Candidates for AACC Offices

Ann M. Gronowski, PhD, Chair of the 2001 Nominating Committee of AACC, has announced an outstanding slate of candidates:

President-Elect:
Susan Evans, PhD
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Robert H. Christenson, PhD
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Thomas M. Annesley, PhD
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Nominating Committee:
John Rex Astles, PhD
Dennis M. Bleile, PhD
Daniel H. Farkas, PhD
Catherine A. Hammett-Stabler, PhD
Ellis Jacobs, PhD
Donald R. Parker, PhD

James C. Sternberg, February 21, 1927, to March 8, 2001

We were deeply saddened by news of the illness and death of James Sternberg, a noted scientist and inventor, and a contributor and long-time reviewer for this Journal. Dr. Sternberg received Masters and Doctorate degrees in physical chemistry from Harvard. He subsequently published original papers in leading journals while a faculty member in another prominent academic department. He is best known to clinical chemists for contributions he made while at Beckman Instruments (now Beckman Coulter) from 1959 through 1993. His developmental work and 37 patents covered such key advances as the Beckman glucose analyzer and the introduction of capillary electrophoresis into clinical laboratories. His work garnered many honors, including the 1996 AACC Award for Outstanding Contributions to Research in a Selected Area.

At a Memorial Service on March 31, friends and colleagues from around the country, including Dr. Arnold O. Beckman, paid tribute to a man who was known not only for his knowledge and his attention to detail, but also for his humility and helpfulness to others. We at the Journal will miss his timely advice and the comfort that came from knowing that he was there. Our heartfelt condolences go out to his wife of more than 50 years, his four children, and his seven grandchildren.

The James C. Sternberg Memorial Fellowship has been established at Cal State Fullerton for deserving graduate students in the Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry. Information is available from Carlos Leija (714-278-4733).

A Reminder

When you can measure what you are speaking about and express it in numbers you know something about it; when you cannot express it in numbers, your knowledge is of a meagre and unsatisfactory kind.
—Lord Kelvin

The Ever-Informative Medical Record

• The patient was to have a bowel resection. However, he took a job as a stock broker instead.
• Patient has two teenage children, but no other abnormalities.
• She is numb from her toes down.
• Rectal examination revealed a normal size thyroid.

More on Language

Steve Allen described the travails of an English gentleman trying to communicate with an American telephone operator:

Yes, this is Mr. ‘Arrison. What, you can’t ‘ear? This is Mr. ‘Arrison... Haitch, hay, two harrs, a hi, a hess, a ho, and an hen... ‘Arrison.

George Carlin asks:

Why isn’t 11 pronounced onety one?

Do Roman paramedics refer to IVs as “4’s”?

Meetings

9th Meeting of the Balkan Clinical Laboratory Federation, September 12–15, 2001, Ioannina, Greece. Information: Biochemistry Laboratory, Regional University General Hospital of Ioannina GR-455 00 Ioannina, Greece. Telephone 30-651-99421; fax 30-651-99418; e-mail bclf2001@cc.uoi.gr; Internet http://uranus.hos.akdeniz.edu.tr/bclf/.

Joint Annual Meeting of the German Society of Clinical Chemistry and of the German Society of Laboratory Medicine, Rostock, September 16–19, 2001. Information: Porstmann Kongresse GmbH, Friedrichstrasse 130a, D-10117 Berlin, Germany. Telephone 49-30-284499-0; fax 49-30-284499-11; e-mail porstmann@porstmann-kongresse.de; Internet www.porstmann-kongresse.de.