AHA SCIENTIFIC SESSIONS TO EMPHASIZE PHYSICIANS' USE OF RESEARCH DATA

A program that will place greater emphasis on the practical application by physicians of findings in cardiovascular research is being planned for the 31st Annual Scientific Sessions of the American Heart Association. The Sessions will be held from Friday, October 24 through Sunday, October 26 at the Civic Center, San Francisco. The 1958 Scientific Sessions will commemorate the 10th anniversary of the American Heart Association as a national voluntary health agency.

Tentative plans include an all-day program on clinical orientation for the practicing physician to be sponsored by the Association's Council on Clinical Cardiology. The session will be aimed at bringing to the practicing physician the results of research which he will find most useful in everyday practice.

Several joint sessions are being planned with the American Society for the Study of Arteriosclerosis which has scheduled its Annual Meeting to coincide with the Heart Association's Scientific Sessions.

Applications for the presentation of papers or for scientific exhibit space at the Sessions may be obtained by writing to F. J. Lewy, M.D., Assistant Medical Director of the American Heart Association. Applications will be processed by the Association's Committee on Scientific Sessions Program. Papers intended for presentation must be based on original investigations in, or related to, the cardiovascular field.

Abstracts of papers must be limited to 250 words or less to be submitted on official forms provided by the Association before June 13, 1958. They should contain in summary form the results obtained and the conclusions reached.

All applications for space for scientific and technical exhibits must be filed with the Association through Dr. Lewy not later than June 13, 1958.

AGENCY WILL ARRANGE TRAVEL TO WORLD CARDIOLOGY CONGRESS

Travel arrangements to and from the Third World Congress of Cardiology in Brussels, September 14-21, may be made by writing to the Convoys Travel Service, 1133 Broadway, New York, N. Y. The agency also will supply travel information and make arrangements for tours before the Congress or following it. All other information regarding the Congress may be obtained from Dr. F. Van Dooren, Secretary of the Congress, 80 Rue Mercelis, Brussels, Belgium.

DR. PAUL D. WHITE ISSUES HEART MONTH MESSAGE

Paul Dudley White, M.D., of Boston, in a message marking February as American Heart Month, said that "the partnership of the medical profession and the public, and the strength of voluntary support, are vital for the advancement of scientific research which during the past ten years has scored dramatic achievements in the prevention and treatment of cardiovascular diseases."

Dr. White is serving as Honorary Co-Chairman of the 1958 national Heart Fund campaign. Mrs. Dwight D. Eisenhower is Honorary Chairman of the drive.

"During its first decade as a voluntary health agency, the American Heart Association has forged a great partnership of the medical profession, the scientists and the public to help conquer diseases of the heart and blood vessels, the leading cause of death and disability in our nation today," the President's heart consultant said. "Voluntary
citizen action, from which the Heart Association draws its strength, is a particular characteristic of our democracy. Through the research, education and community service programs of the Heart Association, individual citizens are given an opportunity to take positive action in many practical ways against a disease that so closely affects the lives and happiness of every family.”

RENEW SUBSCRIPTIONS THROUGH GRUNE AND STRATTON, INC.
Subscription renewals for Circulation and Circulation Research, official journals of the American Heart Association, should be made directly through the publisher, Grune and Stratton, Inc., 381 Fourth Avenue, New York 16, N.Y. Subscribers who are either members or non-members of the American Heart Association may renew their subscriptions in this manner.

MEETING IS SCHEDULED ON RHEUMATIC FEVER PROGRAMS
A national meeting on the subject of secondary rheumatic fever prevention programs, with attendance by invitation, will be held on March 9 through March 11, in Chicago. Co-sponsors of the meeting will be the American Heart Association and the U.S. Public Health Service. Discussion will cover organization and administration of rheumatic fever prevention programs; the roles of various organizations interested in the problem; methods of obtaining acceptance of the program; case-finding, plan of the case-registry and other follow-up practices; research aspects; and methods of financing and obtaining staff.

BOOK ON RHEUMATIC FEVER BROUGHT UP TO DATE
A completely revised edition of the book “Epidemiology of Rheumatic Fever” by John R. Paul, M.D., Professor of Preventive Medicine at Yale University School of Medicine, has been prepared with the assistance of an ad hoc Advisory Committee of the American Heart Association’s Council on Rheumatic Fever and Congenital Heart Disease. Completely rewritten in the light of recent knowledge on the spread and causes of rheumatic fever, the 187-page volume contains information of particular value to pediatricians, health officers and rheumatic fever committees. It is available through local Heart Associations or the national AHA office at $5.00 a copy.

ENTRIES FOR BLAKESLEE AWARDS NOW BEING ACCEPTED
Entry blanks and instructions for entering the Howard W. Blakeslee Awards competition of the American Heart Association, presented annually for outstanding reporting in the mass media on heart and circulatory diseases, may be obtained from the Association’s national office, 44 East 23rd Street, New York 10, N. Y. May 1 is the closing date for submitting entries.

Selections will be made by the Heart Association’s Awards Committee from among newspaper and magazine articles, books, radio and television programs and films produced or published between March 1, 1957 and February 28, 1958. The Awards, each of which carries a minimum honorarium of $500, will be presented next fall.

NEW HEART FILM AVAILABLE
A new motion picture, “Take Three Hearts,” which shows how the physician and the Heart Association can help patients suffering from heart and circulatory diseases, has been issued by the American Heart Association. The 16 mm. black and white sound film runs approximately 27 minutes. It is available from local Heart Associations or from the national office of the AHA.

“You and Your Heart” BOOK IS REVISED
Particularly suited for distribution by physicians to their patients is the new revised paper-bound edition of “You and Your Heart,” published by the New American Li-
Intended for the layman, the volume includes the latest medical findings on diseases of the heart and blood vessels. Written chiefly by H. M. Marvin, M.D., the book contains a foreword by Paul D. White, M.D. and chapters by the late T. Duckett Jones, M.D., Irvine H. Page, M.D., Irving S. Wright, M.D. and Maelyn McCarty, M.D. Copies are available from local Heart Associations or the national AHA office at 50c each.

MEETINGS CALENDAR

March 20–22: Chicago Heart Association, Conference on Pulmonary Circulation, Chicago. Wright Adams, M.D., Department of Medicine, University of Chicago, Chicago, Ill.
March 24–27: American Academy of General Practice, 10th Annual Scientific Assembly, Dallas. Mae F. Cahal, Volker Blvd. at Brookside, Kansas City 12, Mo.
April 24–26: Fifth International Congress of Internal Medicine, Philadelphia. E. R. Loveland, 4200 Pine Street, Philadelphia 4, Pa.
May 4: American Federation for Clinical Research, Atlantic City. William W. Stead, VA Hospital, Minneapolis 17, Minn.
May 5: American Society for Clinical Investigation, Atlantic City. S. J. Farber, 550 First Avenue, New York 16, N. Y.
May 6–7: Association of American Physicians, Atlantic City. P. R. Beeson, Yale University School of Medicine, New Haven 11, Conn.

ABROAD

April 16–19: International Academy of Legal Medicine and Social Medicine, 50th International Congress, Madrid. Prof. B. Piga, Professor of Legal Medicine, Madrid University, Madrid, Spain.
September 14–21: Third World Congress of Cardiology, Brussels. Dr. F. Van Dooren, 80 Rue Mereelis, Brussels, Belgium.
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