News from the American Heart Association

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Program Outlined for AHA’s 47th Annual Scientific Sessions in Dallas

The American Heart Association has announced program highlights of the 47th Annual Scientific Sessions to be held November 18 through November 21 in Dallas, Texas.

There will be seven half-day sessions featuring lectures, panels and symposia on the newest methods in the diagnosis and therapy of cardiovascular disease. More than 500 papers based on original investigative work related to all areas of cardiovascular disease will be presented in simultaneous sessions. A complete program listing all papers by title will be available in October.

A tentative program schedule is as follows:

The opening general session on Monday morning will feature the presidential address; the presentation of the Research Achievement Award and the Lewis A. Conner Memorial Lecture, entitled "The Mechanism of Action of Antiarrhythmic Drugs," to be delivered by Brian Hoffman, M.D., College of Physicians and Surgeons, Columbia University. Opening day Clinical Sessions will include a morning symposium on Unstable Angina. The afternoon program will feature lectures on Critical Evaluation of Coronary Flow Techniques and Radiologic Signs in Pulmonary Vascular Disease. A symposium will focus on Clinical Clues to the Diagnosis of Heart Disease.

Tuesday’s program will begin with the International Lecture, to be presented by Jacques Genest, M.D., Scientific Director, Clinical Research Institute of Montreal. Included in the Clinical Sessions are lectures on the Importance of the Recognition and the Therapeutics of Transient Ischemic Attacks and The Recognition and Management of the Mitral Prolapse Syndrome. Symposia are scheduled as follows: Indications for Surgery in Aortic Regurgitation; Prostaglandins, Angiotensin and Kinins in Vasomotor Control; and Hypertension and Target Organ Disease.

Robert O. Scow, M.D., Chief, Section on Endocrinology, Laboratory of Nutrition and Endocrinology, NIAMDD, National Institutes of Health, will present the George Lyman Duff Memorial Lecture on Tuesday afternoon. His topic will be "Role of Endothelium in the Clearance of Chylomicrons from Blood."

On Wednesday, November 20, the program will feature the George E. Brown Memorial Lecture, entitled "Microcirculatory Function in Health and Disease — The Evolution of Concepts and Technology." The lecture will be given by Curt A. Wiederhielm, Ph.D., Professor of Physiology and Biophysics, University of Washington, Seattle. Symposia include: Complete Corrections of Congenital Cardiac Malformations Following Previously Performed Palliative Procedures; and The Relationship Between Arteriosclerosis and Thrombogenesis, the opening session of the National Conference on Thrombosis and Hemostasis, which is being held in conjunction with AHA’s Scientific Sessions.

Clinical Sessions scheduled for Thursday, November 21 will feature symposia on Post-Hospital Management of Myocardial Infarction; Potassium Metabolism and Cardio-Renal Disease; and a lecture entitled "Wolff-Parkinson-White Syndrome: The Physiological Approach to Evaluation and Treatment."

An all-day program will present pertinent new films on cardiovascular medicine. Scientific, industrial and educational exhibits will be on display throughout the sessions.

For further information and advance registration forms, contact your local Heart Association or the AHA National Office, 44 East 23rd Street, New York, New York 10010.

Scientific Councils Announce Postgraduate Seminar Topics

Eight Postgraduate Seminars on various aspects of cardiovascular disease will be held in conjunction with the American Heart Association’s Annual Scientific Sessions in Dallas, Texas.

The seminars, scheduled for the evening of Tuesday, November 19, are sponsored by the AHA’s Scientific Councils.

Seminar topics and the sponsoring Councils are as follows:

"Considerations of Renin in the Hypertensive Diseases,” Council for High Blood Pressure Research.
“Control of the Circulation in Heart Failure,” Council on Circulation.
“The Relationship of Viruses to Cardiac Disease, 1974 Concepts,” Council on Clinical Cardiology and the Council on Cardiovascular Disease in the Young.
“Genetic Aspects of Coronary Heart Disease,” Council on Arteriosclerosis.

There is no registration fee for the seminars. They are open to all who are registered for the Scientific Sessions.

Eleventh Stroke Report
Reprinted by Heart Association

Reprints of the eleventh report of the Joint Committee for Stroke Facilities are available from AHA. The 16-page report, “Transient Focal Cerebral Ischemia: Epidemiological and Clinical Aspects,” (EM 577L) was published in the March-April 1974 issue of Stroke.

The report documents the incidence and prevalence of the transient focal cerebral ischemic disorder. It also provides definitions and criteria for diagnosis, and reviews the problem of survey methods for detection of the disorder in the community. Included is a questionnaire for use in community screening programs.

Copies of the reprint may be ordered from local Heart Associations or the AHA National Office.

Three Days of Cardiology
for Nurses Slated for October

A “Three Days of Cardiology for Nurses” program entitled “Heart Attack — Nursing Counterattack — 1974 and the Future,” will be held October 21 through 23 at the Hollenden House, Cleveland, Ohio.

The course is being sponsored by the American Heart Association’s Northeast Ohio Affiliate, Inc., the AHA Council on Cardiovascular Nursing and the Francis Payne Bolton School of Nursing, Case Western Reserve University. Course directors are: Martin I. Broder, M.D., Donna Kuklo, R.N., M.S.N., and Marjorie Rott, R.N., M.S.

Various session topics to be discussed include: “The Emergency Room Life Support Concept — One Approach to Acute Coronary Disease,” “Coronary Heart Disease in the Community — What Can Nurses Do in Prevention, Screening and Patient Education?” “The Problem of Unstable Angina — Medical and Surgical Approaches to Treatment,” and “New Directions for the Cardiovascular Nurse in the Next Decade.”

For further information, contact George E. Stewart, Jr., AHA, 44 East 23rd Street, New York, New York 10010.

NHLI to Award Research Training Fellowships

The National Heart and Lung Institute is accepting applications for institutional Research Fellowship Awards for postdoctoral training in basic and clinical research.

The awards will support the work of scientific investigators in these program areas: the Division of Blood Diseases and Resources, the Division of Lung Diseases and the Division of Heart and Vascular Diseases.

Applications may be submitted by domestic private or public non-profit institutions. The preceptor at the grantee institution will be responsible for the selection and appointment of research fellows and for the overall direction of the grant period.

The deadline for receipt of applications is September 15, 1974. Fellowship award recipients will be named in March, 1975. For additional information and application forms, contact: Grants Inquiries Section, Division of Research Grants, National Institutes of Health, Bethesda, Maryland 20014.

Plans Formulated for VIIth
World Congress of Cardiology

Approximately 5,000 physicians are expected to attend the VIIth World Congress of Cardiology to be held September 1 through September 7 in Buenos Aires, Argentina. Sponsored by the American Heart Association every four years, the Congress brings together scientists from all parts of the world for a week of intensive exchange of information on advances in the field of cardiovascular disease.

World-renowned cardiologists will discuss major problems in their field at daily general sessions. The Congress will feature panel discussions dealing with specific cardiological problems and lectures on important advances in cardiology. A total of 280 papers have been scheduled for presentation.

Meetings Calendar

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September 6: SECOND ANNUAL CARDIAC REHABILITATION WORKSHOP. Georgia Baptist Hos-
pital, Atlanta, Georgia. Inquiries to: Gerald F. Fletcher, M.D., Director of Internal Medicine, Georgia Baptist Hospital, 300 Boulevard, N.E., Atlanta, Ga. 30312.


September 18–20: INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM ON THE EPIDEMIOLOGY OF HYPERTENSION. Sponsored by the Chicago Heart Association, the AHA Council on Epidemiology, the AHA Council for High Blood Pressure Research, and NHLI. Inquiries to: Oglesby Paul, M.D., Chicago Heart Association, 22 West Madison St., Chicago, Ill. 60602.

September 20–22: “NON-INVASIVE METHODS IN CARDIOLOGY.” Americana Hotel, New York, New York. Sponsored by the AHA Council on Clinical Cardiology, the State University of New York at Stony Brook, the Clinical Campus at Queens Hospital Center, and the Long Island Jewish-Hillside Medical Center in cooperation with the New York Heart Association. Inquiries to: George E. Stewart, Jr., AHA, 44 East 23rd St., New York, N.Y. 10010.


October 12: AMERICAN ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF TENSION CONTROL. Chicago, Illinois. Inquiries to: Dr. Robert Binehart, American Assn. for the Advancement of Tension Control, Executive Office, P.O. Box 7512, Roanoke, Va. 24019.


November 18–21: AMERICAN HEART ASSOCIATION’S 47TH ANNUAL SCIENTIFIC SESSIONS. Dallas, Texas. Inquiries to: AHA, 44 East 23rd St., New York, N.Y. 10010.


December 12–14: THIRTEENTH BIENNIAL CARDIO-VASCULAR SEMINAR: TOOLS AND TECHNIQUES FOR THE PRACTICING CARDIOLOGIST. Four Ambassadors Hôtel, Miami, Florida. Sponsored by the AHA Council on Clinical Cardiology and the Heart Association of Greater Miami. Inquiries to: Michael E. Lepp, Director of Program and Administration, Heart Assn. of Greater Miami, 5080 Biscayne Boulevard, Miami, Fla. 33137.

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August 30–31: SYMPOSIUM ON MYOCARDIAL CONTRACTILITY. La Plata, Argentina. Inquiries to: Dr. H. E. Cingolani, Chairman of Physiology, Facultad de Ciencias Medicas, 60 y 120, La Plata, Argentina.


September 26–28: INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY OF HYPERTENSION — THIRD MEETING. Milan, Italy. Inquiries to: Professor A. Zanchetti, Instituto di Ricerche Cardiovascolari dell’ Universita di Milano, Via F. Sforza 35, 20122 Milan, Italy.

October 9–11: THIRD NATIONAL CONGRESS OF INTERNAL MEDICINE. Bucharest, Roumania. Inquiries to: Internal Medicine Society of the Union of Medical Sciences of Roumania, 8, Rue Progresul, Bucharest, Roumania.

October 14–17: INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS ON ELECTROCARDIOLOGY. Wiesbaden, West Germany. Inquiries to: Sekretariat, Medical Clinic of St. Josef’s Hospital, 62 Wiesbaden, West Germany, Solmsstraße 15.

If psychic tension interferes with cardiac rehabilitation, here’s how Valium® can help. (diazepam)

During hospitalization, Valium® (diazepam) can relieve psychic tension that can disrupt bed rest and interfere with the rehabilitation program.

After the MI patient is stabilized, a certain amount of psychic tension is to be expected. However, in some instances, the patient’s thoughts may dwell constantly on his condition and how it will affect his life, thus producing excessive psychic tension that may present special problems. He may feel overwhelmed and be so burdened by these tensions that he is unable to rest and unable or unwilling to begin a program of rehabilitation. Under these circumstances, Valium® (diazepam) can often be a beneficial adjunct.

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