

## WINNERS OF 1958-59 MEDICAL STUDENT-INTERN ESSAY CONTEST

Basil N. Spirtos, M.D., Iowa City, and Thomas N. Vincent, M.D., Denver, have been selected by the Committee on Scientific Awards of the American Diabetes Association as the winners of the 1958-59 (seventh) Medical Student-Intern Essay Contest.

An award of \$250, made possible by the St. Louis Diabetes Association, has been presented to Dr. Spirtos for the best paper submitted in the field of diabetes reporting original work, whether laboratory investigation or clinical observation. Dr. Vincent was awarded \$100 for the best paper in the category of review article or case report.

Stewart B. Dunsker, Cincinnati, and C. R. Joseph Caskin, Jr., Atlanta, received honorable mention in the best paper reporting original work and in the best case report or review article categories, respectively. Both men received a one-year subscription to *DIABETES*.



BASIL N. SPIRTOS, M.D.



THOMAS N. VINCENT, M.D.

The prize-winning paper by Dr. Spirtos is entitled "The Effect of Hypothalamic Lesions on Insulin Sensitivity." Dr. Spirtos was born in 1929 in Campbell, Ohio, and graduated from Ohio State University in 1950. At the State University of Iowa he obtained his M.S. in 1953 and his Ph.D. in 1955. He received his M.D. in 1959 from The College of Medicine, State University of Iowa. He is at present serving his internship at the Los Angeles County General Hospital. Dr. Spirtos is a member of the Society of the Sigma Xi, the American Association of Anatomists, The Endocrine Society and The Society for Experimental Biology and Medicine. He has been the recipient of the following awards: Book review award presented by the Department of Public Health and Preventive Medicine of the State University of Iowa for the academic year 1956-57; Fisher Foundation Scholarship 1958; Student speaker during the freshman medical student orientation program (Sept. 24, 1958) and during the Annual Iowa State Pre-Medical Conference (Nov. 7, 1958); Borden Undergraduate Research Award in Medicine (June 11, 1959). He has also published numerous papers in several medical journals.

His interests for the future lie in teaching and research in basic and clinical endocrinology.

"On the Mechanisms of Monosaccharide Absorption in the Small Intestine: A Review" is the title of Dr. Vincent's paper. Born in 1931 in Salt Lake City, he attended public school in Denver and then Princeton University where he obtained his B.A. degree in 1952. He worked as a research chemist in Cincinnati until 1954, at which time he enlisted in the Army and was stationed at Walter Reed Army Hospital, Washington, doing biochemistry research until 1955. Upon separation from the Service he attended the University of Colorado School of Medicine where he received his M.D. in 1959. At the present time he is interning at Walter Reed Army Hospital.

Mr. Dunsker, whose paper, "A Review of the Chemical Nature of Insulin and Studies on the Preparation of a Mercury Derivative of Partially Reduced Insulin," won honorable mention, was born in Cincinnati in 1934. He completed his public school education in Cincinnati, graduating as president of his senior class in 1952. He graduated from Harvard University, cum laude, in 1956, and entered the College of Medicine, University of Cincinnati, with the class of 1960. At the present time he is a senior and a member of Pi Kappa Epsilon honorary medical fraternity. In the past five years Mr. Dunsker's research projects have involved the chemistry of insulin, phosphate transport in erythrocytes, and phosphate metabolism in metabolic acidosis. He is currently working in the Department of Hematology, investigating carbohydrate metabolism in leukocytes.

Mr. Caskin, whose paper entitled "Studies on Potassium in Diabetic Acidosis: A Review" also received honorable mention, was born in Macon, Georgia, in 1935. He obtained his A.B. degree from Emory University in 1957, and is at present a junior at Emory University School of Medicine. He belongs to Phi Chi Medical Fraternity. Married, he now resides in Atlanta. He intends to specialize in internal medicine.

## EIGHTH GRADUATE AND MEDICAL STUDENT-INTERN ESSAY CONTEST

The Council of the American Diabetes Association has accepted the recommendation of the Committee on Scientific Awards to change the name of the yearly Essay Contest to the "Graduate and Medical Student-Intern Essay Contest" beginning with the present 1959-60 season. The 1959-60 Contest will now be open to graduate students, medical students, interns and physicians within two years after their graduation from medical school. With this change graduate students are eligible to participate in the contest.

An award of \$250 will be given to the author or authors of the best paper reporting original work, whether laboratory investigation or clinical observation. One hundred dollars (\$100) will be awarded for the best review article or case report.

The papers will be judged on the basis of the value of the material and the method of presentation. Any subject relating to diabetes and basic metabolic problems may be selected.

Members of the American Diabetes Association and subscribers to *DIABETES* are asked to encourage graduate students, medical students, interns and physicians within two years after their graduation from medical school to enter the contest.

Contestants should submit the original and two copies of their papers. Typewritten and double-spaced, all manuscripts should be mailed by April 1, 1960, to: Committee on Scientific Awards, American Diabetes Association, Inc., 1 East 45th St., New York 17, N.Y.

### THE LILLY AWARD

Jan. 1, 1960, is the deadline for receipt of nominations for the fourth Lilly Award, which will be given at the Twentieth Annual Meeting, June 11-12, in Miami Beach, Florida. The following stipulations govern the contest for this annual award, which is supported by Eli Lilly and Company and consists of \$1,000 and a medal.

*Purpose:* To recognize demonstrated research in the field of diabetes, taking into consideration independence of thought and originality.

*Eligibility:* Any investigator in an appropriate field of work closely related to diabetes who is less than forty years of age on January 1 of the year in which the award is made. The research will not necessarily be judged in comparison to the work of more mature and experienced workers. The candidate should be a resident of the United States or Canada.

*Nominations:* Nominations for the award will be solicited from the members of the American Diabetes Association. Such nominations will be requested by repeated notices to be published in DIABETES. Names of nominees will be sent to the Chairman of the Committee on Scientific Awards and must be received before January 1 of the year of the award. The nomination should be accompanied by full information concerning the nominee's personality, training and research work. Six copies of each item should be submitted. No member may send in more than one nomination. A list of the nominees' publications, if any, and six copies of the publication or manuscript for which the award is to be given should also accompany the nomination. At the discretion of the Committee on Scientific Awards, the award may be given for work published during the year prior to January 1 of the same year of the award. The nominee should be actively engaged at that time in the line of research for which the award is to be made.

*Announcement:* The name of the winner will be announced in the program of the Annual Meeting of the Association, and the award presented at that meeting. The winner, subject to the approval of the Committee on Scientific Programs, will be invited to present a paper on his work. Papers considered for the award must be submitted with the idea that they will be published in whole or in part in DIABETES if found acceptable to the Editor and/or Editorial Board. If the Committee should decide that no outstanding work has been presented for this consideration, the award will not be made.

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

### 20TH ANNUAL MEETING

The American Diabetes Association will hold its Twentieth Annual Meeting in Miami Beach, Florida, June 11-12, 1960, at the Hotel Deauville. Further information will be published in subsequent issues of the Journal.

### NOVEMBER 15 DEADLINE FOR ADA RESEARCH FELLOWSHIP APPLICATIONS

The Committee on Research and Fellowships of the American Diabetes Association will award at least one new Fellowship for the academic year 1960-61 (July 1, 1960—June 30, 1961). Applications may be obtained by writing Mr. J. Richard Connelly, Executive Director, and should be filled out and returned before the deadline of Nov. 15, 1959.

### DIABETES WEEK NOVEMBER 15-21

Affiliate Associations and Committees on Diabetes of County and State Medical Societies are urged to begin planning their Public Education and Detection programs now, well in advance of Diabetes Week, which in accordance with custom will be observed the week before Thanksgiving. The Organizational Kit was mailed August 27, and an announcement concerning the availability of testing materials and reagents was sent out August 28. These will be followed by a Newspaper Publicity Kit and a TV-Radio Unit. Report forms will be mailed just prior to Diabetes Week.

Address your requests for information concerning available services and supplies to Louis K. Alpert, M.D., Chairman of the Committee on Public Education and Detection, American Diabetes Association, Inc., 1 East 45th St., New York 17, N.Y.

For a preview of the new Diabetes Week poster in black and white, see page A-6 of this issue of the Journal. In its original form, the poster is black, white, red and yellow.

### NEW MEMBERS

The following were elected as of Sept. 1, 1959:

	Active	
<i>District of Columbia</i>		
Biben, Lewis H.		Washington
Crowell, Jack		Washington
<i>Illinois</i>		
Goldstein, Maurice S.		Chicago
Whalen, Charles P.		Kankakee
<i>Maryland</i>		
Hurdle, Seth H.		Salisbury
Segal, Stanton		Bethesda
Shear, Joseph		Baltimore
<i>Massachusetts</i>		
Goodner, Charles J.		Boston
<i>Minnesota</i>		
Hatfield, Clinton B.		Minneapolis
Hedrick, William L.		Minneapolis
<i>New York</i>		
Greenberg, Wayne V.		New York City
<i>North Carolina</i>		
White, Jefferson E., Jr.		Durham
<i>Ohio</i>		
Landau, Bernard R.		Cleveland
<i>Pennsylvania</i>		
Brody, William		Philadelphia
Feinberg, David H.		Easton
Jenson, William K.		Philadelphia
<i>Washington</i>		
Pace, William R., Jr.		Seattle