News from the American Heart Association

Fifth Joint Conference on Stroke To Be Held Feb. 21-23 in Florida

The 5th International Joint Conference on Stroke and Cerebral Circulation will be held Feb. 21-23, 1980 at the Dutch Inn Resort Hotel, Walt Disney World, Lake Buena Vista, FL.

Now established as an important forum in the field, the Joint Conference is concerned with all aspects of cerebrovascular disease and the physiology and pathology of the cerebral circulation. Papers deal with the clinical or experimental pathogenesis, diagnosis, medical, and surgical management of vascular disease of the brain and spinal cord.

Sponsors of the Conference are the Stroke Council of the American Heart Association, the Cerebrovascular Surgery Section of the American Association of Neurological Surgeons, the Canadian Stroke Society of the Canadian Heart Foundation and the Society for Vascular Surgery. Conference co-chairmen are Robert G. Siekert, M.D., of the Mayo Clinic and J. Donald Easton, M.D., of the University of Missouri.

Approximately 50 abstracts for the meeting will be published in the January-February, 1980 issue of STROKE, a Journal of Cerebral Circulation.

Advance registration and information may be obtained from Postgraduate Programs, American Heart Association, Dallas. The meeting meets the criteria for 12 hours in Category I of the Physician’s Recognition Award of the AMA. It is also approved for 12 hours credit in Neurosurgery.

Tapes of Two Arrhythmias Asked by Data Base Study

An appeal for tapes with two categories of ventricular arrhythmias has been issued by the American Heart Association in order to complete a data base for the evaluation of automatic ventricular arrhythmia detectors.

The two categories of recordings required are: 1) tapes with ventricular fibrillation and 2) tapes with frequent PVC’s of the R on T variety.

The tapes should be recorded on instruments which meet AHA specification for frequency response. Although two channel recordings are preferred, tapes recorded on single channel instruments will be considered because of the urgent need.

Those willing to contribute tapes are requested to notify G. Charles Oliver, M.D., Cardiology Division, Jewish Hospital of St. Louis, 216 S. Kingshighway, St. Louis, MO 63110, tel. 314-454-7085. Tapes will be returned to the sender within two weeks after receipt.

Contract for the study was awarded by the National Heart, Lung and Blood Institute and scientific direction was assigned to the AHA Committee on Electrocardiography, David Geselowitz, Ph.D., Chairman. Dr. Oliver is principal investigator.

The project was announced May 1978 and recordings rich in ventricular arrhythmias were requested from physicians and investigators. The response enabled the study to near completion except for the categories now requested.

CVD Epidemiology Group Will Meet in San Diego

The 20th Annual Conference on Cardiovascular Disease Epidemiology, sponsored by the Council on Epidemiology of the American Heart Association, and the National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute, will be held March 3-5, 1980 in the Islandia Hyatt House, San Diego, CA.

Advance registration is available from Scientific Sessions, AHA National Center, Dallas, TX.

International Teaching Seminar

The council on Epidemiology and Prevention of the International Society and Federation of Cardiology will hold its 13th International Teaching Seminar on Cardiovascular Epidemiology and Prevention near Kaunas, Lithuanian SSR, USSR, Aug. 16-29, 1980. The seminar will be in association with the WHO.

Approximately 30 Fellows will be accepted by the Council’s Seminar Committee. Applications must be received before March 15, 1980, by Rose Stamler, Council on Epidemiology, International Society and Federation of Cardiology, 303 E. Chicago Ave., Chicago IL 60611.

Long-Term Honolulu Study of CVD, Stroke, Continues

Continuation of the Honolulu Heart Study, a long-term prospective study of coronary heart disease and stroke has been announced by the Epidemiology Branch, Division of Heart and Vascular Diseases, NHLBI.

The study is confined to men of Japanese ancestry living in Oahu, Hawaii, and began in 1965 with a group of 8,000 persons born 1900-1919. In 1965-68 all were examined and the prevalence of stroke and CHD determined. Repeat examinations were performed near the second and sixth anniversaries of the first examinations. Between 1970 and 1972 some 2,800 of the cohort were examined and lipoprotein determined.

The study will compare risk factor trends among this group and Japanese men studied in Japan and San Francisco. The Hawaii study is centered in the Kuakini Medical Center.

Long-Term Nonsmoking

The Division of Lung Diseases, NHLBI has asked for groups able to conduct a study of long-term nonsmoking. The study will seek to determine variables associated with success in maintaining long-term nonsmoking behavior in former smokers. Of special in-
terest will be former smokers who have known symptoms of chronic obstructive lung disease or have been exposed to respiratory disease risk factors.

The prospective study is being supervised by S.R. Park, Ph.D., Prevention Branch, Div. Lung Diseases, NHLBI, 6A05 Westwood Bldg., Bethesda, MD 20205.

World Cardiology Group Prepares Manual on HBP

A manual for the general practitioner on treatment for hypertension is being prepared by the International Society and Federation of Cardiology (ISFC) in collaboration with the World Health Organization (WHO).

ISFC and WHO are also working together on international classifications and definitions of arrhythmias, ischemic heart disease, cardiomyopathies, and hemodynamics. Some reports have already been published: “Definition of Terms Related to Cardiac Rhythm” (1978) and “Classification of Cardiac Arrhythmias and Conduction Disturbances” (1979). “Nomenclature and Criteria for Diagnosis of Ischemic Heart Disease” was published in CIRCULATION (Vol. 59, 607–609, 1979).

Workshops and conferences are being arranged by ISFC in 1980 to emphasize the cardiovascular dangers of cigarette smoking. Task forces will examine the current status of thrombosis and drugs which inhibit platelet function. An annual international lectureship is also planned.

A new scientific council on cardiac metabolism is being formed by ISFC to join its existing councils on arteriosclerosis, cardiomyopathies, epidemiology and prevention, hypertension, pediatric cardiology, rehabilitation of cardiac patients, and thrombosis and hemostasis.

Internal Medicine Re-exam Announced for Oct. 25, 1980

The 3rd Recertification Examination in internal medicine of the American Board of Internal Medicine will be administered at test centers throughout the United States on Saturday, Oct. 25, 1980. Any internist certified prior to 1975 is eligible.

The purpose of the recertification examination is to provide the practicing internist an opportunity to demonstrate his knowledge in current practice. Recertification exams were administered in 1974 and 1977 and 5,400 internists have been recertified.

The examination will be a full-day proctored test; a half-day session of multiple choice questions and a half-day of sequential latent-image patient management problems. Much of the examination will reflect the syllabus and questions in the American College of Physician’s Medical Knowledge Self-Assessment Program.

Information and forms may be obtained from the American Board of Internal Medicine, 3624 Market St., Philadelphia, PA 19104.

Booklet Offered on Stroke Diagnosis and Management

A revised booklet, Diagnosis and Management of Stroke, (70-004-B) is now available from heart associations for physicians. It was prepared for the AHA Program Committee and Stroke Council by James F. Toole, M.D., Teagle Professor of Neurology and Chairman, Department of Neurology, Bowman Gray School of Medicine.

The redesigned publication includes essential and optional laboratory procedures, including CAT scan. Chapter headings include: Anatomy of Stroke, Examination of the Patient with an Acute Neurological Deficit, General Physical and Neurological Examination, Neurovascular Examination, Optional Laboratory Procedures, Differential Diagnosis, and Management.

New “Heartbook” for Laymen To Join AHA-Sponsored List

A new “AHA Heartbook”, an encyclopedic explanation of heart disease for the layman, will be published this winter.

Each of the 24 chapters has been written by a physician authority and more than 200 charts, diagrams and drawings illustrate the volume. Topics covered include risk factors, exercise, eating habits, smoking, medical emergencies, hypertension, symptoms of CV disease, living with CV disease, surgery and prescribed drugs.

AHA Cookbook

At the same time the AHA Cookbook is being issued in a third edition with new material, including cooking with herbs and quick cooking recipes. It has been prepared by Drs. Mary Winston and Ruth Eshelman. Affiliates will offer cookbooks at a reduced rate as an advanced promotion. The bookstore price will be $12.95.

Laymen’s Books on Heart Listed

A partial list of books written for the general public on heart disease and stroke has been compiled by the AHA library staff as “Popular Books on Heart Disease and Stroke.” It has been distributed to heart associations for use in answering inquiries. Brief reviews help describe many of the volumes the inclusion of which on the list does not constitute AHA endorsement, approval or promotion by AHA.

AHA Briefs . . .

• Manual Viamonte, Jr., M.D. will be program director for a course on Diagnostic Problems in Clinical Cardiology at the Fontainebleau Hilton Hotel, Miami Beach, FL, Dec. 6–8, 1979.
• A 26-day program in lifestyle change for patients with overt atherosclerotic disease will be held at the UCLA Center for Health Enhancement in Los Angeles. Physicians are invited to refer patients: those with symptomatic and asymptomatic cardiac risk fac-
Meetings Calendar

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Jan. 17-18: Cardiac Rehabilitation Workshop. Georgia Baptist Medical Center, Atlanta. Drs. Gerald F. Fletcher, John D. Cantwell, co-directors. Inquiries: Dr. Fletcher, Georgia Baptist Medical Center, 300 Blvd. NE, Atlanta, GA 30312.


Jan. 21-25: Echocardiography In-Service Workshop. University of Miami (FL) School of Medicine. Aldo N. Serafini, M.D., director. Inquiries: Dr. Serafini, PO Box 016960, Miami, FL 33101.


Feb. 2-8: 18th Annual Seminar, "Imageology 1980". Fontainebleau Hilton, Miami Beach, FL. Sponsored by Dept. of Radiology, Mt. Sinai Medical Center. Program director: Dr. Manuel Viamonte, Jr. Inquiries: Miami Seminars, PO Box 343762, Coral Gables, FL 33134.

Feb. 8-11: Decision-Tree Approach to Diagnostic Radiology. Dutch Inn, Lake Buena Vista, FL (Walt Disney World). Sponsored by Dept. of Radiology, Mount Sinai Medical Center, Miami Beach, FL. Dr. Manuel Viamonte, Jr., program director. Inquiries: (See Feb. 2-8).


Feb. 18-22: Nuclear Cardiology In-Service Workshop. Univ. Miami (FL) School of Medicine. Aldo N. Serafini, M.D., director. Inquiries: Dr. Serafini, PO Box 016960, Miami, FL 33101.


Feb. 27-29: Cardiology for Nurses. Georgia Baptist Medical Center, Atlanta. Drs. G. F. Fletcher, J. D. Cantwell, and Barbara Johnston, M.N., co-directors. Inquiries: Dr. Fletcher, Georgia Baptist Med. Cent., 300 Blvd. NE, Atlanta, GA 30312.

Feb. 27-Mar. 1: Contemporary Management of Stroke and Coronary Disease. Taos, NM. Inquiries: W. J. Levy, M.D., Symposia de Santa Fe, PO Box 5175, Santa Fe, NM 87502. Tel. 505-982-1911.


Mar. 3-5: 20th Annual Conference on CVD Epidemiology. Islandia-Hyatt House, San Diego, CA. Sponsored by AHA Council on Epidemiology and NHLBI. Dr. L. Kuller, program chairman. Inquiries: Scientific Sessions, AHA National Center, 7320 Greenville Ave., Dallas, TX 75231.

Mar. 9-12: 54th Congress, International Anesthesia Research Society. MGM Grand Hotel, Reno, NV. Inquiries: IARS, 3645 Warrensville Center Road, Cleveland, OH 44122.


