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| January 11-13 | Rome, Italy | 2nd European Symposium on Hypoglycemia |
| March 11-16 | Aspen, Colorado | 16th Annual Colorado Diabetes Institute ADA Colorado Affiliate |
| May 3-5 | Montpellier, France | 2nd Int. Symp. on Hormonal Receptors in Digestive Tract |
| May 7-11 | Capri, Italy | 1st Int. Colloquium on Receptors, Neurotransmitters, and Peptide Hormones |
| September 9-14 | Vienna, Austria | 10th Congress of the IDF |

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| February 5-9 | Sydney, Australia | International Thyroid Conference |
| February 10-14 | Melbourne, Australia | 6th Int. Congress of Endocrinology |

ORGANIZATION SECTION

COMBINED HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONALS COURSE

The Combined Health Care Professionals Course—Region II of the American Diabetes Association will be held November 11-12, 1978, at the Hyatt House, Birmingham, Alabama. The course is presented under the direction of the Committee on Professional Education of the American Diabetes Association. The program was developed by Robert A. Kreisberg, M.D., Course Director, and by Francine Lebovitz, R.N., and Roy F. Roddam, M.D., Co-directors. The course is designed to simultaneously meet the needs of physicians and allied health personnel who care for patients with diabetes mellitus and wish to update their knowledge and skills in this area. Plenary sessions, with topics of major importance for everyone, and separate sessions, elective workshops, and "Meet the Professor" sessions with topics directed predominantly to physicians or allied health personnel are scheduled. Emphasis will be placed on the practical management of acute and chronic problems arising in adults and children with diabetes mellitus.

The Combined Health Care Professionals Course—Region IV of the American Diabetes Association will be held November 9-11, 1978, at the Doubletree Inn, Scottsdale, Arizona. The course is being presented under the direction of the Committee on Professional Education of the American Diabetes Association. The course was developed by Philip Levy, M.D., Director, and Deanna Bland, R.N., Russell Poucher, M.D., and Dorothy Powers, R.D., Co-directors. The course is designed to help medical professionals in their day-to-day management of patients. Latest developments will be presented in a clear, concise fashion. In addition to lectures, there will be workshops for in-depth audience participation.

AMES ANNUAL AWARD FOR THE OUTSTANDING NONPHYSICIAN EDUCATOR

The Ames Award for Outstanding Nonphysician Educator in the Field of Diabetes will be given at the Thirty-ninth Annual Meeting of the American Diabetes Association in June 1979. The following stipulations govern the contest for this award, which is supported by the Ames Company and consists of \$1,000 and a medal.

Goal: To stimulate, acknowledge, and reward outstanding educational efforts by nonphysicians in the field of diabetes.

Objectives: To acknowledge the importance of teaching efforts in the field of diabetes; to identify those nonphysicians who have excelled in this area; to reward the most outstanding efforts in the field of diabetes education; and to stimulate others to initiate, participate, and excel in the area of diabetes education.

Nomination: Nominations for the award will be solicited by notice sent to Affiliate Associations and the Board of Directors. Names of the nominees for the 1979 award may be submitted now and must be received no later than December 15, 1978. The nomination should be in the form of a letter. Sixteen copies of the letter and the candidate's curriculum vitae should be submitted. No member may send in more than one nomination. The nominee should be actively engaged at the time in the line of endeavor for which the award is to be made. Nominations for the 1979 award will be judged by the Committee on Professional Education and should be sent to their attention at the National Office.

Criteria: (A) Member of the American Diabetes Association; (B) Nurse, nutritionist, dietitian, social worker, nonphysician health care educator or clinician; (C) Three to five years' special experience in the field of diabetes; (D) Candidate should be well known to other workers in their specific areas of expertise, at least on a local level, but preferably on the national scene; (E) A bibliography should reflect current activities, i.e., lectures, papers, books, monographs, seminars, colloquia, etc.; (F) May not be a current member of the Committee on Professional Education; may not be a current officer nor have been an officer of the Association within the past five years.

Announcement: The name of the recipient will be announced at the 1979 Annual Meeting and will subsequently be published in DIABETES and DIABETES CARE.

Award: In addition to the monetary award and medal, travel expenses will be given to make it possible for the recipient to receive the award in person at the Annual Meeting.

PFIZER AWARD FOR THE OUTSTANDING DIABETES CLINICIAN

The Pfizer Award for the Outstanding Clinician in the Field of Diabetes will be given at the Thirty-ninth Annual Meeting of the American Diabetes Association in June 1979. The following stipulations govern the contest for this award, which is supported by Pfizer, Inc., and consists of \$1,000 and a medal.

Goal: To stimulate, acknowledge, and reward clinicians for outstanding efforts in the field of diabetes.

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Objectives: To acknowledge the importance of excellence of care by clinicians in the management of diabetes mellitus; to stimulate the identification of individuals who have achieved excellence in the field; to reward the most outstanding efforts in patient care; and to stimulate excellence among professionals in the field.

Nomination: Nominations for the award will be solicited by notice sent to Affiliate Associations and the Board of Directors. Names of the nominees for the 1979 Award may be submitted now and must be received no later than December 15, 1978. The nomination should be in the form of a letter. Sixteen copies of the letter and the candidate's curriculum vitae should be submitted. No member may send more than one nomination. The nominee should be actively engaged at the time in the line of endeavor for which the award is to be made. Nominations for the 1979 award will be judged by the Committee on Professional Education and should be sent to their attention at the National Office.

Criteria: (A) Professional member of the American Diabetes Association; (B) M.D. or D.O.; (C) A recognized clinician with many years of distinguished service; (D) Candidate should not only be well known in his/her local geographic area but also on the national and possibly international level; (E) A bibliography, such as exists, should reflect his/her interest, background, and past and current activities in patient care; (F) Current members of the Board of Directors, current members of the Committee on Professional Education, and current or past officers of the Association are not eligible.

Announcement: The name of the recipient will be announced at the 1979 Annual Meeting and will subsequently be published in DIABETES and DIABETES CARE.

Award: In addition to the monetary award and medal, travel expenses will be given to make it possible for the recipient to receive the award in person at the Annual Meeting.

UPJOHN ANNUAL AWARD FOR THE OUTSTANDING DIABETES EDUCATOR

The Upjohn Award for the Outstanding Educator in the Field of Diabetes will be given at the Thirty-ninth Annual Meeting of the American Diabetes Association in June 1979. The following stipulations govern the contest for this award, which is supported by The Upjohn Company and consists of \$1,000 and a medal.

Goal: To stimulate, acknowledge, and reward outstanding educational efforts by physicians in the field of diabetes.

Objectives: To acknowledge the importance of teaching efforts in the field of diabetes; to identify those physicians who have excelled in this area; to reward the most outstanding efforts in the field of diabetes education; and to stimulate others to initiate, participate, and excel in the area of diabetes education.

Nomination: Nominations for the award will be solicited by notice sent to Affiliate Associations and the Board of Directors. Names of the nominees for the 1979 Award may be submitted now and must be received no later than December 15, 1978. The nominations should be in the form of a letter. Sixteen copies of the letter and the candidate's curriculum vitae should be submitted. No member may send more than one nomination. The nominee should be actively engaged at the time in the line of endeavor for which the Award is to be made. Nominations for the 1979 award will be judged by the Committee on Professional Education and should be sent to their attention at the National Office.

Criteria: (A) Professional member of the American Diabetes Association; (B) M.D. or D.O.; (C) An educator active as a speaker and/or author and/or as a developer or applier of newer techniques of education; (D) Candidate should not only be well

known in his local geographic area but also on the national and possibly international level; (E) A bibliography that actively supports the candidate's activity as an educator; (F) Current members of the Board of Directors, current members of the Committee on Professional Education, and current or past officers of the Association are not eligible.

Announcement: The name of the recipient will be announced at the 1979 Annual Meeting and will subsequently be published in DIABETES and DIABETES CARE.

Award: In addition to the monetary award and medal, travel expenses will be given to make it possible for the recipient to receive the award in person at the Annual Meeting.

NEW MEMBERS

The following were elected to the Professional Section as of August 1, 1978:

Edward A. Benson, M.D., Seattle, WA
Matthew M. Bliziotis, M.D., Oakland, CA
Dorothy J. Cheal, R.D., Birmingham, MI
Dee Ann Findley, R.D., Duluth, MN
Mary L. Forsythe, R.N., Kansas City, MO
Pavel F. Fort, M.D., Manhasset, NY
Joan F. Friedman, R.N., New York, NY
Yoshikuni Fujita, M.D., Kanagawa, Japan
Edmund J. Hengesh, Ph.D., Reed City, MI
Hajime Himei, M.D., Okayama, Japan
Eli Ipp, M.D., Dallas, TX
Bernard Jeanrenaud, M.D., Geneva, Switzerland
John W. Kramer, Ph.D., Pullman, WA
John C. Lee, Ph.D., New Haven, CN
Mara Lorenzi, M.D., San Francisco, CA
Chrysmarie Mackereth, Minneapolis, MN
Ikeda Masaki, M.D., Amagasaki-shi, Japan
Soichiro Morita, M.D., Kobe, Japan
Ramona C. Ornelas, R.N., Wichita, KS
Madge A. Pfaffman, Ph.D., Brandon, MS
Elisabeth Potter, R.D., Giessen, West Germany
Chitra Sekaran, M.D., Flushing, NY
George M. Shargel, M.D., Madison Hts., MI
Dorothea L. Slater, R.D., Washington, D.C.
Madeline M. Wake, R.N., Milwaukee, WI
Werner K. Waldhäusl, M.D., Vienna, Austria
Sidney K. Wolfson, Jr., M.D., Pittsburgh, PA
Paul Z. Zimmet, M.D., Victoria, Australia

NEWS OF AFFILIATES

TWENTY-SIXTH ANNUAL CLINICAL SYMPOSIUM

The Clinical Society of the American Diabetes Association, New York Diabetes Affiliate, will present its 26th Annual Symposium on Saturday, October 14, 1978, at the New York University Medical Center. The program, which runs from 9:30 A.M. to 4:30 P.M., will include the following speakers: Doctors William L. Chick, Boston; Eli A. Friedman, New York; Douglas L. Coleman, Bar Harbor, Maine; John E. Liljenquist, Nashville; and Wylie W. Vale, Jr., San Diego. The Herman O. Mosenthal Memorial Lecture will be delivered by Dr. Norbert Freinkel, Kettering Professor of Medicine, Northwestern University Medical School, Chicago, Illinois. This Continuing Medical Education offering meets the criteria for five hours of credit in Category I for

the Physician's Recognition Award of the American Medical Association.

There is a \$15.00 registration fee for members of NYDA's Clinical Society; a fee of \$25.00 will be charged for non-members. For registration information, contact the New York Diabetes Association, 104 East 40th Street, New York, N.Y. 10016, (212) 697-7760.

SYMPOSIUM ON DIABETES

The ADA-Heart of America Affiliate will present "Symposium—Diabetes Mellitus" on October 25, 1978, at the Alameda Plaza Hotel, Kansas City, Missouri. The faculty consists of Robert E. Bolinger, M.D.; A. E. Braverman, M.D.; Judith D. Jordan, A.R.N.P.; Joseph L. Kyner, M.D.; Paul E. Lacy, M.D.; Michael Mauer, M.D.; Jay McDonald, M.D.; M. Alan Permutt, M.D.; and Karl E. Sussman, M.D.

For more information contact the American Diabetes Association—Heart of America Affiliate, 616 East 63rd Street, Kansas City, Missouri 64110, (816) 361-3361.

NEWS NOTES

AVAILABILITY OF GASTRIC INHIBITORY POLYPEPTIDE

The Diabetes Program of the National Institute of Arthritis, Metabolism, and Digestive Diseases has made arrangements to provide small quantities of Gastric Inhibitory Polypeptide to NIH grantees and NIH staff, free of charge, for the purpose of research related to diabetes and obesity. The material will be lyophilized in 0.1 mg. vials and the maximum amount that can be provided for individual requests is 0.5 mg. It is provided for use in *in vitro* and animal studies and is not available for human clinical studies. The following criteria of purity will be provided: polyacrylamide gel electrophoresis; amino acid analysis; isoelectric focusing; bioassay for insulinotropic activity; and high voltage electrophoresis. The material is prepared by Dr. John C. Brown at the University of British Columbia and Dr. Viktor Mutt at the Karolinska Institute. Delivery time is estimated to be one to two months.

Each request must contain a brief description of the proposed work. Each subsequent request must contain a description of the results from the use of the previous material as well as a description of additional work proposed. Requests should be sent to Miss Jean F. Curran, Diabetes Program Director for Cellular and Molecular Studies, NIAMDD—Westwood Building, 5333 Westbard Avenue, Bethesda, MD 20016.

NIH-SPONSORED SURVEY OF ENDOCRINOLOGY AND METABOLIC DISEASES

In response to both internally perceived needs and a directive from Congress, the National Institutes of Health has undertaken a nationwide study of the current state of knowledge in the fields of endocrinology and metabolism and the pattern of NIH funding in support of research within this broad field. These data are to serve as a basis for the major objective of the study—the development of recommendations concerning research needs and priorities for the future within the various areas that the field encompasses. The National Institute of Arthritis, Metabolism, and Digestive Diseases has been assigned the responsibility to organize and develop the study and has awarded a contract in support of this activity to Beth Israel Hospital, Boston; Dr. Sidney H. Ingbar is the Principal Investigator. Responsibility for the management and logistic

aspects of the study has been subcontracted to Learning Systems, Inc., a Boston management firm.

Since the inception of these contracts, an Advisory Committee of 14 members has been formed; 17 task force areas have been defined and their membership recruited; and task forces have initiated their activities. Each task force is to review and evaluate current knowledge and develop recommendations for research within its area and will prepare a report that will be amalgamated with those from other Task Forces into a final report for the NIAMDD and, as appropriate, for Congress. Deadline for submission of the final report is December 1, 1979.

The designated task force topic areas are as follows: (1) cellular and molecular mechanisms of hormone action; (2) hormone biosynthesis, secretion, and metabolism; (3) hormones and aging; (4) hormones and cancer; (5) hormones and growth and development; (6) conception, reproduction, parturition, and sexual differentiation; (7) bone and mineral metabolism; (8) thyroid; (9) energy metabolism and exchange; (10) lipid metabolism; (11) neuroendocrinology: behavior and brain function; (12) hormones and hypertension; (13) adrenal cortex, adrenal medulla, and catecholamines; (14) inborn metabolic diseases; (15) hormones in pharmacology and therapeutics: immunobiology; (16) anterior and posterior pituitary; (17) para-endocrine secretions: nonclassic humoral agents.

The Advisory Committee and individual task forces are most anxious that all interested scientists have the opportunity to contribute to their activity and to its ultimate product. Therefore, members of the scientific community are invited to contribute commentaries related either to their areas of specific interest or to matters that bear more generally upon future research progress within the broad fields encompassed by the study. To facilitate consideration and incorporation of these commentaries, they should be directed toward one or more of the following questions:

- (1) What contributions have already been made by research in this area to human health and well-being?
- (2) What are the high points of existing information in this area?
- (3) What are the key unanswered questions that deserve scientific effort?
- (4) What questions can be answered with resources already available?
- (5) What questions can be answered with new resources that can be developed? Which new resources?
- (6) What is the likely significance of having answers to these questions?
- (7) What national or regional resource, analogous to the National Pituitary Agency (e.g., radioimmunoassay reference laboratory, animal model source), would be especially likely to promote progress in this area?

Commentaries should be restricted in length to no more than four typewritten pages, should indicate at the top by name or number which Task Force area is being addressed, and should be sent to Jonathan Peck, President, Learning Systems, Inc., 6 Beacon Street, Boston, MA 02108.

Because of the restricted duration of the entire study, it will be possible to process and consider only those responses received before November 15, 1978. The interest and participation of the scientific community concerned with this field will be greatly appreciated.

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