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# News from the Chapters

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## Greater New York Chapter

The major upcoming event for the Greater New York Chapter is our Annual Spring Symposium. For the second time it will be held at the Mt. Airy Lodge in the Poconos. Keep your calendars open for April 9-11. Jim Weber, the program chairman, has put together quite a program. There will be a two-day track on computers covering equipment, terminology, methods of data manipulation, applications, and basic programming for beginners. There will also be a two-day track on cardiology covering anatomy and physiology, non-nuclear and nuclear instrumentation, and techniques. There will also be such one-day events as quality control, clinical advances, a registry review, and back by popular demand—controversial topics. The usual range of fun and entertainment is planned—hey golfers, I hear there is a tournament planned!

*Grass Roots News:* October saw New Jersey administering its Licensing Exam for nuclear medicine technologists for the second time. The next exam date should be around the first week in June 1981.

—Jim Senecal

## Missouri Valley Chapter

Our officers for 1980-81 are: President and National Council Delegate, Karen Stuyvesant; President-Elect, Mark Vossenkemper; and Secretary-Treasurer, Maria Nagel.

Plans are well underway for a one-day symposium to be held in Des Moines, IA, on April 25, 1980. "Abdominal Imaging" is the topic and we hope to attract many medical professionals with talks on nuclear medicine imaging, RIA, ultrasound, and computerized tomography. The symposium is sponsored by our Mid-Iowa and Eastern Iowa subchapters, and anyone interested is invited to attend. Please contact: Dorothy Cunningham, Dept. of Radiology, Boone County Hospital, Boone, IA for more details.

With all the jobs available in the Chapter, technologists are encouraged to use our *free* Job Placement Hotline. This service is to help you find the job

you want. The number is (816)556-3263 and Timothy Myers is in charge of this service.

Our chapter is happy to announce an increase in SNM membership, in spite of declining membership nationwide. Many thanks to last year's Membership Committee for their diligent efforts—they really paid off! I'd also like to encourage all members to keep up the recruiting. Our professional organizations need the input of all technologists involved in nuclear medicine.

—Karen Stuyvesant

## New England Chapter

Plans are now underway for the New England Chapter's Spring Symposium. The meeting will be held April 3 and 4 at the Biltmore Hotel in Providence, RI. Cynthia Abreau, scientific chairman, has put together an interesting, informative program and everyone is encouraged to attend.

Grass Roots chairmen for the Chapter include Robert Brouillette, Connecticut; Lauren Little, Rhode Island; Kevin King, New Hampshire; Jim McGregor, Vermont; and Vee Cowley and Lynn Hoff, Western Massachusetts.

The Connecticut Grass Roots held their first meeting of the new year at Waterbury Hospital. The meeting was well attended. Talks were presented by Dr. J. Glenn of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Michael Plankey and Linda Pytlik of Yale New Haven Hospital, and Dr. Eric Hyson of Waterbury Hospital.

Leo LaRocque has been appointed VOICE representative and Richard Tucker has been appointed publisher of the *New England Journal of Nuclear Medicine Technology*.

A "hotline" has been set up for members of the New England Chapter. It will provide information on job placement assistance, technical assistance, and current events in the field. The hotline number is (603)673-3854. For questions or suggestions concerning the hotline, please contact JoAnn Dalton, St. Joseph's Hospital, 172 Kinsley St., Nashua, NH; (603)889-6651.

—Linda M. Pytlik

## Northern California Chapter

Congratulations to the Southern California Chapter for the successful Western Regional Meeting held at the Airport Marriott Hotel, Los Angeles, on Oct. 9-12. As hosts of the Sixth Annual Western Regional Meeting to be held in San Francisco in October 1981, we are busy planning our program and slate of speakers. In addition to the Western Regional Meeting, our plans for continuing education meetings this year include a "Computer Update" to be held in April in San Francisco and a registry review in August. Our annual Midwinter Meeting was held in Monterey at the Doubletree Inn on Jan. 17-18 and a cardiac seminar took place on March 7 in the Sacramento area.

Those of you who are seeking jobs or have positions available please contact our Job Placement Coordinator: Roxann V. Foster, Nuclear Medicine Dept., Laurel Grove Hospital, 1993 Lake Chabot Road, Castro Valley, CA 94546; (415)538-6464, ext. 230.

—Elaine Hickman

## Pittsburgh Chapter

Plans are being finalized for the joint technologist sections meeting to be held the weekend of May 1-3, 1981, in Morgantown, WV. This two-day seminar/meeting will offer many varied educational opportunities for both physicians and technologists. Nationally known physicians have been invited as guest speakers along with some of our locally prominent doctors. Any ideas or thoughts to add to the program for the upcoming meeting can be forwarded to Lancy Brunetto at (412)357-7047. Technologists are invited to submit papers for presentation at the meeting.

The January 9, 1981, technologist section meeting held in Monroeville, PA featured two of our local physicians as guest speakers. Drs. E. Oesterling and Oscar Powell discussed "The Role of the Physician-Advisor to the Technologist Section" with the gathering and explained how they, the local society, can assist the local technologist section in meetings, speakers, etc. In all, the meeting was well received.

Membership in the technologist

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section is open to *all* local technologists and a campaign is underway to achieve this goal. One easy way to keep up in our field is through membership in the Society of Nuclear Medicine.

—Ann Orenak

### Rocky Mountain Chapter

The Rocky Mountain Chapter is cosponsoring the High Country Nuclear Medicine Conference at Vail, CO, in late March/early April 1981.

The Executive Committee of the Rocky Mountain Chapter changes the majority of its membership annually. President Richard S. Trow appointed a Standing Committee, in accordance with our bylaws, to coordinate and manage the High Country Conference. The appointed members of this Standing Committee are Bill Baker (Utah), Trudy Battison (Utah), Dave Briggs (Colorado), Hal O'Brien (New Mexico), and Tom Verdon (Colorado). Tom Verdon is the Chairman this year, and Hal O'Brien is Executive-Secretary.

The Vail meeting is in addition to the Annual Rocky Mountain Chapter meeting and will be used to establish and expand chapter activities.

—Trudy Battison

### Southeastern Chapter

Newly elected officers were installed by Technologist Section President Mike Cianci at the 21st Annual Southeastern Chapter Meeting in Nashville, TN. John Reilley, President-Elect, also attended the meeting. Our new chapter president, Dave Lewis, held a brief council meeting with his new officers and appointed committee chairmen following the installation.

Nine of the scientific papers presented at the Annual Meeting were by technologists. These were judged and plaques and cash awards were presented to the top three. First place went to Lynn Bass, University of Tennessee, for "Comparison of Bone-Soft Tissue Using Tc-99m EHDP and Tc-99m HMDP." J.D. Billingsley, University of Alabama, won second place with "Nuclear Medicine's Role in Accidents Involving Radioactive Materials." The third place award went to Helen Bunch, VA Medical Center, Birmingham, Alabama, for "Criteria for Evaluation of RIA Kits."

Plans are being made by most of the states for annual spring meetings. "Scintigraphy of the Chest," with

sessions on lung and heart, will be the topic of the Alabama meeting to be held April 9-11 at the Alabama Conference Center in Birmingham.

Florida's annual meeting and registry review will be April 30-May 3 at the Airport Holiday Inn in Tampa. The Florida technologists are addressing the problem of decreasing numbers of applicants for nuclear medicine educational programs and attempting to develop means of promoting nuclear medicine as a career.

Historical Shakertown will be the site of the Kentucky Annual Spring Meeting April 25. A special report will be given at the meeting regarding the status of licensure.

Officers were elected at the September meeting of the Ohio Valley Nuclear Medicine Technologists. There was a review of techniques and procedures of pediatric nuclear medicine at the November meeting.

The three sections in Tennessee—East, Middle, and West—continue to meet individually on a regular basis. The three sections will meet together in Memphis May 1-3 at the Hyatt Regency for the Annual State Meeting. A chartered bus, the "Tech Express," will originate in East Tennessee and travel across the state, picking up technologists for the Memphis destination.

—Marcia Boyd

### Southern California Chapter

The Education Committee of our technologist chapter is presenting an expanded continuing education program this year. At the January meeting held at Children's Hospital, Dr. Miller gave an excellent lecture on abdominal scanning. The membership was also brought up to date on state legislative developments. If you would like to receive a copy of the current state regulations on nuclear medicine, which were discussed at this meeting, send a stamped, self-addressed envelope to Kathy Thomas, City of Hope, Nuclear Medicine Dept., 1500 E. Duarte Rd., Duarte, CA 91010.

A very successful weekend meeting was held at the V.A. Sepulveda Medical Center in February entitled "Current Modalities in Nuclear Medicine."

The registry review course will be repeated in April and May, because of the favorable response to last year's program. Check your newsletter for details.

—Ron Fomin

### Southwestern Chapter

The annual meeting of the Southwestern Chapter will take place March 27-29, 1981, in New Orleans. Six technologists' papers and one exhibit covering various aspects of nuclear cardiology are included in the program. The subjects for the teaching sessions are: RIA; thallium tomography; labeling of leukocytes and platelets; and pitfalls of using animal models. Topics to be covered by guest speakers include an update on clinical nuclear medicine, and low-level waste management and regulations.

Groundwork is now being laid for the first annual academic contest for students throughout the Southwestern Chapter.

—Laurie A. Proctor

### ... and from Puerto Rico

The Society of Nuclear Medicine of Puerto Rico, which is celebrating its tenth anniversary, has devised a very interesting program for this year. Among the activities is a seminar on pediatric nuclear medicine on March 14 with the participation of Dr. James Conway, director of pediatric nuclear medicine, Children's Hospital, Chicago and Susan Weiss, CNMT, chief nuclear medicine technologist. The annual meeting of the Society will be in May.

Founded in 1971, the Society is at the present time made up of 82 active members: 27 physicians (16 of whom are actively engaged in nuclear medicine practice in Puerto Rico), 16 certified technologists (CNMT), 15 technicians, 2 physicists, 5 health physicists, and 17 other professionals.

—Rafael Bernabe-Prida

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