News from the
American Heart Association

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AHA Elects New Officers
At Annual Meeting

Dr. Eliot Rapaport, William Watt Kerr Professor of Clinical Medicine at the University of California School of Medicine in San Francisco, was named the Association's President-elect at its annual meeting in Atlantic City. Dr. Richard S. Ross, of the Johns Hopkins Hospital, Baltimore, Maryland, was installed as AHA President.

Dr. Ross, Physician to the Hopkins Hospital, is also Director of the Cardiovascular Division of the Department of Medicine and Director of the Myocardial Infarction Research Unit.

Members of the Association's Delegate Assembly also elected Mrs. Mary Ripley, of Los Angeles, Calif., as Secretary, and John S. Andrews, of Youngstown, Ohio, as Treasurer. Elected as Regional Vice-Presidents were: Dr. Sidney Arbein, Jersey City, N.J.; Dr. Richard W. Booth, Omaha, Neb; William B. Dulany, Westminster, Md.; John T. Fitzpatrick, Fairfield, Conn.; Dr. Ceylon S. Lewis, Jr., Tulsa, Okla.; Mrs. M. Jeanne Pontious, Indianapolis, Ind.; George V. Tharp, Honolulu, Hawaii; and Dr. C. Basil Williams, Ogden, Utah.

Dr. Rapaport, born in Los Angeles in 1924, received his M.D. degree from the University of California School of Medicine in San Francisco in 1946. His earliest research work was done at the University and was continued at Harvard Medical School and the Peter Bent Brigham Hospital, Boston, while on an American Heart Association Research Fellowship.

A noted researcher, teacher and clinician, he has been training medical students at the University since 1957. He has been a senior staff member of its Cardiovascular Research Institute since 1958. Dr. Rapaport has held several administrative appointments at the University and serves as consultant at six area hospitals.

The President-elect's major research interest is hemodynamics, with particular attention to left ventricular function, especially its clinical application to patients with heart attack and congestive heart failure. He has published many articles in these areas.

Dr. Rapaport has been active with AHA and its California Affiliate for many years, and served as its President in 1972-73. He was President of the San Francisco Chapter in 1963-64. He is editor of supplements to the three AHA scientific journals, Circulation, Circulation Research and Stroke.

He was a member of the Association's Research Committee from 1968-1973, and served as its vice chairman in 1969 and as chairman in 1970-71. Dr. Rapaport was also a recipient of the AHA Special Citation for Distinguished Service to Research. He served as a member of the National Heart and Lung Institute Myocardial Infarction Advisory Committee for five years.

May 31 Is Deadline For AHA Abstracts

Abstracts of papers and applications for cardiovascular films and scientific exhibits to be presented at the American Heart Association's 47th annual Scientific Sessions must be submitted by May 31, 1974. The meeting will be held from Monday, Nov. 18 through Thursday noon, Nov. 21, in Dallas, Texas.

Papers intended for presentation must be based on original investigations in the cardiovascular field, including the stroke, renal, cardiopulmonary, thrombosis and epidemiology areas. The project's results and the investigator's conclusions should be summarized in the abstract and must be submitted on official AHA forms.

Cardiovascular films will be shown concurrent with the Scientific Sessions. The Association's Subcommittee on Films will select recently produced prints for presentation.

Space for industrial exhibits may be requested through Steven K. Herlitz Inc., 850 Third Avenue, New York, N.Y. 10022.

Official forms for submitting abstracts, films and scientific exhibits may be obtained from the Division of Scientific Affairs at the AHA National Office, 44 East 23rd Street, New York, N.Y. 10010.

Nephrology Seminar
Set For Houston

The Fifth Annual Postgraduate Nephrology Seminar on "The Kidney in Systemic Disease" has been scheduled for March 11-12, at the Shamrock Hilton Hotel, Houston, Texas.

Sponsored by the Association's Council on the Kidney in Cardiovascular Disease, the seminar will be
conducted in cooperation with AHA's Texas Affiliate, Inc. and the Houston Chapter. The Renal Section of the Baylor College of Medicine has arranged the program. Dr. Wadi N. Suki, professor of medicine, is program chairman.

Registration fee for Council members is $75 and $100 for non-members, and includes luncheons both days. Accommodations for participants is limited and early registration is encouraged. Registration information may be obtained from George E. Stewart, Jr., American Heart Association, 44 East 23rd Street, New York, N.Y. 10010.

New Coronary Risk Handbook Published

An innovative handbook for physicians, entitled the “Coronary Risk Handbook: A Guide to Estimating Risk of Coronary Heart Disease in Daily Practice,” (EM 620) has been prepared by the Association's Committee on Reduction of Risk of Heart Attack and Stroke.

The handbook provides the physician with a method for easily estimating risk of coronary heart disease in patients without symptoms and for guiding the choice of preventive medical management. A means for identifying risk factors present in individual patients from probability tables is also included.

This publication is of importance to primary care physicians, cardiologists and other medical specialists. Copies can be obtained through local Heart Associations or AHA's National Office.

Subscription Renewals Due For AHA Journals

Subscribers to the AHA journals Circulation, Circulation Research and Stroke have received forms for renewing subscriptions for 1974. To avoid missing any issues of the publications, these forms must be filled out and returned promptly.

Subscription rates for the publications are: Circulation, $20 for domestic mailing and $24 for foreign; Circulation Research, $25 annually for both foreign and domestic mailing; Stroke, $25 for domestic and $30 for foreign. Subscriptions for Circulation and Circulation Research will be accepted for the Calendar year, January through December, or the fiscal year, July to June. Stroke subscriptions are available on a calendar year basis only.

Medical students, interns, residents and research fellows in the U.S. can subscribe to Circulation at a reduced rate of $10, and Circulation Research and Stroke at $12.50. Application for reduced rates must be accompanied by a statement of occupation.

To subscribe to the publications, write AHA’s Subscription Department, 44 East 23rd Street, New York, New York 10010.

1974 Catalog Of AHA's Scientific Journals And Books Available

The 1974 revision of “Scientific Journals and Books of the AHA,” (EM 304) is now available through local Heart Associations and AHA’s National Office.

The illustrated 15-page catalog describes AHA scientific journals and other professional publications. All Monographs in print are listed and described. The catalog includes an addressed order form.

AHA Updates Emergency Medical ID Services

In an updating of emergency medical identification systems, services and materials, the Association has compiled a list of three for physicians.

“Medi-Reference, Inc.” is a new health service which supplies an individual with his own comprehensive medical history on a wallet sized card. The microfilm record allows the patient to carry up to 14 pages of his medical history with him at all times. A 24-hour telephone service is available for instances when there is no low-power microscope or microfiche reader on hand to view the record. The service includes an ID bracelet or necklace for the patient. Further information may be obtained from: Medi-Reference, Inc., 155 East 44th Street, New York, N.Y. 10017.

The “Medic Alert Foundation International” service includes an emblem to be worn at the neck or wrist, with the medical emergency insignia of the American Medical Association. The bearer's medical problem, personal file number and the telephone number of Medic Alert's computerized central file are engraved on the back of the emblem. Wearsers also carry a plastic wallet card containing additional emergency information. Inquiries should be addressed to: Medic Alert, Turlock, California 95380.

The AMA produces a wallet card with the emergency identification symbol, and space for the necessary medical information to be completed by the physician or patient. The AMA also produces a pamphlet explaining the purpose of the symbol and card and includes a list of firms from which patient ID devices may be purchased. Wallet cards and pamphlets can be ordered from: American Medical Association, Order Handling Unit, 535 North Dearborn Street, Chicago, Ill. 60610.

Applicants Sought For Epidemiology Seminar

The International Society of Cardiology's Council on Epidemiology and Prevention has announced that applications are being accepted for its Seventh Ten Day International Teaching Seminar on Cardiovascular Epidemiology to be held August 4-16 in Hungary.
Meetings Calendar

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February 11-14: AMERICAN COLLEGE OF CARDIOLOGY. Hilton and Americana Hotels, New York, New York. Inquiries to: Mr. William David Nelligan, Executive Director, 9650 Rockville Pike, Bethesda, Maryland 20014.


March 7-9: *THIRD ANNUAL CARDIOVASCULAR SYMPOSIUM. Turner Auditorium, Johns Hopkins Hospital, Baltimore, Maryland. Sponsored by Department of Medicine, Cardiovascular Division, Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine and Hospital. Also co-sponsored by The Central Maryland Heart Association. Inquiries to: J. O'Neal Humphries, M.D., Johns Hopkins Hospital, 601 North Broadway, Baltimore, Md. 21205.

March 11-12: FIFTH ANNUAL POSTGRADUATE NEPHROLOGY SEMINAR. Shamrock Hilton Hotel, Houston, Texas. Sponsored by: Baylor College of Medicine Renal Section and AHA Council on The Kidney in Cardiovascular Disease. Inquiries to: George E. Stewart, Jr., AHA, 44 E. 23rd St., New York, N.Y. 10010.

March 13-16: *SIXTH TEACHING CONFERENCE IN CLINICAL CARDIOLOGY. Sheraton-Four Ambassadors Hotel, Miami, Florida. Sponsored by University of Miami School of Medicine. Inquiries to: Michael S. Gordon, M.D., Associate Professor of Medicine, University of Miami School of Medicine, P.O. Box 875, Biscayne Annex, Miami, Fla. 33152.

March 25-28: AMERICAN COLLEGE OF SURGEONS SPRING MEETING. Albert Thomas Convention Center and the Hyatt Regency Hotel, Chicago, Illinois. Inquiries to: Dr. Edwin Gerrish, Assistant Director, American College of Surgeons, 55 East Erie Street, Chicago, Ill. 60611.


April 18-20: ADULT FITNESS AND CARDIAC REHABILITATION SYMPOSIUM/WORKSHOP. University of Wisconsin-La Crosse, Wisconsin. Inquiries to: Clifton DeVoll or Philip Wilson, Co-Directors, University of Wisconsin-La Crosse, Wisconsin 54601.

May 2-4: *MASTER APPROACH TO CARDIAC EMERGENCIES. Disney World, Florida. Inquiries to: Louis Lemberg, M.D., University of Miami, P.O. Box 875, Biscayne Annex, Miami, Florida 33152.


May 15-17: *1974-TRI-STATE SCIENTIFIC SESSIONS FOR PHYSICIANS. Broadwater Beach Hotel, Biloxi, Mississippi. Sponsored by Arkansas, Louisiana and Mississippi Heart Associations. Inquiries to: Mrs. Pat H. Roundtree, Program Director, Mississippi Heart Association, 7830 East McWillie Circle, Jackson, Miss. 39206.

May 15-17: *SCIENTIFIC SESSIONS FOR NURSES AND PHYSICIANS. Erawan Gardens Hotel, Indian
Wells, California. Sponsored by the California Heart Association. Inquiries to: Marilyn Probst, Administrative Assistant, California Heart Association, 1370 Mission Street, San Francisco, Calif. 94103.

May 31-June 1: *CONSERVATION OF MYOCARDIUM. Spokane, Washington. Inquiries to: John F. Driscoll, M.D., Suite 800, Sixth Avenue Medical Building, Spokane, Wash. 99204.

June 17-22: EIGHTH ANNUAL WORKSHOP IN ELECTROCARDIOGRAPHY. Sheraton Olympic Villas, Orlando, Florida. Sponsored by the Council on Clinical Cardiology and Rogers Heart Foundation, Inc. Inquiries to: George E. Stewart, Jr., AHA, 44 East 23rd St., New York, N.Y. 10010.

June 18-21: SEVENTH ANNUAL MEETING OF THE INTERNATIONAL STUDY GROUP FOR RESEARCH IN CARDIAC METABOLISM. Quebec, Canada. Inquiries to: Paul E. Roy, M.D., Institut de Cardiologie, Hôpital Laval, 2725 Chemin Ste-Foy, Quebec 10, Canada.


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