

Winner of the Second Medical Student and Intern Essay Contest

The Editorial Board of *DIABETES* takes great pleasure in announcing the selection of Dermot J. Demis, of Yale University School of Medicine, New Haven, Conn., as the winner of the 1954 award for the best paper in the field of diabetes by medical students and interns. Among papers reviewed by the Board, "Studies on a Possible Mechanism of Action of Insulin," by Dr. Demis, was chosen as the outstanding contribution.

Dr. Demis attended Stuyvesant High School (New York City), entered Union College (Schenectady, N.Y.) in 1947, and received a B.S. degree in 1950. Chemistry was his major subject. He did graduate work at the University of Rochester (Rochester, N.Y.) from 1950 to 1953, when he entered Yale Medical School. He received a Ph.D. degree from the University of Rochester in June 1954. Demis is 25 years old, married, and has a five-month-old daughter.

As announced in previous issues of the Journal, the award of \$250 was made possible through the generosity of the St. Louis Diabetes Association.

Excellent papers were submitted in this year's competition, honorable mention going to five additional authors, who were awarded a one-year subscription to *DIABETES*, for Volume 3, 1954. Their names and the titles of their papers follow:

Solomon E. Barr, Washington, D. C., submitted a paper entitled "Diabetes Affecting Pregnancy." Now serving his internship at the Philadelphia General Hospital, he attended George Washington University Medical School, graduating first in his class in June 1954.

Miles A. Galin, Brooklyn, N. Y., was awarded honorable mention for "A Study of the Method of Action of Sodium Diethyldithiocarbamate, a Supposed Alpha Cell Toxin." This study into the mechanisms of the alpha cell took more than two years to complete, and was carried out under the guidance of Drs. Irving Rudolph and Harold Fink, pathologists, at the Coney Island Hospital in Brooklyn. For the first year of the enterprise, Galin worked alone, but during the second year was associated with a fellow-student, Martin Reisman. Galin, a graduate of the Washington Square College of New York University, and Reisman, a graduate of Rutgers University, are both senior students at the New York University College of Medicine. Galin re-



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ceived the Peoples' Hospital Research Award to enable him to do this study, and Mr. Reisman was awarded a grant from the college. They are both interested in the problems of diabetes, and plan to continue their studies of the subject.

Donald W. Ortmeier, M.D., Des Moines, Ia., is serving his internship at Broadlawns Polk County Hospital (General) in Des Moines. He is a graduate of the State University of Iowa, where he worked as a research assistant in the Department of Pediatrics under the direction of Dr. Robert L. Jackson. Dr. Ortmeier served in the U. S. Navy from 1944 through 1946, one and one-half years of it in the Philippine Islands. His paper is entitled "Mortality Study of Young Diabetic Patients."

Fred C. Schnibbe, M.D., now serving an internship at the Portland Sanitarium and Hospital in Portland, Ore., wrote "Level of Control vs. Degenerative Complications in Juvenile Diabetes." Dr. Schnibbe is a June 1954 graduate of the School of Medicine of the College of Medical Evangelists. He served thirty months active duty with the Armed Forces during World War II, eighteen months of which was spent in Europe. He received a B.A. degree from Walla Walla College, College Place, Washington, in June 1950. Dr. Schnibbe at present plans to become a general practitioner.

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James R. Stabenau, Milwaukee, Wis., wrote on "Late Complications of Diabetes Mellitus." At present a senior student at Marquette University School of Medicine, he received a B.S. degree, magna cum laude, from Marquette University in 1952. During the summer of 1953, he worked as a research assistant under Dr. J. J. Smith in the Department of Physiology, studying the relationship of hepatic anoxia to the development of secondary shock. He is a member of Alpha Omega Alpha and a contributing writer of articles for the *Marquette Medical Review*. Stabenau plans to enter the field of internal medicine.

The Editor and the Editorial Board, on behalf of the Association, offer their congratulations to Dr. Demis and those who received honorable mention.

Members of the American Diabetes Association and subscribers to *DIABETES* are reminded that there is a third contest closing May 10, 1955, open to medical students and physicians within two years after graduation from medical school. They are asked to urge their students and interns to submit papers by that date. Candidates may choose any subject relating to diabetes and basic metabolic problems. The length of the paper may be from six to eighteen pages, typewritten and double-spaced. Manuscripts should be sent to the Editorial Office of *DIABETES*, 1 East 45th Street, New York 17, N. Y. The papers will be reviewed by the Editorial Board which, in selecting the best paper, will take into consideration the value of the material and the method of presentation. The prize of \$250 for the best paper reporting original work, whether laboratory investigation or clinical observations, is made possible again through the kindness of the St. Louis Diabetes Association.

An additional award of \$50 for the best review article or case report has been added to this annual competition sponsored by the American Diabetes Association. It has been given anonymously by a member of the Association.

THE FIFTEENTH ANNUAL MEETING

As announced in the July-August issue of *DIABETES*, the next Annual Meeting of the American Diabetes Association will be held June 4-5, 1955, in Atlantic City, N. J. The meeting immediately precedes the annual session of the American Medical Association, June 6-10.

Chalfonte-Haddon Hall will again serve as headquarters for our Association. Although there is no guarantee that all of our members can be housed in the headquarters hotel, every effort will be made to accommodate them. Reservation information is going forward to the membership.

Scientific Sessions

Physicians and other scientists are invited by Frederick W. Williams, M.D., Chairman of the Association's Committee on Scientific Programs, to submit abstracts of papers which they would like to present at the Scientific Sessions.

Persons interested are requested to submit eight copies of the abstracts to facilitate review of their material by the Committee.

U. S. PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE COURSES IN DIABETES

The Public Health Service for the fourth year is sponsoring courses in diabetes control designed for physicians, public health administrators, nurses, dietitians, nutritionists, health educators, medical technologists, and medical social workers. The courses, which are free, are conducted at the Diabetes Field Research and Training Unit, Boston, Mass. The staff includes a medical officer, internist, nutritionist, public health nurse, statistician, biochemist, health educator, and medical technicians. The group discusses the problems involved in the care of the person with diabetes in the hospital and in the community. Each course, conducted for one week, consists of discussions, demonstrations and field trips. Opportunities are provided for individual consultation.

Courses to be given during 1955 include: Patient Education in Diabetes (March 21-25; and June 6-10), Nursing Aspects of a Diabetes Program (April 11-15), Nutritional Aspects of a Diabetes Program (May 9-13), Laboratory Aspects of a Diabetes Program (upon request throughout the year), and Organization and Management of a Diabetes Clinic (upon request throughout the year). Further information may be obtained from the U. S. Public Health Service, Diabetes Field Research and Training Unit, 639 Huntington Avenue, Boston 15, Mass.

SECOND CONGRESS OF THE INTERNATIONAL DIABETES FEDERATION

Cambridge, England, will be the site of the Second Congress of the International Diabetes Federation, July 4-8, 1955. The Honorary President will be Sir Lionel Whitby, C.V.O., M.D., Master of Downing College, Cambridge.

The British Diabetic Association, 152, Harley Street, London, W.1, will act as host. Information about reservations and so forth may be secured from Mr. James G. L. Jackson of that Association, or from the National Office of the American Diabetes Association.