News from the
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$19 Million for Research
Reported for 1976 by AHA

More than $19 million was provided to over 1,400 scientific investigators in 1976 as the American Heart Association and its affiliates recorded a new high in research support. This was announced in the Association's Annual Report now available from heart associations.

Continuing education for physicians and nurses was another activity of AHA summarized in the Report. Approximately 150 courses were conducted, six periodicals published and other reports, brochures of scientific interest and audio-visual materials made available.

Three more physicians were appointed to the Teaching Scholar Program in 1976. This is designed to support young teachers devoting full time to medical students and developing advanced teaching methods in cardiology.

Community programs included high blood pressure detection, smoking withdrawal clinics, nutrition and diet counseling, heart attack and stroke risk-lowering courses in business and industry, screening children for rheumatic fever, training for cardiopulmonary resuscitation, and training in advanced cardiac life support techniques.

Combined programs — research, education and community assistance — accounted for more than $52 million in AHA funds in 1976.

Research Fund Requests
Due July and October

Applications for American Heart Association research support for fiscal 1978-79 have been invited by AHA's Research Department.

The final date for submitting Established Investigatorship and British-American Research Fellowship applications is July 1, 1977 (for activation the following July or soon thereafter). Grants-in-Aid applications are due October 1, 1977 (for activation the following July or soon thereafter).

Established Investigatorships are five-year awards to scientists under 40 years of age who have advanced to independent research. British-American Research Fellowships are one-year training awards to U.S. citizens, usually those with two years of postdoctoral research training, to work in a British institution.

Grants-in-Aid support research related to the cardiovascular area. Requests are considered from all basic disciplines as well as from those working in epidemiological and clinical investigations.

Applications may be obtained from the Research Division, AHA, 7320 Greenville Ave., Dallas, Texas 75231.

Clerkships in CBV Study;
Students Asked to Apply

To encourage student interest in cerebrovascular disease, the AHA Stroke Council will offer clerkships and a stipend of $1,000 for three months in institutions where there is clinical training in stroke. Application forms, due back by Sept. 2, may be obtained from Scientific Affairs, AHA, 7320 Greenville Ave., Dallas, Texas 75231.

Students must devote a consecutive 3-month period to their projects. Upon completion of the work, the student will be entitled to a 2-year complimentary subscription to STROKE, a Journal of Cerebral Circulation, an official publication of the American Heart Association. The program began in 1973; 10 candidates were accepted in 1976.

Irvine H. Page Award
Added to AHA Prizes

A new AHA research prize, the Irvine H. Page Arteriosclerosis Research Award for Young Investigators, has been established by the AHA Council on Arteriosclerosis. Unpublished manuscripts based on independent investigations are invited from applicants under 40 years of age by May 27.

The new award, aimed to encourage investigators in arteriosclerosis research careers, will consist of a certificate and $1,500. It will be presented at the 50th AHA Scientific Sessions in Miami Beach, Florida, Nov. 28-Dec. 1.

The prize is named in honor of the former AHA President of Cleveland, O., long active in research and the Heart Association.

Louis N. Katz Prize

Applications are also invited by May 27 for the Louis N. Katz Basic Science Research Prizes for Young Investigators awarded by the AHA Council on Basic Science. Applicants must be less than 36 years of age and must be working in basic science, the basic medical sciences or related field. The awards consist of $1,500 to the winner and $500 to the two runners-up. The three top winners will be invited to present their research results at the Scientific Sessions.

The Katz prizes are named in honor of another former AHA President and Chicago resident whose career was in cardiovascular research.

Required materials, or requests for information, should be submitted to: (Name of prize, designated council), American Heart Association, 7320 Greenville Ave., Dallas, Texas 75231.
A Reminder...

Abstracts for the 50th Scientific Sessions of the American Heart Association are due by May 27 typed on the official forms available at AHA Headquarters (7320 Greenville Ave., Dallas, Texas 75231).

The Sessions will be held in Miami Beach, Florida, Nov. 28-Dec. 1.

Revised RF Statement
Available from Heart

The definitive American Heart Association statement on Prevention of Rheumatic Fever has been updated to include the newest information on primary and secondary prevention. It is available from heart associations.

ICHD Report

A review report on medical instrumentation in peripheral vascular disease has been prepared by the Inter-Society Commission for Heart Disease Resources (ICHD). The report reviews diagnostic instruments and examination methods; it also suggests guidelines for establishing vascular laboratory services. The report is available from AHA, 7320 Greenville Ave., Dallas, Texas 75231.

Emergency Care

Guidelines for emergency cardiac care in advanced life support units, including hospital emergency departments, are offered in a statement by the AHA Committee on Emergency Cardiac Care. The statement lists equipment, personnel, procedures and drugs required and features a checklist for evaluation. It is available from heart associations.

NINCDS Briefs...

• The National Advisory Neurological and Communicative Disorders and Stroke Council (NANCDS) will meet May 26-8 with four new members. They are Bobby Ray Alford, M.D., Houston; Fred Plum, M.D., New York City; Pearson Richardson, Jr., M.D., Boston; and Mrs. Anita S. Lunsford, Birmingham.

• Research proposals on the following subjects are invited by the National Institute of Neurological and Communicative Disorders and Stroke (NINCDS): (1) language recovery in adults with aphasia following stroke seeking to predict degree of recovery and improve treatment; (2) evaluate a test of speech perception in noise as a test for hearing aid benefits.

• A Workshop/Conference on Alzheimer’s Disease, Senile Dementia and Related Disorders will be held June 6-9 at NIH, Bethesda, Md. It is sponsored by NINCDS, the National Institute on Aging and the National Institute of Mental Health. Inquiries: Dr. Katherine Bick, 710 Federal Bldg., 7550 Wisconsin Ave., Bethesda, Md. 20014.

• Applications for awards to support postdoctoral research training (NRSA grants) can be accepted by June 1 and again by Oct. 1. Inquiries to Raymond Summers, Ph.D., NINCDS. Sixty-six applications were funded in January.

• The needs in five major neural prosthetic areas are discussed in “Functional Electrical Stimulation: Applications in Neural Prostheses” by Dr. F. Terry Hambrecht and J. B. Reswick published by Marcel Dekker, Inc., New York. It is based on proceedings of a workshop in Pomona, Calif.

• The NIH Clinical Center will accept a limited number of patients with Parkinson's disease (not treated by L-Dopa), Shy-Drager syndrome, Tardive dyskinesia, dystonia musculorum deformans, epilepsy, neuromuscular diseases, multiple sclerosis (particularly familial cases), gliomas and missing alpha-hexosaminidase activity.

AHA Briefs...

• Current Concepts of Cerebrovascular Disease/Stroke in May/June is: “Use of Computerized Tomography and Radionuclide Scan in Stroke” by J. Keith Campbell, M.D., Rochester, Minn. Modern Concepts of Cardiovascular Disease in May is: “Clinical Applications of the Treadmill Exercise Test” by Paul L. McHenry, M.D. and Charles Fisch, M.D., Indianapolis, Ind.

• Dr. Harriet P. Dustan, vice chairman of the Cleveland Clinic Foundation Research Division and president of the American Heart Association, has been appointed to head the University of Alabama in Birmingham Cardiovascular Research and Training Center. She will replace Dr. Thomas N. James who will continue as professor and chairman of the School of Medicine’s Department of Medicine.

• The New York Hospital-Cornell Medical Center has established the Irving Sherwood Wright Professorship in Geriatrics, the first endowed chair in the U.S. in this field. The chair honors the past president of AHA and recipient of its Gold Heart Award and Distinguished Achievement Award. Dr. Wright is now emeritus clinical professor of medicine at Cornell University Medical College and consulting physician at New York Hospital.

Meetings Calendar
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June 9-11: Concepts & Controversies in Cardiology. Hospital of Good Samaritan, USC Medical School, Los Angeles, Calif. Dr. Stanley H. Wishner, Director. Inquiries: AHA Postgraduate Programs, 7320 Greenville Ave., Dallas, Tex. 75231.


Sept. 15-17: International Symposium: First Decade of Bypass Surgery for Coronary Artery Disease. Cleveland Clinic, Cleveland, Ohio. Inquiries: Howard P. Walding, Cleveland Clinic Foundation, 9500 Euclid Ave., Cleveland, O. 44106.


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July 10-16: 33rd Brazilian Congress of Cardiology. Porto Alegre, Brazil. Inquiries: Dr. Fernando Lucchesse, P.O. Box 2907, Porto Alegre — 90000 — Brazil.


Sept. 11-16: 11th World Congress of Neurology. Amsterdam.


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Sept. 13-15: Annual Scientific Meeting, Cardiac Society of Australia and New Zealand. Wentworth Hotel, Sydney, Australia. Inquiries: Prof. J. D. Hunter, P.O. Box 84, Darlinghurst, NSW 2010, Australia.


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