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Training: Speaking for Excellence” (Cathy Coffin), and epilepsy therapy (Philip Brunquell, M.D.); cystic fibrosis (Craig Lapin, M.D.), “Writing for Excellence: Effective Medical Business Writing” (Cathy Coffin), and pathophysiology and pharmacotherapy of neuropathic pain (Richard H. Gannon, Pharm.D.); nutritional support in the critical care setting (Robert A. Quercia, M.S.) and skills development (Joyce B. Comer, Pharm.D., BCPS); and “Naturopathic Medicine in Hospital Practice” (Andrew L. Rubman) and outsourcing (John W. Kilgour and Jerry Bowman).

At an installation and awards luncheon on Saturday, David Lorms, ASHP, installed the following officers: William A. Agostinucci, Connecticut Children’s Medical Center, Hartford, president; Richard C. Lisitano, Yale-New Haven Hospital, New Haven, president-elect; Lisa A. Durland, Veterans Memorial Medical Center, Meriden, secretary; and Paula Kaspar, Professional Pharmacy Personnel, Putnam, treasurer. The new board members are Lisa Jaser, Connecticut Children’s Medical Center, and Kathleen A. Talbot, Pfizer, Inc. The following officers for CSHA’s technician chapter were also installed: Mary R. Sternberg, Prometheus Pharmacy, president; George Ondrick, New Britain General Hospital, New Britain, president-elect; Nancy Duhaime, Lawrence and Memorial Hospital, New London, secretary and treasurer; Terri Collier, Hospital for Special Care, New Britain, member at large; and Louise A. Petroka, New Britain General Hospital, program committee chair.

Awards were presented to Steven Burke (Pharmacist of the Year), Gerald Bowman (Paul G. Pierpauli Award), Jerry Weitzman (Meritorious Achievement Award), and Linda Fongemie (Technician of the Year).

Chapter Briefs

The first officers of the new Indiana Pharmacists Alliance were installed November 9 during a ceremony in Indianapolis. Documents formalizing the Alliance were signed by the presidents of the Indiana Society of Health-System Pharmacists and the Indiana Pharmacists Association, witnessed by Alliance executive vice president Lawrence Sage. Alliance officers are Bruce Clayton, president; Francine Breckler, president-elect; Bruce Hufford, past president; and Warren Richards, treasurer. Also installed were officers of academies of the Alliance. Officers of the Academy of Health-System Pharmacists are Bruce Carlstedt, president; Kenneth Hureless, president-elect; Michael Sievers, past president; and Dennis Brinker, Michael Ankenbruck, James Cattin, James Seibert, and Michael Gasparini, regional vice presidents. Honorary life membership in the Alliance was granted to Glen J. Sperandio in recognition of his many years of service as executive director of ISHP.

Newly elected officers of the Florida Society of Health-System Pharmacists are John E. Clark, president-elect; Michael J. McQuone, speaker-elect; and Judith Davis, Steve Kessinger, and Lisa Miller, board members-elect.

Receiving awards at the 1997 annual meeting of the Kansas Society of Health-System Pharmacists, held in October in Overland Park in conjunction with the Kansas Pharmacists Association, were Philip J. Schneider, Health-System Pharmacists of the Year; Joe C. Choi, Harold Godwin Lecture Award; Lawrence Davidow, KSHP Board Award for Research; and Scott Knoer, KSHP Board Award for Innovative Clinical Practice.

The New Jersey Society of Health-System Pharmacists board of directors voted to name NJSPH’s pharmacist of the year award in honor of Gregory A. Santora. Santora, who was NJSPH president in 1995–96, died July 23, 1997, after an automobile accident. The first Gregory Santora Pharmacist of the Year Award will be presented April 24 at the NJSPH annual meeting.

The New Jersey Society of Health-System Pharmacists recently created a technician position on its board and appointed April Van Ness, a technician at Mercer Medical Center, Trenton, as director of technician affairs.

At annual seminar, Maryland Society members study differences in interpersonal style

Solomons Island was the venue for the annual seminar of the Maryland Society of Health-System Pharmacists, held October 24–26, 1997. The meeting attracted 93 pharmacists, 3 technicians, and 7 students, and there were 70 exhibitors for 40 booths.

On Friday evening, Charles Seashore, Ph.D., gave a presentation on interpersonal styles of health-system pharmacists, based on the Myers-Briggs Type Indicator. The next day’s sessions were “Pharmacotherapy of Mood Disorders” (Dale R. Grothe, Pharm.D., BCPS), “Innovative Therapeutics” (Karim A. Calis, Pharm.D., M.P.H., BCPS, BCNSP), an overview of β-blocker use in congestive heart failure and myocardial infarction (Thomas S. Sicca, Pharm.D., BCPS, BCPS), a talk on the management of coronary artery disease (David S. Roffman, Pharm.D., BCPS), and a session on managed care and reimbursement (Phillip E. Johnson, M.S.).

On Sunday, there were sessions on the Internet (James Clark Penley), lower-respiratory-tract infections (Jerome J. Shentag, Pharm.D.), management of smoking cessation (Catherine E. Cooke, Pharm.D., BCPS), narrow therapeutic index drugs (Mary Lynn McPherson, Pharm.D., BCPS), and new strategies in the management of type 2 diabetes mellitus (Charles D. Ponte, Pharm.D., BCPS).