HEART MODELS

Latex models of the human heart to replace the plaster ones previously available will be ready early in April. They will fill a long-felt need for better heart models as a visual aid in undergraduate and postgraduate education. The new models, which will be safer to handle, will also be useful as an aid in the teaching of fluoroscopy. Physicians and professional groups may wish to use them for demonstrating heart conditions to patients and lay groups.

Ten different models have been prepared under the direction of a special committee of the Scientific Council, under the chairmanship of Dr. J. Scott Butterworth. Other members of the Committee are Charles A. R. Connor, M.D., Dickinson W. Richards, Jr., M.D., and Henry Taylor, M.D.

The types represented in the set are: the average normal heart; transverse; vertical; moderate mitral stenosis; marked mitral stenosis; mitral stenosis and aortic regurgitation; aneurysm of the ascending limb of the aortic arch and aortic insufficiency; hypertensive heart and tortuous arteriosclerotic aorta; chronic cor pulmonale; and a cast of the interior of the normal heart representing the actual size of the four chambers.

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The models were made by Abram Belski, sculptor at New York Medical College, Department of Anatomy. They may be obtained from the American Heart Association as a set or individually.

A complete set of ten with one display stand will cost $150. Single models with a display stand will cost $22.50, and single models without a display stand $16.50. Packing and shipping costs are extra.

The models are unpainted, but instructions for coloring the arterial and venous sides of the heart will accompany the models. A complete description and photographs will be available shortly.

Inquiries or orders should be sent to: Mr. H. Douglas Chisholm, American Heart Association, 1775 Broadway, New York, N. Y.

INTER-AMERICAN CONGRESS

April 1 is the deadline for submitting summaries of papers for the Fourth Inter-American Cardiological Congress being held in Buenos Aires from September 1 to September 6, 1952. The summaries, not to exceed 200 words, are to be sent to: Fourth Interamerican Cardiological Congress, Larrea 1132, Buenos Aires. If possible, the papers should be written in Spanish or Portuguese, as well as English. Members may send as many papers as they wish, but will be allowed to read only one or two. Time limits allowed to each speaker at the Congress will be 15 minutes, including the exhibition of lantern slides or films.

Titular Members may be accompanied by their relatives, who will be considered as Associate Members. Registration fee will be about $18.00 for Titular Members, and about $7.00 for Associate Members. These fees may be paid upon arrival in Buenos Aires. Applications for registration may be obtained from Congress headquarters at the above address.

The opening session of the Congress will take place on Sunday, August 31. The Congress Dinner is scheduled for September 6 at 9 P.M.

A number of complementary activities are planned during the week of the sessions, including a banquet, a theatrical performance and a trip to the islands of the Parana Delta. During the week of September 7, excursions will be organized.

The Argentine Committee of the Congress will be the official hosts. Dr. Pedro Cossio, Argentine Committee President, will preside. Other officers of the Argentine Committee are
Dr. Eduardo Braun Menendez, Dr. Carlos Rodrigue, Dr. Alberto C. Taquini and Dr. Roberto Vedoya, Vice-Presidents; Dr. Blas Moia, Secretary General; Dr. Juan C. Etcheves, Recording Secretary; and Dr. Jorge Gonzalez Videla, Treasurer.

ANNUAL MEETING SCHEDULE

Following is the schedule of meetings and events for the Association’s Annual Meeting and Scientific Sessions to be held at the Hotel Statler in Cleveland, Ohio, April 17-20, 1952. The Scientific Sessions will be held on Friday and Saturday, April 18 and 19, from 9:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M.

THURSDAY, APRIL 17

9:30 A.M.
Assembly of the American Heart Association
Panel Discussions
1:00 P.M.
Luncheon for Assembly Members
2:00 P.M.
Reports of Executive Staff
Election of Officers and Directors
Presentation and Discussion of Panel Reports
5:30 P.M.
Executive Committee of Scientific Council

FRIDAY, APRIL 18

9:00 A.M.
Scientific Sessions, including the George E. Brown Memorial Lecture, by Dr. Isaac Starr
10:00 A.M. (Concurrently with Scientific Sessions)
Panel—"Your Heart Association in Action.” Open to members of the Assembly and any members of Heart Associations attending the Annual Meeting.
12:00
Annual Meeting of Members
2:00 P.M.
Scientific Sessions

2:00 P.M. (Concurrently with Scientific Sessions)
Panel—“Doctors Meet the Press.” Discussion open to same groups as the morning panel.

7:00 P.M.
Annual Dinner, with presentation of Gold Heart Awards

SATURDAY, APRIL 19

9:00 A.M.
Scientific Sessions, including the Lewis A. Conner Lecture by Dr. Dickinson W. Richards, Jr.

Special Basic Science Sessions will be held concurrently with the General Scientific Sessions

2:00 P.M.
Scientific Sessions

SUNDAY, APRIL 19

10:00 A.M.
Scientific Council

STAFF CONFERENCE

A staff training conference for personnel of affiliated heart associations will be held April 14 to 16 at the Hotel Hollenden in Cleveland, preceding the Annual Meeting of the AHA. The sessions are being planned by the Staff Conference of Heart Associations, which is composed of executive secretaries and other staff members of heart associations, in cooperation with the AHA national staff. Board and Committee Members of heart associations are invited to attend the staff training conference.

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