institutions currently have positions open. On July 26, the chapter sponsored a seminar, "Cardiac Nuclear Medicine—An Update," at Letterman General Hospital. It was an all-day event with lectures in the morning and a "hands-on" computer workshop in the afternoon. Local physicians donated their time to us and we thank them.

—Marcie Osborn

Pittsburgh Chapter

The Pittsburgh Chapter held its quarterly meeting at Monroeville, PA, on May 2. Dr. Chester Kay of North Hills Passavant Hospital was guest speaker. His talk on "How Nuclear Medicine Stands in Respect to Ultrasound and CT," was excellent in content and well received by all who attended. An announcement was made concerning the organization of a north-west division of the Pittsburgh Chapter to encompass those wishing to

belong to this local chapter but located too far away to attend its scheduled meetings. Those interested should contact Tom Pearce, Oil City Hospital, Dept. of Nuclear Medicine, 174 East Bissil Ave., Oil City, PA 16301 or call (814) 644-1211, ext. 388.

The new chapter officers for 1980-81 were installed at the end of the meeting. They are Lancy Brunetto, President; William Laughner, President-Elect; Ann Orenak, Secretary; and Linda Petitta, Treasurer. The meeting was well attended. Emphasis was placed on joining the local chapters and urging all fellow technologists to become members also. Only with total technologist support will this chapter become a successful part of the Society.

Plans are being made for the next meeting to be held sometime in September. Notices will be mailed out when the date and topic are finalized. If you do not receive a mailing or have any other chapter questions, please contact Ann Orenak, Dept. of Nuclear Medicine, Mercy Hospital, Pride & Locust Sts., Pittsburgh, PA 15219 or call (412) 232-8003.

—Ann Orenak

Southeastern Chapter

Most of the state societies within the Southeastern Chapter have elected officers in the past few months for 1980-81. These individuals are busy planning educational meetings, handling legislative affairs, and seeing to other technologist business on the state and local level.

Ohio nuclear medicine technologists met May 20th in Dayton. The topic of the meeting was "Energy in the Future."

The Lexington Hyatt Regency was the site for the August 23rd fall seminar for the Kentucky nuclear medicine technologists.

A local CEU program was held at the VA Hospital and University in Birmingham, AL, April through July. The sessions were entitled "Instructional Design and Development Seminar Series for Nuclear Medicine Technology Clinical Instruction."

Plans for the educational program for the Tennessee state meeting to be held May 1-3, 1981, in Memphis will be made at the Board of Directors' meeting this fall.

"Practical RIA—Clinical Update" will
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be held Nov. 6-8, 1980 with an optional "Hands-On" RIA Workshop Nov. 5-6, at the Orlando Hyatt House, Disneyland, FL.

The Southeastern Chapter 21st Annual Meeting to be held in Opryland in Nashville, TN Oct. 23-25 should prove to be a fun-filled and highly educational meeting. Among the social highlights will be an icebreaker cocktail party, a dinner and dance with country and disco music, and an evening of optional events including the Grand Ole Opry. Daytime tours are planned for spouses and family. A number of workshops are scheduled, as well as an educational program and scientific program.

—*Marcia Boyd*

Southern California Chapter

Plans for the Fifth Annual Western Regional Meeting in Los Angeles have been completed. The scientific program for technologists has been designed to be at the technologist level and all lectures will be given by technologists. Everyone in the Western Regional Area is encouraged to attend. The program will be approved for VOICE credits.

Please remember to vote for your Chapter officers. The deadline for mailing in your ballots is September 22.

—*Ron Fomin*

Southwestern Chapter

Congratulations to Margaret Perry, who was elected Secretary of the Technologist Section.

Membership participation is being emphasized on all levels throughout our Chapter. Several local sections, for example, are sponsoring annual symposia. Programs for these symposia include: 1) "Nuclear Oncology" by the North Texas Technologist Section in April; 2) "Nuclear Medicine Seminar" in conjunction with the Oklahoma Radiologic Technologist Society Meeting and a cosponsored by the Northeastern Oklahoma and Central Oklahoma Sections in May; 3) "Quality Control of Gamma Cameras" by the Ark-La Techs Section in May; 4) "Annual Nuclear Medicine Symposium" by the Nuclear Medicine Technologists of Arkansas in September; and 5) "Aspects of Nuclear Medicine in Oncology" by the Houston Area Technologist Section in the fall. All these Sections deserve credit for a job well done, plus our continued support and encouragement.

Dan Patrick, President, has established a personal contact campaign to reach not only prospective members but also those who may be drifting away from our Society.

Communication is another excellent tool. All members are urged to attend the fall planning meeting in October. If you are unable to attend, please submit your comments through your local council representative, committee chairmen, or Dan Patrick. Only then can we represent *you*.

For detailed happenings in the local Sections and the Southwestern Chapter, read the *SWC Newsletter*.

—*Laurie A. Proctor*

... and from Puerto Rico

The Society of Nuclear Medicine of Puerto Rico had its annual meeting on June 1 in Santurce, PR. The guest speaker was Dr. Jose O. Morales, ABNM Diplomate, who came from Philadelphia to lecture on modern renal imaging procedures, cardiac motion abnormalities, and solutions to diagnostic problems with case presentations. Those who attended were able to earn two credits of category 1 continuing medical education. The President of the society is Dr. Carmen Caballero; Dr. Samuel Sostre is President-Elect.

—*Rafael Bernabe Prida*