
NEWS AND VIEWS

A Fellowship in Hematology, with particular emphasis on the study of LEUKEMIA, has been created in the University of Cincinnati, College of Medicine, by friends and admirers of the late Mrs. A. Burton Closson. This Fellowship will be known as the LUCINDA CLOSSON MEMORIAL FELLOWSHIP in the Laboratory of Hematology and Cellular Metabolism at the Cincinnati General Hospital under the direction of Dr. Richard W. Vilter. A stipend of \$3,500 will be paid to First-Year appointees and \$4,500 to Second-Year appointees. An internship and one or more years of residency training in Internal Medicine are required. Applications should be directed to:

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Openings are available beginning July, 1957.



The Leukemia Society, Inc., 67 Wall Street, New York, announced last month the recipients of the Robert Roesler de Villiers Awards under Contest III. They are: Doctors Leon Orris Jacobson, Director of the Argonne Cancer Research Hospital and Professor of Medicine of the University of Chicago, and John F. Loutit, Director of the Radiobiological Research Unit, Atomic Energy Research Establishment, Harwell, England. The recipients—chosen by the Society's Jury on Competitive Papers dealing with Leukemia, a disease of the blood—will receive the Awards at the November 7th ceremony to be held in the Ballroom of the Ambassador Hotel, Park Avenue and 51st Street at 5.30 P.M. Dr. Jacobson, 44, and Dr. Loutit, 46, will each receive \$1,000, a scroll, and a book containing the writings of Robert Roesler de Villiers in whose name the awards are periodically given.

Dr. Jacobson was cited for "his pioneer experiments on the beneficial influence of local tissue shielding on general hematologic recovery after external irradiation—a fundamental discovery concerning a therapeutic weapon of continuing value in human Leukemia".

Dr. Loutit, as senior member of the team of Doctors C. E. Ford, J. L. Hammerton, D. W. H. Barnes, and J. F. Loutit, was cited for "his elegant and conclusive demonstration that general hematologic recovery after total body irradiation is enhanced by bone marrow cell colonization even from a different species—a discovery of potentially great significance in the therapy of human Leukemia."

The Jury of four blood specialists unanimously naming Doctors Jacobson and Loutit are—Albert Alder, M.D., Professor of Medicine, University of Zurich, Zurich, Switzerland, William B. Castle, M.D., Professor of Medicine, Harvard University, Boston, Mass., Jan Walderström, M.D., Professor of Medicine, University of Lund, Malmö, Sweden, and Maxwell M. Winthrope, M.D., Ph.D., Professor of Medicine, University of Utah, Salt Lake City, Utah.

Born in Sims, North Dakota, December 16, 1911, Dr. Jacobson did his under-graduate work at North Dakota State College and then attended the School of Medicine of the University of Chicago. During World War II, Dr. Jacobson was Director of the Health Division of the Plutonium Project of the Manhattan District on the campus of the University of Chicago. He was Associate Dean of the Division of Biological Sciences from 1945 to 1951. He is a member of the Advisory Committee of Isotope Distribution of the Atomic Energy Commission.

Dr. Loutit, born in Perth, Western Australia, February 19, 1910, studied at the Universities of Western Australia and Melbourne where he was awarded a Rhodes Scholarship in 1930. Upon graduation from St. John's College, Oxford, where he received a B.A. in Physiology, he completed his medical course at the London Hospital. In 1945 he formed a team to advise the Netherlands Medical Administration and S.H.E.A.F. on the feeding and rehabilitation of the starving civilian population of the Western Netherlands. In 1947 the Medical Research Council appointed Dr. Loutit director of the Radiobiological Research Unit of the Atomic Energy Research Establishment, Harwell, England. He is a fellow of the Royal College of Physicians.