1974 National Meeting—Las Vegas

The deadline for submitted papers to the 26th National Meeting of the AACC was March 1. A total of 304 papers were submitted. Approximately 200 of these were accepted for inclusion in the program.

Dr. Rex Sterling, Chairman for Continuing Education, has completed preparations for 25 breakfast roundtable technical discussion sessions. These sessions are to be held August 19 through 22 from 7:30 to 8:50 and are designed to permit topics of special interest to be discussed in a dialogue forum with noted experts.

Registration forms for the Las Vegas Meeting will be sent during the month of June, so plan your summer around a trip to Las Vegas and the 26th National Meeting of the AACC!

Russell Ellers to be Warner-Lambert Lecturer, 1974

The Warner-Lambert Lecturer at the 1974 National Meeting of the AACC will be Dr. Russell J. Ellers, Professor of Pathology at the University of Kansas Medical Center. Dr. Ellers is best known for his accomplishments in the formation of administrative mechanisms for the development and propagation of clinical laboratory standards. His leadership in programs of the College of American Pathologists, the International Society of Hematology, the International Blood Transfusion Society, the National Committee for Clinical Laboratory Standards, and, more recently, the American Society for Testing & Materials has been instrumental in bringing the concept of laboratory improvement into clinical medicine.

Protection against Radiation

The National Council of Radiation Protection and Measurements (NCRP), a non-profit, Congressional-ly chartered organization, publishes reports at irregular but frequent intervals on the various problems of radiation protection that arise as a consequence of the use of radiation in a wide variety of activities in medicine, science, and technology.

Those involved in the use of radiation and radioactive materials have the opportunity to enjoy the guidance afforded by these reports. A catalog describing them is available from the NCRP, 7910 Woodmont Ave., Suite 1016, Washington, D.C. 20014. The basic criteria are set forth in Report No. 39 “Basic Radiation Protection” (1971, 1x + 135 pp. $3.00/copy).

Continuing Education


The program will cover a wide variety of topics, including symposia on Oral Microbiology, Bacterial Vaccines (pneumococcal, cholera, Shigella, tuberculosis, and Salmonella); Disinfectants/Preservatives/Biocides; Laboratory Evaluation of Antimicrobial Agents (including antibiotics); Viruses of Industrial Fungi; and Biodegradation of Refractory Materials.

Clinical Chemical Training Program

The Medical College of Wisconsin offers programs in the Department of Pathology leading to the M.S. and Ph.D. degree in Pathology, with majors in several disciplines of Pathology, among them Clinical Chemistry. In addition, the Department is sponsoring two postdoctoral training positions in clinical chemistry.

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Applications in competition for postdoctoral training fellowships sponsored by the American Association of Clinical Chemists are being accepted through May 31, 1974. Fellowships of $5000 on a one-time basis will begin July 1, 1974. The application must include three letters of recommendation, complete transcript, and an outline of a proposed program of study and research approved by the preceptor. Renewal for a second year may be possible, but is not available at this time. Send completed applications to Executive Director, American Association of Clinical Chemists, 1725 K Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20006.
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Symposium on Protein Quantitation

Sloan-Kettering Institute for Cancer Research and Technicon Instruments Corp. of Tarrytown, New York, were co-sponsors of a Symposium on the Applications of Specific Protein Quantitation, at Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center, on March 29. Speakers explored the increasing importance of specific serum proteins as a valuable tool in diagnosis and management of disease. Specific protein quantitation represents a relatively recent and refined means of looking at this group of blood components. Among the diagnostic implications of serum protein abnormalities are response to infection, hereditary disorders, immunodeficiencies, and rheumatic diseases. Serum proteins have also demonstrated diagnostic significance in the early detection of some cancers.

Dr. Morton Schwartz, AACC President-elect, welcomed attendees. Dr. Robert A. Good, President and Director of the Sloan-Kettering Institute, was chairman of the meeting. Dr. Gary W. Litzman, Sloan-Kettering, discussed the "Structure of Immunoglobulins." Dr. Robert F. Ritchie, Director of the Rheumatic Disease Laboratory at Maine Medical Center, described "Procedures and Precautions in Automated Nephelemetric Immunochromatography." "Measurement of Serum Proteins in the Diagnosis and Management of Disease," was presented by Dr. Chester A. Alper, Scientific Director of the Center for Blood Research, Boston, and Dr. Thomas A. Waldmann, Chief of the Metabolism Branch, National Cancer Institute, discussed "The Measurement of Oncofetal Proteins in the Diagnosis of Malignancy."

Clinical applications of serum protein quantitation are the topic of a newsletter published by Technicon Instruments Corp., early issues of which explored the use of this diagnostic tool in pediatric medicine and in a university-affiliated teaching hospital. For further information about the newsletter, write to Department R94, Technicon Instruments Corp., Tarrytown, N. Y. 10591.

Health Maintenance Organization Act of 1973

For those who are not clear on the current implementation of this Act, it is described rather fully in Research and Statistics Note No. 5, March 12, 1974 (DHEW Pub. No. (SSA) 74-11701), available from the Office of Research and Statistics, Social Security Administration, U. S. Dept. of HEW, Washington, D. C. 20201.

Foreign Contributions to Clinical Chemistry

As a footnote to our "progress report" in the journal ("The Clinical Chemist," p 106, January 1974), we thought it of interest to indicate the number of papers from non-U. S. contributors published in 1973: 14 were from the United Kingdom (England, Scotland, Wales); 12 from Canada; four each from Germany and Denmark; two each from Australia, Belgium, Italy, and Sweden; and one each from France, India, Israel, Kenya, Malaysia, The Netherlands, New Zealand, and the Republic of

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