Stroke Council Offers Clerkships to Students

The AHA Stroke Council will again offer student clerkships in cerebrovascular disease in order to stimulate interest, knowledge and investigative work by medical students in what has been considered a neglected field.

Three-month stipend awards of $1,000 each are available to institutions where there is clinical training in stroke. Students must devote a consecutive 3-month period to the project. Upon completion, the student will be entitled to a 2-year complimentary subscription to STROKE, a Journal of Cerebral Circulation.

Awards will be determined by the Committee on Student Clerkships of the Stroke Council based on quality of the proposal and supporting supervision. In 1975 ten clerkships were awarded.

Application forms, due by Sept. 1, 1976, may be obtained from Elizabeth A. Carey, Scientific Affairs, AHA, 7320 Greenville Ave., Dallas, Texas 75231.

The clerkships were established after a survey of medical school curricula by the Joint Committee for Stroke Facilities reported that cerebrovascular diseases received little attention. Most new physicians were graduated with only the barest knowledge of this subject and hence were not prepared to provide good care to stroke patients or perform basic and clinical research in stroke, the survey found.

Student Clerkship Awards were given in 1975 through the following preceptors and institutions: Abe Baker, M.D., U. of Minnesota Hospital; Allan J. D. Dale, M.D., Mayo Foundation; James H. Halsey, Jr., M.D., U. of Alabama in Birmingham Medical Center; Ninan T. Mathews, M.D., Baylor College of Medicine, Houston; C. P. McGraw, Ph.D., Bowman Gray School of Medicine, Winston-Salem, N.C.; J. C. Metts, Jr., M.D., and O. Emerson Ham, Jr., M.D., Candler General Hospital Area Stroke Facility, Savannah, Ga.; Oscar M. Reinmuth, M.D., U. of Miami Medical School, Miami, Fla.; John R. Taylor, M.D., Medical College of Virginia, Richmond; Arthur G. Waltz, M.D., Pacific Medical Center, San Francisco; Donald Wood, M.D., Dept. of Neurology, Freedman's Hospital, Washington, D.C.

AHA Reports 1975 Record — $18 Million for Research

The American Heart Association allocated a record $18 million for heart research in 1975 it was noted by AHA in its annual report. The Association supported 1,400 scientific investigators for that period.

The report also recorded the move from New York to the Association's National Center, newly constructed in Dallas. This serves as headquarters for the organization which comprises 40,000 scientists and physicians, 65,000 other members and more than 2,000,000 citizen volunteers. The report stated that $59,951,245 was contributed by the public to AHA in 1975.

In addition to research, the annual report noted advances in professional education, public education and minority programs. The report, for the first time, was printed in the Association's print production facility which has been expanded in Dallas. Copies may be obtained from local Heart Associations.

New National Center Is Dedicated by AHA

The new National Center of the American Heart Association in Dallas, Texas, has been formally dedicated in a ceremony attended by National Officers, board members representing 50 states and other AHA subdivisions, past presidents and chairmen of the organization.

Mrs. Andrew A. Fraser, a National Center benefactor, unveiled a bronze plaque dedicating the National Center to "The Spirit of Volunteerism — Past, Present and Future."

Dr. Irving S. Wright of New York was presented with the Distinguished Achievement Award for services during seven years as National Chairman of the Inter-Society Commission for Heart Disease Resources.

AHA Prints Supplement on Cardiac Metabolism

Regulation of Cardiac Metabolism. the proceedings of a symposium May 19-21, 1975 at the University of Texas Health Science Center, Dallas, is being published as a supplement to May CIRCULATION RESEARCH.

The publication was edited by Drs. Kern Wildenthal, Howard E. Morgan, Lionel H. Opie and Paul A. Srere. Forty-two participants attended the session and 18 papers are included in the proceedings. The papers are organized under the headings: Regulation of Intermediary Metabolism; Metabolic Regulation in Ischemia and Hypoxia; and Regulation of Protein and Amino Acid Metabolism.

The volume has also been published as AHA Monograph No. 49 and may be purchased from the Distribution Department, AHA National Office, 7320 Greenville Ave., Dallas, Texas 75231 (ask for 73-035-A).

Council Representatives Named to Research Group

Two Council representatives have been elected to five-year memberships on the AHA Research Committee by the Steering Committee for Medical and Community Programs. They are Drs. W. Gerald Austen representing the Council on Cardiovascular Surgery and Oscar M. Reinmuth representing the Stroke Council.
The Steering Committee also approved a revised commission for the new AHA Committee on Exercise which was created to provide authoritative advice and recommendations on the role of exercise in health and heart disease.

AHA Abstracts, Research Give Dates for Forms

Abstracts for the American Heart Association 49th Scientific Sessions are due May 28 while applications for AHA research support in fiscal 1977-8 are due July 1 and October 1.

The Scientific Sessions will be held in Miami Beach, Florida, from Monday, Nov. 15 through Thursday, Nov. 18. Forms for submitting abstracts are available from the Division of Scientific Affairs, AHA National Office, 7320 Greenville Ave., Dallas, Texas 75231.

Established Investigator and British-American Fellow applications are due July 1, 1976; requests for Grants-in-Aid are due October 1, 1976. Forms are available from the Research Department, National Office.

Risk Factor Control Study Began by NHLI in 20 Areas

The National Heart and Lung Institute has completed enrollment of 12,500 male volunteers for a six-year clinical trial to evaluate the effects of lowering blood cholesterol, reducing elevated blood pressure and curbing cigarette smoking. The study, called the Multiple Risk Factor Intervention Trial (MRFIT), will involve 20 participating centers and will examine the effect of reducing these factors in preventing initial heart attacks and lowering death rates from coronary heart disease and other CV disorders.

The volunteers, selected from 366,000 persons, are aged 35 to 57 and have no clinical evidence of coronary heart disease. They are considered at higher risk, however, because of various combinations of elevated blood cholesterol, blood pressure or cigarette smoking.

Dr. John C. Cassel, epidemiologist of the University of North Carolina, has been named chairman of a policy advisory board which will oversee the plan and conduct the study.

Health Behavior Study Is Published by NHLI

Advice and information from the behavioral and social science community on health behavior problems related to prevention and control of heart, lung and blood disorders is contained in a new publication offered by NHLI.

The publication, Proceedings of the NHLI Working Conference on Health Behavior, resulted from a conference May 12-15, 1975 at Bayse, Va. Contents include: life-style development vs. modification; individual responsibility for health maintenance; psychological determinants of health and illness; psychological sequelae of illness; ethical concerns regarding health behavior; and compliance, recruitment and coping. Single copies of the publication (NIH) 76-868 are available gratis from Dr. Stephen M. Weiss, NHLI, Bethesda, Md.

Meetings Calendar 1976

June 5: Mechanical Support of Failing Heart and Lungs. College of Physicians & Surgeons, Columbia University. Directed by David Bregman, M.D. Inquiries to: Jose M. Ferrer, Jr., M.D., Associate Dean, 630 West 168th St., New York, N.Y. 10032.

June 7-18, June 21-July 2, July 12-23: Cardiac Exercise Technician Workshops. La Crosse, Wisconsin. Inquiries to: Dr. Philip K. Wilson, Director, University of Wisconsin-La Crosse, Mitchell Hall, La Crosse, Wis. 54601.

June 10-12: Fifth Annual Cardiology Symposium: Cardiology for the Internist — Clinical Problem Solving. The Johns Hopkins Medical Institutions, Baltimore, Md. Inquiries to J. O’Neal Humphries, M.D. or Bertram Pitt, M.D., Carnegie 568, The Johns Hopkins Hospital, Baltimore, Md. 21205.


September 3: 4th Annual Cardiac Rehabilitation Workshop. Georgia Baptist Medical Center, Atlanta, Ga. Inquiries to: Dr. Gerald F. Fletcher, Georgia Baptist Medical Center, 300 Boulevard, N.E., Atlanta, Ga. 30312.

September 13-14: Symposium on Medical Education and Contemporary World. U. of Illinois Medical College, Chicago. Inquiries to: Office of Continuing Education, 1853 W. Polk St., Chicago Ill. 60612.

September 15-17: On Caring For The Young With Cardiovascular Disease. New York City, New York. Sponsored by the AHA Council on Cardiovascular Nursing. Inquiries to: Dale Stringfellow, Administrator, Postgraduate Courses, AHA, 7320 Greenville Ave., Dallas, Texas 75231.


October 3-8: Sixth Asian-Pacific Congress Of Cardiology. Honolulu, Hawaii. Papers from other than the Asia-Pacific area may be submitted directly to Hawaii Heart Association. Inquiries to: Dr. Morton Berk, Hawaii Heart Association, 243 N. Kukui St., Honolulu, Hawaii 96817.


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June 20-26: Seventh Congress Of The European Society Of Cardiology. International Congress Centre RAI, Amsterdam, the Netherlands. Inquiries to: Secretariat, c/o Holland Organizing Centre, 16 Lange Voorhout, The Hague, the Netherlands.


June 28-30: Third International Congress on Electrocardiology. Brussels, Belgium. Inquiries to: Dr. Ph. Smets, Secretary, Vrije Universiteit Brussel Medical School, Eversstraat 2, B-1000 Brussels, Belgium.


August 29-September 3: IX International Conference on Health Education. Ottawa, Canada. Sponsored by International Union for Health Education, WHO and other international agencies. Inquiries to: Canadian Health Education Specialists Society, P.O. Box 2035, Postal Station D, Ottawa, Canada.

September 5-11: X Interamerican Congress Of Cardiology. Caracas, Venezuela. Inquiries to: Dr. Manual Adrianza, Executive Secretary, Colegio de Medicos Dto. Federal, Plaza Tres Gracias, Los Chaquaramos, Caracas, Venezuela.

Sept. 13-26: Physiological Basis of Cardiological Practice. Warsaw, Poland. Sponsored by European Society of Cardiology, European Society for Clinical Investigation, WHO, Polish Ministry of Health. Inquiries to: Dr. B. Lewartowski, Medical Centre of Postgraduate Education, Marymoncka 99, 01-813 Warszawa, Poland.

