SCIENTIFIC SESSIONS ABSTRACTS
NOW DUE BY JUNE 15

Abstracts of all papers intended for presentation at the 1956 Scientific Sessions of the Association must be submitted no later than June 15. This represents a month’s postponement from the originally announced deadline. The Scientific Sessions are to be held in Cincinnati’s Music Hall, October 27–29, in conjunction with the AHA’s 32nd Annual Meeting. The complete Association program in the Ohio city is scheduled to run from Saturday, October 27, through Wednesday, October 31.

To be accepted for presentation, papers must be based on original investigations in or related to the cardiovascular field. Abstracts should not exceed 300 words in length and should be submitted in triplicate on special forms provided by the Association.

This year, for the first time papers based on original studies in the areas of interest of the AHA’s Council on Community Service and Education will be integrated into the Scientific Sessions’ program. For this reason particular attention is called to the Council’s invitation to those who wish to report such studies on nutrition, rehabilitation, epidemiology and related fields to submit abstracts before the June 15 deadline date.

Exhibit Applications

June 15 is also the deadline for applying for space to present scientific exhibits at the Sessions. The use of a large public auditorium will enable the Association to greatly expand facilities for both scientific and technical exhibits.

Further information on applications for exhibit space as well as on submission of abstracts may be obtained from the American Heart Association, 44 East 23rd Street, New York 10, N. Y. Commercial organizations wishing space for technical exhibits are advised to contact Stephen K. Herlitz, Inc., 280 Madison Avenue, New York, N. Y.

STATEMENT ON SMOKING
ISSUED BY AHA

Much greater knowledge is needed before conclusions can be drawn concerning possible causal relationships between tobacco smoking and coronary artery disease according to a statement approved by the Association’s Executive Committee.

The statement reflected findings of a committee appointed in 1954 to evaluate available scientific evidence relating to smoking and cardiovascular diseases. Definite knowledge, the Association statement asserted, is limited largely to laboratory and clinical evidence that smoking is “harmful in certain diseases of the peripheral blood vessels of the arms and legs.” Cited as a clear demonstration of this was the effects of smoking on those suffering from thrombo-angiitis obliterans (Buerger’s disease).

The Association also noted that a “small percentage of persons with known disease of the coronary arteries will develop symptoms and display signs detectable by laboratory tests when they smoke.” The statement expresses the feeling that such people may be harmed by smoking.

However, for the large majority of cases, the committee said that it believes that available evidence is not adequate to define the effect of smoking on the heart and coronary vessels and that “much greater knowledge is needed before any conclusions can be drawn concerning relationships between smoking and increased death rates from coronary heart disease.” To obtain such knowledge, the statement suggested that it may be necessary to employ “techniques and research methods that have not hitherto been applied to this problem.”

In conclusion, the statement urged that a technical committee representing a “wide range of research experience be established to suggest the lines of investigation that may be most productive.”

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BLAKESLEE AWARDS ENTRIES CLOSE TUESDAY, MAY 1

May 1 is the last day on which entries may be submitted for the 1956 Howard W. Blakeslee Awards competition conducted by the Association. The awards, which carry a minimum honorarium of $500 each, will be made for newspaper and magazine articles, books, radio and television programs and films which were published or produced between March 1, 1955 and March 1, 1956. Recipients will be those who in the opinion of the judges contribute most to public understanding of the cardiovascular system and its diseases.

Entry forms and information on the Blakeslee Awards may be obtained from the Association, 40 East 23rd Street, New York 10, N. Y.

AHA TO REVIEW ABSTRACTS FOR INTER-AMERICAN CONGRESS

Research investigators and clinicians in the United States wishing to present papers at the Fifth Inter-American Congress of Cardiology to be held in Havana, November 11–17, should submit abstracts of their papers to the American Heart Association, 40 East 23rd Street, New York 10, by July 1. The papers will be reviewed and transmitted to the Congress Committee. This is in accordance with the procedure established by the Inter-American Congress.

Abstracts should be no more than 200 words in length and should be submitted in triplicate. At the Congress itself, each paper will be allotted 10 minutes for presentation and five minutes for discussion. Among the subjects selected for discussion in panels and symposia at Havana are cerebrovascular accidents—diagnosis and modern treatment; treatment of coronary disease; modern aspects of arrhythmias; treatment of hypertensive vascular disease; etiology and treatment of atherosclerosis; chronic cor pulmonale; clinical electrocardiography and vectorcardiography; present status of heart surgery.

The program will also include scientific exhibits and technical exhibits on the latest advances in therapeutics and cardiologic equipment. Invitations to present scientific exhibits will be limited to institutional groups. Those interested should obtain additional information from the Congress at the address given below.

Registration fee for the entire Congress, including social events, is $25. Associate registrations for wives and family may be arranged for $10. Money orders should be made out to Dr. Luis Ortega Verdes, Treasurer. All mail with regard to the Congress (excepting abstracts) should be sent to the Fifth Inter-American Congress of Cardiology, Apartado 2108, Havana, Cuba.

ARMED FORCES INSTITUTE PLANS CARDIOLOGY COURSE MAY 14–17

A postgraduate course on diseases of the heart will be conducted for physicians by the Armed Forces Institute of Pathology in Washington, May 14–17. The course is endorsed by the American Heart Association.

Both civilian and military physicians will be eligible to participate in the symposium with enrollment limited to 425 persons. The first day’s program will deal with heart embryology, anatomy, histology, the electrical conduction system of the heart and pharmacologic aspects of cardiology. Subsequent programs will be focused on congenital malformations of the heart, rheumatic fever and rheumatic heart disease, coronary atherosclerosis and occlusion and the less common forms of heart disease.

Course director is William C. Manion, M.D., Chief of the Armed Forces Institute of Pathology’s cardiovascular section. The Institute is the central laboratory of pathology for the military establishment.

Participants in the symposium will include: Bradley M. Patton, M.D., University of Michigan; Oscar V. Batson, M.D., University of Pennsylvania; Maurice Lev, M.D., Miami, Fla.; Edward Hawthorne, M.D., Howard University; Theodore Koppyan, M.D., Georgetown University; Jesse E. Edwards, M.D., Mayo Clinic; Col. Thomas Mattingly, M.D., Walter Reed Army Hospital; T. F. Hilbish, M.D., National Institutes of Health; Charles Hufnagel, M.D., Georgetown University; T. G. Borilla, M.D., Walter Reed Army Medical Center.

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Civilian physicians who desire to attend may apply directly to the Director, ARMED FORCES INSTITUTE OF PATHOLOGY, WASHINGTON 25, D. C. Doctors in the armed forces should make application through normal military channels.

AHA COMPLETES NEW FILM ON RESEARCH

A film for the general public on cardiovascular research has been completed by the Association. Entitled, “Secrets of the Heart,” the motion picture is designed to increase public understanding of medical research and the role of basic scientists in the fight against cardiovascular diseases.

The half-hour picture was produced by MPO Productions and written and directed by George C. Stoney who previously did the prize-winning film on rheumatic fever, “The Valiant Heart,” for the Association. “Secrets of the Heart” devotes itself to interviews with research investigators in their laboratories during which the scientists explain and demonstrate their actual work. Irvine H. Page, M.D., President of the Association serves as a scientific guide for the audience.

“Secrets of the Heart” will be distributed through the AHA and state and local Heart Associations, and it is expected that it will be shown on television in many areas.

CANADIAN HEART ASSOCIATION SETS ANNUAL MEETING JUNE 14-15

The eighth annual meeting of the Canadian Heart Association will be held in Quebec City, June 14 and 15. Physicians from the United States will be welcome to participate in the programs.

Additional information on the program and other details affecting attendance at the meeting may be obtained from John D. Keith, M.D., 555 University Avenue, Toronto, Ontario.

CONFERENCE ON MERCURIALS SCHEDULED IN NEW YORK

The New York Academy of Sciences has scheduled a two-day conference on mercury and its compounds for Friday and Saturday, April 6-7, at the Barbizon-Plaza Hotel in New York City. The first day’s program will be devoted to the physical and chemical properties of the mercurials, and the second day to clinical applications, with emphasis on the utilization of mercurial diuretics. Among the subjects to be covered will be the clinical effectiveness of mercurial diuretics in congestive heart failure, and outpatient management of the cardiac patient with oral mercurial diuretics.

All physicians and workers in the biologic and physical sciences are welcome to attend sessions which begin at 9 A.M. each day.

MEETINGS CALENDAR

April 15: American Society of Biological Chemists, Atlantic City. Philip Handler, Duke University, Durham, N. C.

April 15-16: American Society for Artificial Internal Organs, Atlantic City. Peter F. Salisbury, M.D., Institute for Medical Research, Cedars of Lebanon Hospital, 4751 Fountain Avenue, Los Angeles 29.

April 15-20: American Society for Pharmacology and Experimental Therapeutics, Atlantic City. C. C. Pfeiffer, Emory University School of Medicine, Emory University, Ga.


April 26-28: American Association of Pathologists and Bacteriologists, Cincinnati. Edward A. Gall, Cincinnati General Hospital, Cincinnati 29.

April 29: American Federation for Clinical Research, Atlantic City. William W. Stead, V.A. Hospital, Minneapolis 17.

April 30: American Society for Clinical Investigation, Atlantic City. A. P. DeWeese, 515 East Main Street, Kent, O.

May 1–2: Association of American Physicians, Atlantic City. P. B. Beesson, Yale University School of Medicine, New Haven 11.


ABROAD


April 28–May 5: Third International Conference on Health Education, Rome, Italy. Lucien Viborel, Sec.-Gen. 92 rue Saint-Denis, Paris 1er, France.


May 24–26: First International Congress of Infectious Pathology, Lyon, France. Prof. Sedallian, Pres. of Committee of Organization, 77 rue Pasteur, Lyon, France.

June 20–22: Ciba Foundation Colloquium on Endocrinology: Regulation and Mode of Action of Thyroid Hormone (by invitation), London. Dr. G. E. Wolstenholme, Director of Foundation, 41 Portland Place, London, W.1.


July 22–28: 8th International Congress of Radiology, Mexico City. Dr. Jose Noriega, Sec. Gen. of Congress, Tepic 126 (2e piso), Mexico City 7.

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