

that HLA-B7 and HLA-B18 might be associated with a different and perhaps milder form of juvenile diabetes.

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In a study of 972 patients with diabetes mellitus, humoral pancreatic islet-cell antibodies (I.C.Ab.) were detected in highest prevalence in insulin-treated diabetics with (38 per cent) and without (22 per cent) associated overt organ-specific autoimmune disease (A.I.D.) where consideration was not given to the duration of diabetes. They were also detected in 8 per cent of diabetics treated with oral hypoglycemic agents (O.H.A.), but not in diabetics requiring diet alone and in only 0.5 per cent of 434 control subjects. Six per cent of 522 patients with overt organ-specific A.I.D. but not diagnosed to be diabetic had I.C.Ab.s. I.C.Ab.s were present in the sera of 2 per cent of 157 first-degree relatives of I.C.Ab.-positive subjects.

In insulin-treated diabetics and, to a lesser extent, in diabetics not requiring insulin, the prevalence of humoral I.C.Ab. was strongly dependent on the duration of the diabetes, being 60 per cent during the first year from diagnosis in the insulin-treated group and falling to 20 per cent at two to five years and to 5 per cent at 10-20 years. The prevalence of I.C.Ab. in insulin-treated

diabetics showed no correlation with the patient's age at the time of testing when the duration of diabetes was taken into account.

Diabetics who did not require insulin for treatment but who were I.C.Ab.-positive showed a significant tendency to subsequently require insulin and to have a higher prevalence of other autoantibodies than insulin-independent diabetics who were I.C.Ab.-negative.

Persistence of I.C.Ab. for more than five years from diagnosis of diabetes was associated with coexistent overt organ-specific A.I.D. and with HLA-B8,A1, and A1 + B8.

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We investigated the genetic predisposition to juvenile diabetes in the families of 31 index cases in relation to the inheritance of the HLA system. The diabetes-predisposing gene was found to be recessive because the diabetic sibs in index cases shared both their HLA genes with a significantly increased frequency. Penetrance was estimated at 50 per cent because half the HLA-identical sibs in index cases were diabetic. These conclusions fit with published observations that the risk to sibs of patients is about 10 per cent, when both parents are normal.

In three informative cases of recombination within HLA the predisposing gene traveled with the HLA D segment of the recombinant haplotype. We prepared tables for the computation of risks to relatives, based on the hypothesis of recessivity, HLA linkage and 50 per cent penetrance.

## Future Meetings

1978

June 11-13 June 15, 16	Sheraton-Boston Hotel, Boston, Mass. 2nd Medical School, University of Naples, Italy	38th Annual Meeting "Medical Complications of Obesity"
June 19-21	Marseille, France	5th International Meeting of Endocrinology at Marseille (Diabetes and Obesity)
June 26-28 July 2-8	University of Milan, Italy Dresden, GDR	Int. Symp. on Peripheral Neuropathies XII FEBS Meeting
July 5-7 August 31-September 1	Royal Infirmary of Edinburgh, Scotland Aarhus University, Denmark	Int. Symp. on the Immunology of Diabetes Nervous System Abnormalities and Nervous Disease in Diabetes Mellitus
September 15, 16	London, England	Autumn Meeting, Medical and Scientific Section, British Diabetic Association
September 25-27 September 28, 29	Zagreb, Yugoslavia Rochester, New York	5th EASD Postgraduate Course Combined Health Care Professionals Course—Region I
September 28-30 October 5-7	Zagreb, Yugoslavia Florence, Italy	14th Annual Meeting, EASD 4th International Symposium on Pediatric and Adolescent Gynecology
October November 9-11 November 11, 12	Seattle, Wash. Phoenix, Az. Birmingham, Ala.	16th Research Symposium CHCPC—Region IV CHCPC—Region II

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		1979	
January 11-13	Rome, Italy		2nd European Symposium on Hypoglycemia
January 22-24	Fairmont Hotel, Dallas, Texas		26th Postgraduate Course
March 19, 20	Charleston, S.C.		CHCPC—Region II
April	New Jersey		CHCPC—Region I
June 10-12	Century Plaza Hotel, Los Angeles, Ca.		39th Annual Meeting
September 7-9	Indianapolis, Ind.		CHCPC—Region III
September 9-14	Vienna, Austria		10th Congress of the International Diabetes Federation
September 27, 28	Denver, Colo.		CHCPC—Region IV
		1980	
Jan. 30-Feb. 1	Atlanta, Ga.		27th Postgraduate Course
February 10-16	Melbourne, Australia		VI International Congress of Endocrinology
June 15-17	Sheraton-Park Hotel, Washington, D.C.		40th Annual Meeting
		1981	
January	Phoenix, Az.		28th Postgraduate Course
June 14-16	Cincinnati, Ohio		41st Annual Meeting
		1982	
June 13-15	San Francisco Hilton, San Francisco, Ca.		42nd Annual Meeting

## ORGANIZATION SECTION

### THIRTY-EIGHTH ANNUAL MEETING

The Annual Meeting of the American Diabetes Association will be held at the Sheraton-Boston Hotel, Boston, Massachusetts, on June 9-13, 1978. Organizational meetings and the awards banquet, Saturday, June 10, will be followed by the scientific sessions on June 11-13; the schedule and the session chairmen are listed below. Registration will take place everyday while the meeting is in progress. The program, including abstracts of the papers to be presented at the scientific sessions, will be published as a supplement to this journal and distributed to members and subscribers.

#### SCIENTIFIC SESSIONS

##### SUNDAY, JUNE 11

9:00-10:30 a.m.	Fuel Metabolism and Exercise	Roger H. Unger, M.D.
11:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m.	What Causes Diabetes Mellitus?	J. Stuart Soeldner, M.D.
2:00-5:00 p.m.	Clinical Diabetes and Metabolism	George D. Molnar, M.D., and J. Stuart Soeldner, M.D.
2:00-5:00 p.m.	Complications	William H. Daughaday, M.D., and Edwin L. Bierman, M.D.
2:00-5:00 p.m.	Control and Management	Arthur Rubenstein, M.D., and Maria Alogna, R.N.
5:15-5:35 p.m.	THE LILLY LECTURE: "The Role of Glucagon"	J. Denis McGarry, M.D., and Daniel W. Foster, M.D.

##### MONDAY, JUNE 12

8:15-10:45 a.m.	Diet and Education	Sr. Ritamary Brown, R.D., and Patricia Lawrence, R.N.
8:30-10:45 a.m.	Transplantation and Management of Diabetes	Saul Genuth, M.D., and Fred W. Whitehouse, M.D.
8:30-10:45 a.m.	Somatostatin	Norbert Freinkel, M.D., and Paul E. Lacy, M.D.
11:15 a.m.-12:30 p.m.	BANTING MEMORIAL LECTURE: "Etiological and Clinical Heterogeneity of Idiopathic Diabetes Mellitus"	Stefan S. Fajans, M.D.
2:00-6:00 p.m.	Complications and Lipids	Pasquale J. Palumbo, M.D., and Mary Ellen Collins, R.D.
2:00-6:00 p.m.	Receptors	Harold E. Lebovitz, M.D., and Jeffrey S. Flier, M.D.
2:00-6:00 p.m.	Behavioral Aspects Relating to Patient Education	Allan L. Drash, M.D., and Rita M. Nemchik, R.N.

##### TUESDAY, JUNE 13

8:30 a.m.-12 noon	Insulin and Glucagon Action	Roger H. Unger, M.D., and J. Denis McGarry, Ph.D.
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