

News from the Chapters

Greater New York Chapter

The Greater New York Chapter's Sixth Annual Scientific Meeting was held Nov. 7-9 at the Grand Hyatt Hotel in New York City. Our thanks to Dr. Lessig, Bob Bontemps, and their committees for a well-planned program. The Greater New York Spring Symposium will again be held at the Mt. Airy Lodge in the Poconos April 9-11. By virtue of a reciprocal agreement, technologists of the Greater New York Chapter paid no registration fee for the fall meeting and physicians will not pay a registration fee for the spring meeting.

Grass Roots News: The New York State Society of Nuclear Medicine Technologists had their annual fall meeting Oct. 18 at the Sheraton-La Guardia. Thanks to Lee DiGiovanna for a well thought-out program.

Central Pennsylvania has started on the road to organizing and held its first meeting this fall.

The Delaware Valley Society of Nuclear Medicine Technologists held their Sixth Annual Fall Symposium Oct. 10-11. The symposium was well attended and some of the topics discussed were cardiology, portable imaging equipment, and correlation of different imaging modalities. A dinner meeting will be held by the DVSNMT on November 13. For information on upcoming meetings, contact Susan Johnson at (215) 662-8092.

Do you have news of upcoming meetings and events? Why not let your National Council Delegate or a chapter officer know so we can spread the word.

—Jim Senecal

Mideastern Chapter

The officers for the Mideastern Chapter, Technologist Section, are: Christie Burkhead, President; Don Hixon, President-Elect; Bonnie Clay, Secretary; and Greg Shindeldecker, Treasurer.

A successful registry review course was given by the Chapter on Aug. 23-24, 1980 at Prince Georges Community College. Due to the favorable response and attendance, plans will be made to repeat this course next year.

Representatives from the Mideastern, Greater New York, and New England Chapters met in Mount Airy Lodge, Poconos, PA, to discuss the possibility of

having a conjoint meeting in the future. Our Chapter is currently taking a survey of the membership to determine if there would be a favorable response to this meeting.

The Eighth Annual Fall Meeting of the Mideastern Chapter was held Oct. 10-11 at the Old Town Holiday Inn, Alexandria, VA. Selected speakers were Joseph Montedonico, Esq., "Malpractice and Licensure;" John Keyes, MD, "Computers;" Richard Reba, MD, "Hepatobiliary Scanning;" George Lietl, "Cardiovascular Nuclear Medicine;" and Nayan Pandya, CNMT, "Techniques in Pediatric Nuclear Medicine." Michael Cianci, Technologist Section President, addressed the Chapter with his President's message. Social events began Friday evening with a "Know Nukes" disco party and a special wine and cheese reception honoring commercial contributors was held Saturday afternoon.

The Mideastern Chapter Annual Spring Meeting will be held April 9-11, 1981, at the Uniform Services University of Health Sciences, National Institutes of Health, Bethesda, MD.

—John Gochoco

Missouri Valley Chapter

Our hats go off to Dr. James Fletcher and Sheila Rosenfeld of St. Louis for the very successful Missouri Valley Chapter Fall Meeting they helped plan and organize. This year's program was entitled "Practical Advances in Nuclear Medicine" and was well attended by many technologists, physicians, and students.

I would also like to remind you that the Missouri Valley Chapter's Job Placement Center is operational. 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, South Dakota, and North Dakota. All inquiries can be directed to our job placement coordinator: Timothy Myers, Dept. of Nuclear Medicine, Truman Medical Center, 2301 Holmes, Kansas City, MO 64108.

The Mid-Iowa and Eastern Iowa Sub-chapters are planning another one-day symposium. The meeting will be held in Des Moines on April 25. The topic for discussion will be abdominal imaging,

which will include liver, hepatobiliary, gallium, and LeVeen shunt imaging. Make your plans now to attend this very worthwhile continuing education course. More information and registration forms will be mailed at a later date.

—Susan Christie Mank

New England Chapter

The New England Chapter, Technologist Section, held its annual meeting at the Sheraton-Sturbridge Inn in Sturbridge, MA on April 18 and 19. The meeting was well attended and very successful. For the first time, students from our area's schools of nuclear medicine presented papers in competition for awards. This was so well received that it will be part of next year's program. The winners of the first technologists awards were: First Place—Thomas Halpin, Tracy Miller, Mary Ellen Morgan, and Laurie DesPierre of Quinnipiac College; Second Place—James J. Frietsch of University of Massachusetts Medical Center; and Third Place—Kathy L. Pagallo of Yale-New Haven Hospital.

The physicians of the New England Chapter held their fall meeting in Waterville Valley, NH, on Oct. 4-5. This meeting was also very successful.

The incoming technologist officers have been installed. They are: President, Dayton Rich; Vice President, Cynthia Abreau; Secretary/Historian, Linda Pytlik; Treasurer, Robert Theroux; and National Council Delegate, Maureen Monahan.

There were a total of seven grassroots meetings held over the past year; all were well attended and educational.

The New England Chapter also published a total of six newsletters and two journals and our total 1979-80 membership was 262.

—Cynthia Abreau

Northern California Chapter

We held our chapter elections in September. The results are—President: Arlene O'Brien; Vice-President: Elaine Hickman; Secretary-Treasurer: Jan Cronin; Scientific Program Chairperson: Frances Neagley; and National Council Delegate: Laura Miller. Congratula-

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tions!! They took office at the general business meeting of the Northern California Technologist Section during the Western Regional Meeting in Los Angeles.

Our Annual Mid-Winter Meeting will be in Monterey at the Double-Tree Inn, Jan. 17-18, 1981.

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

—Marcie Osborn

Pacific Northwest Chapter

The Chapter will be presenting a one-day continuing education seminar on January 17 at the University of Washington Hospital. The topic will be "Quality Assurance for Scintillation Cameras." The day's activities will include a brunch and raffle.

For details contact Sue Ammerman, Program Coordinator, during work hours at (206) 364-2050, ext. 347.

—Roy McCulloch

Rocky Mountain Chapter

The Rocky Mountain Chapter's job placement coordinator is Trudy Battison, Dept. of Nuclear Medicine, LDS Hospital, 325 8th Ave., Salt Lake City, UT 84143.

—Trudy Battison

Southeastern Chapter

The 21st Annual Meeting of the Southeastern Chapter, SNM, was held Oct. 22-25 at the Opryland Hotel in Nashville, TN. The educational sessions were entitled "Practice and Prospects in Nuclear Medicine," and included topics in cardiac nuclear medicine, oncologic nuclear medicine, and decision-making in nuclear medicine. The scientific presentations were divided into groups—radiopharmaceuticals, instrumentation and radiation physics, cardiac nuclear medicine, GI systems, bone and soft tissue, and general. Technologist quality control workshops in radiopharmaceuticals and *in vitro* studies were presented.

Newly elected officers for the technologist Section are: Marcia Boyd—President Elect, Ann Cox—Secretary, Steve Jones—Treasurer, and Douglas Anderson—National Council Delegate.

The Alabama Society of Nuclear

Medicine is planning its annual meeting to be held in Birmingham April 9-11, 1981. The headquarters will be the Passport Inn.

In order to encourage technologist participation at meetings, the Kentucky SNM is giving cash prizes to technologists presenting the best papers at state meetings.

Greenville was the location of a fall seminar held Oct. 3 and 4 for the North Carolina Nuclear Medicine Technologists. Work continues on drafting a licensure bill. The target date for presentation to the State Legislature is January 1981.

The Tennessee SNM held its Board of Directors Meeting on Sept. 27, aboard a boat on Watts Bar Lake! Of particular importance was drafting a position paper to be presented to the Advisory Committee of the Tennessee Medical Laboratory Act. A regulation was recently added to the Act without input from the nuclear medicine community that prohibits unlicensed technologists to perform RIA procedures. Nuclear medicine technologists are not currently licensed in the state.

—Marcia Boyd

Southern California Chapter

The Fifth Western Regional Meeting (5WRM) held at the Marriott Hotel in Los Angeles was an overwhelming success. Technologists were exceptionally responsive to the program presented by technologists, for technologists under the theme "Tech-Talk."

Installation of officers for the 1980-81 year took place during the 5WRM. Newly elected officers include: Dorothy Coldcleugh, Childrens Hospital (L.A.), President-Elect; Mike Grant, South Bay Hospital, Vice President; Gail Schroeder, South Bay Hospital, Secretary/Treasurer; John Radke, Garfield Hospital, National Council Delegate; and Donna Marciano, UCLA Medical Center, National Council Delegate alternate.

Those technologists seeking employment in the Southern California area should contact: Debbie Behrendt, VA Sepulveda Medical Center, 16111 Plummer, Attn: Nuclear Medicine Dept., Bldg. 3/Room 269, Sepulveda, CA 91343; (213) 891-2486 or (213) 894-8271.

—Ron Fomin

Southwestern Chapter

It was a very hot, dry summer in the Southwestern Chapter, not only weatherwise but also news-wise. Fall has brought a flurry of activity.

Our November Fall Planning Meeting was well attended. It served as a good method for the exchange of ideas and formation of plans for the remainder of the year.

The final program for the annual meeting of Southwestern Chapter—which will be held March 26-29, 1981, at the Fairmont Hotel in New Orleans, LA—is being organized. The annual refresher course will be held during the meeting on March 26.

There is still time to have your name placed on the ballot if you would like to run for an office. Please contact Sister Bernard Ann Ruebush, Little Rock, AK; (501) 661-3718.

The North Texas Technologists are finalizing the program for their Annual Spring Symposium: "Nuclear Medicine—Past, Present, and Future," which will be held in April at the University of Texas Medical Center.

We hope to see everyone in New Orleans!

—Laurie A. Proctor

... and from Puerto Rico

The 1980 regional meeting of the Puerto Rico Chapter of the American College of Physicians was held in Mayaguez on Oct. 17 and 18, 1980. The program committee presented us with a very interesting scientific program that included 25 original presentations, four of which concerned nuclear medicine.

These were: Gallium-67 Localization in Intrathoracic Structures; Liver Scintigraphy: A Predictor of Disease Severity in Visceral Manson Schistosomiasis; Combined Exercises EKG and Thallium-201 Scintigraphy in Diagnosis of Coronary Artery Disease; and Gated Blood Pool Imaging in the Evaluation of Left Ventricular Function.

We do not have a job placement coordinator, but our Nuclear Medicine Technology and Ultrasound Program Coordinator has helped many of our graduates in finding suitable jobs. She is: Elsa M. Cora de Ruiz, Nuclear Medicine Service, V.A. Hospital, Box 4867, San Juan, PR 00936.

—Rafael Bernabe-Prida