Dr. Robert Bucher Named Deputy Director For Institution Programs

The appointment of Dr. Robert M. Bucher, Dean of the Temple University School of Medicine, as Deputy Director for Institutional Development of the Bureau of Health Professions Education and Manpower Training, has been announced by Dr. Robert Q. Marston, Director of NIH.

As Deputy Director for Institutional Development, Dr. Bucher will serve as principal advisor to Dr. Leonard D. Fenninger, Bureau Director, for programs of support to institutions engaged in biomedical research and the education and training of personnel in the health occupations.

Assumes Post in July

He will assume his new position in July.

For the past 10 years, Dr. Bucher has been Dean of the Temple University School of Medicine, where he received his M.D. degree in 1944.

Prior to that he was associate professor of Surgery and then associate dean at the medical school.

Dr. Bucher has also served NIH as Special Consultant to the Regional Medical Programs and as a member and chairman of the Heart Institute.

NIDR Scientists Report on Developments At Meeting of Internat'l Dental Ass'n

New developments in dental research were reported at the late March meeting of the International Association for Dental Research, held in Houston, Tex.

Papers given by scientists from the National Institute of Dental Research and grant-supported researchers discussed dental caries, periodontal disease, congenital anomalies, tooth transplantations, and x-ray therapy.

Dr. A. A. Rizzo, NIDR, reported that bacterial endotoxins may play a role in the progression of periodontal disease.

He described animal studies showing that once gums are damaged, small concentrations (100 micrograms per milliliter) of endotoxin can cause serious, sustained inflammation like that in periodontal disease.

Dr. Rizzo worked with Dr. S. E. Berglund on these studies.

Dr. A. J. Steffek, American Dental Association research associate working at NIDR, reported that a group of chemicals, if given to rats at specific times in pregnancy, will cause cleft palate in many of their offspring.

A year ago Dr. Steffek found that the lathyrogen, beta-amino-acetonitrile (BAPN), produced many birth defects in rats, including cleft palate.

This year Dr. Steffek, Dr. C. T. G. King, and Carol Ann Watkins tried giving other lathyrogenic compounds (D-penicillamine, ammonia-acetonitrile, and semicarbazide) in various doses to pregnant rats during palatal development.

They found that all three drugs resulted in a high percentage of offspring with cleft palates.

Dr. Rizzo will describe his recent experiments on the mechanism by which poliovirus replication is blocked at higher than optimal temperatures.

Dr. Lwoff to Give 18th Dyer Lecture At NIH on April 9

Dr. André Lwoff, awarded a 1965 Nobel prize for his work in molecular biology and viral latency, will deliver the 18th annual Dyer Lecture on Wednesday, April 9.

His discussion, "Viral and Cellular Interactions: the Mechanisms of Action of Supraoptimal Temperature on the Development of Poliovirus," will be presented at 8:15 p.m. in the Clinical Center auditorium.

Dr. Lwoff will describe his recent experiments on the mechanism by which poliovirus replication is blocked at higher than optimal temperatures.

Virus action on the cell and supraoptimal temperature combine to release a nucleic acid from cell lysosomes that destroys the viral RNA and consequently blocks virus development.

The French Nobelist spent much of his career with the Pasteur Institute, Paris, where he was chief, Department of Microbic Physiology since 1959. He also has served as...
Dr. Parsegian’s ‘Employee Suggestion’ Receives Award; Lauds NIH Bibliography

Dr. Adrian Parsegian, a research physicist in the Physical Sciences Laboratory of the Division of Computer Research and Technology, has won an Employee Suggestion Award.

Dr. Parsegian, who came to NIH in September, 1967, suggested that a copy of the NIH Scientific Directory and annual Bibliography be made available to all persons concerned with research immediately upon their arrival here.

Cites Own Experience

“I was lucky to have a friend show it to me; perhaps others don’t come across the Bibliography so easily,” said Dr. Parsegian.

He considered that the Directory Bibliography “...gives an excellent summary of work going on and people active in various areas. “It is a major task for a research person recently come to NIH to learn of the many scientific projects under way here....anything that can hasten this process will save valuable time.”

DRS Invites Bids for 818-Car Garage

The nagging parking problem, which plagues us all almost everywhere, is also evident here at NIH. But don’t despair. Buckle up your safety belts and keep circling the reservation, for help is on the way.

The Division of Research Services advises that invitations have been issued for construction bids for a 818-car multilevel parking facility to be constructed in the southwest corner of the reservation adjacent to Old Georgetown Road.

Open-Type Structure

The garage will consist of 274-716 square feet on four levels built of reinforced concrete. It will be an open-type structure with internal ramps to provide access between floors, and will cost about $1,380,000.

Construction Simplifies Parking

Columns in the building have been kept to a minimum by using long span construction. Parking stalls are 9 feet wide by 19 feet deep, and traffic aisles are 22 feet wide. Parking is in 90 degree stalls permitting two-way traffic.

NIH Television, Radio Program Schedule

Television

NIH REPORTS

WRC, Channel 4 Sundays—3:55 p.m.
April 6 and April 13

Dr. Alfred M. Sadler, Jr. and Blair L. Sadler, NIH Subject: Medical and Legal Aspects of Organ Transplants

April 4

Dr. William E. Matory, Howard University Medical School, DPM Contract Subject: Continuing Education for Practicing Physicians

April 11

Dr. Herbert Swendlow, chief, Dental Services Branch, NIDR Subject: Dental Services in NIDR Research

Both interviews take place during intermission, Library of Congress Chamber Music Series.

Graduate Program Moves

The offices of the NIH Graduate Program, the Foundation Bookstore, and the administrator for Group Hospitalization for the Association of Visiting Fellows has moved to Rm. 2-B-23, Bldg. 31.

Office hours are 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. daily. For further information call Ext. 66371.

Architect's drawing of 4-level parking facility at southwest corner of NIH reservation, adjacent to Old Georgetown Road and Lincoln Street.

Latest Participants in NIH Visiting Scientists Program Listed Here

3/3—Dr. Friedrich J. Wiebel, W. Germany, Chemistry Branch. Sponsor: Dr. Harry V. Gelboin, NCI, Auburn Bldg., Rm. 107.

3/9—Dr. Pedro N. Rudomin, Mexico, Laboratory of Neuronal Control. Sponsor: Dr. Karl Frank, NINDS, Bldg. 10, Rm. 3D47.

3/17—Dr. Yonosuke Kobatake, Japan, Laboratory of Neurobiology. Sponsor: Dr. Ichiji Tasaki, NIMH, Bldg. 10, Rm. B2A25.
NIH Biomedical Research Pamphlet Analyzes Need For Future Manpower

The Nation's needs for biomedical research manpower are expected to increase from the 1965 level of 64,000 professional workers to 150,000 by 1985, according to a recently issued NIH report.

The publication, *Biomedical Research Manpower for the Eighties*, is Report No. 11 in the series, *Resources for Medical Research*.

The report focuses on the forces that may shape the future course of biomedical research: scientific needs and opportunities; the manpower to exploit these opportunities, and provision of the necessary resources.

It also analyzes the chief factors influencing the growth of biomedical research. The report further indicates the probable proportion of the health dollar allocated for biomedical research in 1975.


**Award to Dr. McClure**

For Basic Oral Research To Benefit CC Patients

Dr. Frank J. McClure, Advisor to the Director of the National Institute of Dental Research, received the Award for Basic Research in Oral Therapeutics from the International Association for Dental Research.

The award was presented to Dr. McClure at the association's annual meeting in Houston, Texas, March 20-23.

Dr. McClure revealed that, thanks to the $1,000 stipend of this award, there will be more "Pictures for Patients." He is donating this sum to a program at the Clinical Center where original paintings and reproductions are made available for the patients' enjoyment.

Known for his research on the effects of fluoride in caries control, he has also studied heat processing of foods and the role of lysine in experimental caries.

More recently, his research has encompassed the role of phosphates in the control of caries.

Dr. McClure served as chief of the Laboratory of Biochemistry, NIDR, in 1966 after 30 years service with the PHS, and is presently writing a history of fluoridation.

An honorary member of the American Dental Association, he was awarded the HEW "Superior Service Award" in 1955.

**WOMEN AT NIH**

'Ole' for NLM's Senior Scientific Editor, Dr. Halegua, Dentist From Montevideo

The transformation from dentist to senior scientific editor at the National Library of Medicine is unusual—but more so when the dentist is a lady and the lady is from Montevideo, Uruguay.

Dr. Raquel S. Halegua came to NLM in 1964 as a representative of the American Dental Association. Her specific duties were to develop a dental vocabulary that would be added to the Library's Medical Subject Headings and reproduce, with NLM's MEDLARS, the *Index Dental Literature*. MEDLARS is short for the euphonious name of Medical Literature Analysis and Retrieval System.

In March 1966, Dr. Halegua joined the MeSH group of the Bibliographic Services Division. A year later, she assumed her present position, and is responsible for copy clearance before publication of such MEDLARS products as *Index Medicus*, recurring bibliographies, and literature searches.

She also participates in workshops for users of the system.

When asked what attracted her to this type of career, Dr. Halegua explained that it provided a delightful balance between her interest in books and working with learned people in an interesting environment.

Dr. Halegua feels that as editor she is in touch with the latest developments in science. Her role is an expansion from dentistry, now that it includes the whole biomedical field, with emphasis on biomedical communications.

Dr. Halegua received her D.D.S. degree at the University of the Republic, Montevideo. A year before she had married Alfredo Halegua, a sculptor whom she met back in her college days while vacationing at Punta del Este. Two years later, in 1959, the Haleguas came to the United States.

**Dr. Paul MacLean Gives Three Hincks Lectures**

Dr. Paul D. MacLean, National Institute of Mental Health, recently delivered the Clarence Hincks Memorial Lectures at Queen's University, Kingston, Ontario.

Dr. MacLean is chief of the Section on Limbic Integration and Behavior, Laboratory of Neurophysiology, NIMH.

Dr. MacLean's three memorial lectures were entitled "Man's Rep-\*\*\*ilian and Limbic Inheritance," "Man's Limbic Brain and the Psychoses," and "New Trends in Man's Evolution."

The Hincks Lectureship was established in 1965 by the Ontario Mental Health Foundation. It is named in honor of the man called "the father of the Canadian mental health movement" who for many years headed the Canadian Mental Health Association.

Each year the Foundation co-sponsors the lecture series with one of the Ontario medical schools.

**NIH Scientists to Attend April FASEB Meetings**

Approximately 85 scientists from NIH are presenting papers at the 33rd annual meeting of the Federation of American Societies for Experimental Biology being held in Atlantic City, N. J., April 13-18.

Dr. Robert W. Berliner, NIH Deputy Director for Science, heads the group from NIH who will be participating in one of the largest scientific conventions held anywhere in the world. FASEB expects a registration this year of 22,000.

The featured speaker at the FASEB General Session on "Experimental Studies in Tumor Immunology" on Tuesday evening, April 15, will be Dr. George Klein, Department of Tumor Biology of the Karolinska Institute, Stockholm, Sweden.

During the 5 days of this meeting of experimental biologists from the U. S. and many foreign countries, 310 sessions plus many less formal evening meetings are scheduled.

At these sessions, investigators will report the results of their most recent work in fields such as heart disease, cancer therapy, organ transplantation, autoimmune disease, human and animal nutrition, and drugs affecting human behavior.

Dr. Halegua's interests go far beyond dentistry and scientific editing. They encompass the theatre and the ballet as well as sculpture, painting, and music.

Their house is filled with her husband's sculpture, paintings, and murals. There are also works by other artists.

Dr. Halegua's two "beautiful" alley cats bask in this atmosphere.
Dr. Shannon to Address Lab Animal Symposium

Dr. James A. Shannon, former NIH Director, now special advisor to the President of the National Academy of Sciences, will speak at the international laboratory animal symposium to be held at the Shoreham Hotel, in Washington, D. C, April 8-11.

The conference is cosponsored by the International Committee on Laboratory Animals, and the Institute of Laboratory Animal Resources of the National Academy of Sciences-National Research Council.

Support for the conference is provided in part by NIH's Animal Resources Branch of the Division of Research Resources.

The conference theme will be based on "Defining the Laboratory Animal in the Search for Health." Aspects of current research on laboratory animals will be discussed including the influence of environment on the behavior of animals, efforts to breed standardized laboratory animal strains, and techniques for developing germfree animals.

Scientists Present Paper

Dr. Carl T. Hansen and William J. McElaney, of the Division of Research Services, are presenting a paper titled "Strain and Season Differences in the Reproductive Performance of Inbred Strains of Mice, Rats, and Guinea Pigs."

The organizing committee for the symposium includes four NIH representatives. They are: Dr. William Gay, NIGMS, chairman of the Program Committee; Samuel M. Poiley, NIC, chairman of the Registration Committee who is also in charge of the Cancer Chemotherapy National Service Center exhibit; Dr. Thomas C. Andersen, NIC, Committee for Special Events, and Dr. Carl Miller, DBS, who is on the Registration Committee.

Information on registration may be obtained by calling area code 202-961-1692. Registration will start on Monday, April 7, at 1 p.m., at the Shoreham, and continue through the following days of the symposium.

Blood Bank at CC Reports

3 Join 'Gallon Donor Club'

The Clinical Center Blood Bank reports that three donors have joined the "Gallon Donor Club." They are: Dr. Robert S. Adelstein, NH; Flora A. Miller, NIDR, and Gerald C. Prizer, NIC.

More blood is needed. Make an appointment to donate now. Call the Blood Bank, Ext. 64506.

Investigators Suggest Infectious Agent Is Associated With Osteogenic Sarcoma

Investigators at the National Cancer Institute have found evidence that indicates some type of infectious agent may be associated with the type of bone cancer known as osteogenic sarcoma.

They do not know whether the agent is an incidental passenger or is related to the cancer's cause. Dr. Donald L. Morton and Dr. Richard Malmgren of NCI reported their research in a recent issue of Science.

They worked with blood serum and tumor tissue from four patients, and with blood serum from 14 members of their immediate families, from 4 close friends of one patient, and from 25 blood-bank donors who were unrelated to the patients and had had no contact with them.

Each patient's blood serum reacted (that is, showed that it had antibodies) with tissue from his own tumor and with that from each of the other three patients' tumors.

This indicated that the same or a similar agent in each tumor had caused the antibodies to form. Further, 80 percent of the samples of serum from relatives reacted with the tumor tissues, and 91 percent of the samples of serum from the four friends reacted.

This indicated that not only was the agent the same but suggested that it may also be infectious.

Twenty-nine percent of the survivors from normal blood-bank donors reacted.

This was significantly lower than the percentages of other survivors that reacted with the tissues.

However, it was high enough to suggest that the infectious agent may produce low-grade infections that do not result in recognizable disease.

Viruses are known to be able to cause a variety of animal cancers. In 1966, scientific investigators reported that they had isolated a virus that caused osteosarcomas in mice.

As far back as 1935, it was suggested that because this type of bone cancer had developed in three members of a family simultaneously, an infectious agent could be associated with the disease in some manner.

A genetic origin was also suggested because several members of one family were affected with the disease.

In this study genetic origin was eliminated because sera from unrelated individuals demonstrated a high incidence of osteosarcoma antibodies.

While the two NCI investigators stated that it remains to be determined whether an infectious agent caused the cancer or was merely incidental to it, they thought that attempts should now be made to isolate a viral agent from this neoplasm.

Dr. Janet W. Hartley Honored for Outstanding Scientific Achievement

Dr. Janet W. Hartley of the Laboratory of Infectious Diseases, National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, is one of six area residents recently honored for outstanding scientific achievement by the Washington Academy of Sciences.

A microbiologist, Dr. Hartley has been with NIH since 1963. Presently she is working with Dr. Richard C. Greulich and Dr. Robert J. Huebner, chiefs of the Viral Carcinogenesis Branch, National Cancer Institute.

The investigators are studying murine leukemia viruses.

Dr. Hartley was honored at the 70th annual dinner meeting of the Academy. The meeting was held in the John Wesley Powell Auditorium of the Cosmos Club, with Dr. Huebner presenting the award.

The Academy's awards program was initiated in 1939 to recognize young scientists of the area for "noteworthy discovery, accomplishment, or publication."

Dr. Hartley and Dr. Rowe are working to establish sensitive virus isolation procedures for various strains of the murine leukemia viruses.

They hope to learn more about the natural history of infection and further characteristics of the viruses.

The recognition of these factors is important to learning more about the relationship of viruses to human leukemia.

It is hoped that the procedures will contribute to a better understanding of the interaction of virus-host factors which determine the development of leukemia.

Others honored at the dinner were: Charles R. Gunn, Goddard Space Flight Center, engineering sciences; Marilyn E. Jacox and Dolphus E. Milligan, National Bureau of Standards, physical sciences; Joseph Auslander, University of Maryland, mathematics; and Kelso B. Morris, Howard University, for the teaching of science.

Dr. Hartley is working with other scientists to establish virus isolation procedures for strains of the murine leukemia viruses.
Council Members Discuss
Govt. Training Program
For Medical Students

Dr. Comely (r) stressed the developing of health care techniques consistent with the needs of recipients. Dr. Lynch presided at the meeting.

A proposed Government summer training program for medical students was among the major issues discussed by the Council of Federal Medical Directors for Occupational Health at a recent meeting in the Clinical Center.

Dr. John M. Lynch, Council president and chief of the NIH Employee Health Service, acted as moderator.

The Council is composed of 46 physicians in the Metropolitan Washington area. They are responsible for directing occupational health programs in major Federal departments and agencies.

Reviewed Program

Dr. Lynch briefly reviewed the mechanisms of a summer intern program for medical students. The program is designed to accommodate more students with Government health projects.

Dr. Paul B. Comely, chairman, Department of Community Health Practice, College of Medicine, Howard University, was guest speaker.

He explained Howard University student involvement in community and public health activities. He cited graduate and post graduate summer activities that include student assignments with local health departments.

Dr. Comely said that in the past few years students have been going to different parts of the country to participate in OEO’s Project Head Start.

The University is planning student participation programs that will include health services for poverty-level families.

Dr. Comely commented on the value of existing Federal employee health units and their contribution toward improving the health of disadvantaged youths while employed by the Government.

For many youngsters 16 to 21 years old medical attention received in the health unit may have been their first exposure to adequate health care. This may establish patterns for meeting future health needs, Dr. Comely said.

Dr. Comely’s suggestions will be studied by the Council’s Committee on Medical Education headed by Dr. George Mishutow, Medical Director, Department of State.

A new Council policy on cigarette smoking in Federal buildings also received attention.

Since the Council had previously endorsed the Surgeon General’s report 5 years ago, nothing positive has been announced.

It was decided to postpone issuing a statement pending the outcome of recommendations. They will be submitted at a later date by a newly formed Council committee on preventive medicine.

Edwin Thompson Retires, Here 33 Years
Now Has Time to Cultivate His Garden

Edwin Thompson of the Laboratory of Physical Biology, National Institute of Arthritis and Metabolic Diseases, retired last month after more than 33 years with NIH.

Mr. Thompson began his career early in 1915 as a medical technician. He trained in tissue and hematology laboratory techniques at the old Providence Hospital.

The white-haired Mr. Thompson cast a backward glance at his career with NIH and its forerunner, the Hygienic Laboratory.

“F or 29 years now I’ve been working in Bldg. 2, moving only once—from the third to the first floor. When I first came Bldgs. 1 and 2 were the only ones here, Mr. Thompson said. “It’s breathtaking how the place has grown.”

Mr. Thompson worked primarily in measuring the activity of enzymes in blood.

His wife Edna worked in the lab with him for 24 years. She has moved to the Laboratory of Experimental Pathology, and will continue working there.

Mr. Thompson plans to devote full time to the care of their greenhouse, and noted that the grounds at NIH have “improved considerably” over the years.

Between the period of training at Providence, and his working with the Hygienic Laboratory in 1936, he evaluated patients with suspected diphtheria and typhoid for the Maryland State Health Department in Baltimore. This was followed by more than 2 years in the military service.

He also spent 10 years at Georgetown University Hospital. In addition, he took courses in Bacteriology and Microscopy at George Washington Medical School and chemistry at the Naval Medical Center.

Mr. Thompson, who remembers NIH when there were more parking spaces than cars and only one road leading into the reservation, said it was “a great satisfaction to work here for so many years. In fact it was an education in itself.”

Dr. Lieberman Receives
Myrtle Wreath Award
For Medical Leadership

Dr. James Lieberman, Associate Director for Audiovisual-Telecommunications, National Library of Medicine, has received Hadassah’s Myrtle Wreath Award for leadership in the field of medical education and communication. Dr. Lieberman is also Director of the National Medical Audiovisual Center, NLM.

He was cited by the Atlanta Chapter of Hadassah for his work in advancing the progress of medicine and the allied sciences.

Certificate Conferred

At a recent ceremony in Atlanta’s new Memorial Arts Center, Dr. Lieberman with the Wall of Healing Award, a certificate representing a permanent plaque bearing Dr. Lieberman’s name. This plaque will be inscribed on the site of the Hebrew University-Hadassah Hospital in Jerusalem.

The certificate is conferred on all recipients winning the Myrtle Wreath Award.

In recent years this award has been presented to Dr. James A. Shannon, Senator Margaret Chase Smith, Dr. Margaret Mead, and Dr. James Bryant Conant.

The National Medical Audiovisual Center was also honored for its efforts in aiding scientific disciplines in many parts of the world.

DHEW has established a volunteer community service program for its employees in the Washington, D.C. area; approximately 225 people have been placed in voluntary agencies.
Enzyme Ribonuclease Artificially Created From Chemicals in Lab for First Time

With support from NIH, a team headed by a National Institute of grantee, Dr. Robert B. Merrifield, has synthesized the enzyme ribonuclease.

Dr. Merrifield and his associates were faced with the herculean task of linking together 124 amino acids in precisely the proper order, then folding the resultant lengthy chain into the proper three-dimensional structure of RNase.

Relatively Small

This particular enzyme was selected because it is relatively small and because its complete three-dimensional structure was deciphered two years ago by a team of scientists at Roswell Park Memorial Institute, Buffalo, New York, which was headed by another NIH grantee, Dr. David Kipper.

The Rockefeller University team accomplished its task by utilizing a technique known as solid phase peptide synthesis, while the pharmacological investigators used a technique known as the carboxy-anhydride or NCA method.

The results, however, were identical—the first catalytically active protein for which the chemical structure can be written.

Dr. Stadtman was cited for his unique studies of enzyme control mechanisms.

This enzyme breaks down ribonucleic acid {RNA}, the living cell's carrier of genetic information, after it has served its purpose.

The laboratory feat was achieved almost simultaneously by a team of chemists at the Merck Sharp & Dohme Research Laboratories.

Methods Developed

Proceeding independently, each team developed separate methods of accomplishing their task and announced their findings at a joint press conference last month.

The synthesis of ribonuclease, or RNase, marks the first time that an enzyme has been artificially created from chemicals in the laboratory.

The finding will permit further probing of the mechanism of action of RNase and should point the way toward synthesis of larger, more complex enzymes.

Ultimately, it may even be possible to control certain hereditary metabolic diseases resulting from a specific enzyme deficiency by replacing the missing enzyme.

Disorders such as phenylketonuria (PKU), certain types of anemia and other blood diseases, and perhaps, some forms of diabetes, may respond to such therapy.

At the present time several enzymes are being used to treat leukemia and to curb both decay.

Enzymes act to make possible and speed up the thousands of biochemical changes that continuously take place within the living organism.

Jobs Limited

Each enzyme has a very specific and very limited job to perform. Without enzymes there would be no life.

They are directly involved in food digestion, tissue building, DNA replication, blood cell replacement, protein synthesis, and the conversion of chemical energy into kinetic energy which is responsible for movement and muscular activity.

The first clue to the structure of RNase was provided by Dr. Christian B. Anfinsen of NIAMD's Laboratory of Chemical Biology, who demonstrated that the enzyme is comprised of a single polypeptide chain.

The complete chemical structure of RNase was subsequently elucidated by Dr. C. Hirs, Dr. W. Stein and Dr. S. Moore at the Rockefeller Institute and by Dr. Anfinsen and his colleagues at NIH.

All known enzymes are proteins made up of a number of amino acids linked together in intricate fashions to form polypeptide chains.
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Program Project Committee.

He is a member of the Executive Council of the Association of American Medical Colleges.

Dr. Bucher received his bachelor’s degree from the University of Pennsylvania.

From 1946 to 1948 he served in the Army Medical Corps, holding the rank of Captain.

He is a member of the Alpha Omega Alpha, an undergraduate medical honor society, and of the Phi Chi medical fraternity.

Dr. Bucher is a Fellow of the American College of Surgeons and a member of a number of other scientific and professional associations.

BEMT to Sponsor Education Programs
For Physicians in S.F. Area, Howard U.

“It is the best Federal dollar ever spent.” The quote is from a physician on the west coast who is taking part in a continuing education program for practicing physicians.

The project is supported by the Bureau of Health Professions Education and Manpower Training.

The program is conducted by the University of California’s San Francisco Medical Center in conjunction with the California Medical Society and the American Academy of General Practice.

Faculty Travels

Medical Center faculty travel to community hospitals and impart their own special knowledge and experience to physicians who cannot leave their patients to attend seminars in distant locations.

In 1968, in the San Francisco area, several newborn infants were saved because of new transfusion techniques for Rh blood factor incompatibilities. A year earlier these techniques were not locally available.

This and other medical techniques and improved diagnostic methods have been attributed to this program.

Howard University will also develop a program of continuing medical education for 25 graduates of its Medical School.

These graduates, living in Maryland, Virginia, and the District of Columbia, are not to be affiliated with a community hospital.

Needs to Be Determined

This project, also sponsored by BEMT’s Division of Physician Manpower, will use medical professors from Howard University.

They will determine the educational needs and interests of the medical school graduates, and help them with diagnostic and therapeutic methods.

Also, workshops will be conducted in physicians’ offices on laboratory procedures that can be performed there.

The medical school graduates will attend patient care clinics at the university hospital. Through lectures, seminars, and journal articles the latest medical information will be disseminated.

Dr. William E. Matory, chairman, Committee on Continuing Education, Howard University Medical School, is the project director.

Dr. Arnold Pratt Holds Seminar on Computers
In Biomedical Sciences

Dr. Arnold W. Pratt, Director of the Division of Computer Research and Technology, conducted a seminar March 28 on “The Application of Computer Technology to the Biomedical Sciences.”

Illustrations Included

Dr. Pratt’s discussion of automatic data processing in support of advances in the biomedical sciences included illustrations from current DCRT programs.

He described plans for implementing a communications network to provide NIH staff members with direct computer services from their offices and laboratories.

The Information Systems Seminar Series, sponsored by the Office of Management Systems, Office of the Secretary, DHEW, has been active for the past 2 years. It keeps DHEW’s information processing community informed of the latest developments in the field, and also of the work being carried on by its various agencies.

Dan Lahn is coordinator for the seminars. Personnel interested in being placed on the mailing list for future seminar announcements, should call Mr. Lahn, Code 13, Ext. 24245.

Dr. John W. Daly Named Head of NIAMD Section
On Pharmacodynamics

Dr. John W. Daly will head the new Section on Pharmacodynamics, Laboratory of Chemistry, National Institute of Arthritis and Metabolic Diseases. He was formerly with the Laboratory’s Section on Metabolism.

Dr. G. Donald Whedon, NIAMD Director announced the establishment of the section.

The Section on Pharmacodynamics will conduct studies on the interactions of model compounds and drugs involved in the action of biogenic amines, amino acids, and peptide hormones.

Areas of Emphasis Noted

Attention will be focused on biosynthesis, translocation, storage, release, mode of action and metabolism.

Dr. Daly is a graduate of Oregon State College. He received his Ph.D. from Stanford University in 1958, and has been with the Laboratory of Chemistry, NIAMD, since that year.

Dr. Daly was instrumental in isolating and determining the structure of a cardioactive venom from the kokoa frog, considered the most toxic venom known. The action of this venom provides insights into the basic biochemical mechanism of nerve transmission.

Dr. Combs Branch Chief
In NICHD’s Center for Population Research

The appointment of Dr. Jerry W. Combs as chief of the Behavioral Sciences Branch, Center for Population Research, National Institute of Child Health and Human Development, has been announced by Dr. Gerald D. LaVeck, NICHD Director.

Dr. Combs, a sociologist, comes to his new position from the Bureau of the Census, Foreign Demographic Analysis Division, where he has been chief of the European Branch since 1957.

Dr. Combs will supervise a contract program in the social and behavioral aspects of population research.

This program involves research contracts in such areas as demography, sociology, psychology, economics and political science topics related to population.

Research will include the motivation for the use of contraception, attitudes toward family size, and the health, welfare, and social consequences of population change.

Dr. Combs received the B.A. degree summa cum laude from Presbyterian College, Clinton, S.C., in 1934, the M.A. degree in 1948 from the University of Tennessee, and the Ph.D. degree from Columbia University in 1954.

Dr. Combs served 4 years in the U.S. Army. Later he joined the Sociology Department at Emory University.

From 1953 to 1957, he was chief of the Officer Manpower Section, Manpower Research Branch, Lackland Air Force Personnel Training Center at Maxwell Air Force Base and Lackland Air Force Base.

4 New Members Named
To NIAID Adv. Council

Four new members have been appointed to the National Advisory Allergy and Infectious Diseases Council. The appointments were announced by NIAID Director, Dr. Dorland J. Davis.

The new advisors are: Dr. Elisha Atkins, professor of Medicine at Yale University School of Medicine; Dr. Thomas F. Paine, Jr., chief of the Department of Medicine, Nashville Metropolitan General Hospital.

Also, William H. White, president of Family Health, who, previously was executive editor of Medical World News, and Theodore Wiprud, special assistant to the executive vice president of Medical Service of the District of Columbia.

Dr. Combs
Dental Developments

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Dr. Howard A. Bladen, Jr., NIDR, told delegates that certain bacteria, usually considered harmless inhabitants of the mouth, may contribute to the problem of periodontal disease.

Studies have shown that gram-positive filamentous rods can attach themselves to tooth surfaces where they form a deposit called plaque.

This type of bacterial plaque is closely correlated with gum disease.

Dr. Bladen also demonstrated in the test tube that Veillonella, a natural inhabitant of the mouth, may contribute to plaque formation.

This organism could be harmful because it produces an endotoxin which can destroy tissue.

Dr. R. K. Fitzgerald, University of Miami, reported on studies which he had conducted at NIDR with Dr. Rachel H. Larson and D. R. Fitzgerald.

Their experiments with germ-free rats showed that so-called resistant rats will develop tooth decay if they become infected with suitable bacteria.

The researchers also showed that interactions among normal mouth organisms can reduce the decay potential of specific bacteria.

Dr. Fitzgerald stated that the strain of Black rat at NIDR was once thought to be genetically resistant to decay because it seldom develops caries in the smooth surfaces of teeth.

The same high-sugar diet fed to the Black rat strain quickly leads to severe decay in the Osborne-Mendel rat.

However, loss of this “resistance” when Black rats are inoculated with feces from, or caged with, caries-active OM rats, indicates that they merely lack the necessary bacterial infection.

Thus, it is apparent that not only are specific bacteria necessary for decay, but that when in competition with other bacteria, their potential for harm may be lessened.

Another study reported by L. L. Taylor, NIDR, showed that, although x-ray therapy stimulates salivary glands to make more anylase (a starch-digesting enzyme formerly called ptyalin), it does not change an individual’s anylase pattern.

Mr. Taylor conducted this research with two associates from NIDR, Drs. R. O. Wolf and K. Brace.

A light moment at the Printing and Reproduction Plant when Dr. Robert Q. Marston, NIH Director, tours central services areas. Observing Joe Wither- spon, Plant Office Services Branch, Office of Administrative Services, at an envelope-inserting machine are (from left): Dr. Marston; Fred Capaniti, chief, Printing and Reproduction Section, POSB; James B. Davis, Director, OAS; Donald R. Cushing, chief, POSB; Ray Wells, POSB, and Richard L. Seggel, Associate Director for Administration.

At the meeting Dr. Rizzo reported that bacterial endotoxins may be a factor in the progression of periodontal disease.

New Processing System May Enable Scientists To Photograph Molecules

An improved picture processing system that may one day allow scientists to photograph tiny molecules, and even atoms, within living cells will be developed under a grant from NIH.

The grant went to the Jet Propulsion Laboratory of the California Institute of Technology.

They will develop an automatic picture processing system that can be linked with an x-ray machine, electron microscope, or an optical microscope to provide enhanced x-ray photos or micrographs.

The JPL applied computer techniques to improve pictures of the moon and Mars taken by NASA’s Ranger, Surveyor, and Mars spacecraft.

This system can sharpen images and eliminate distortions and imperfections from the camera or electronic equipment aboard the space vehicles.

The pictures are processed by converting the light and dark points that comprise the photographs into numbers.

For example, zero might represent white and the number 255 represent black, with shades of gray shown by numbers in between.

As many as one trillion points per square inch of film can be singled out in this way.

A computer is then programmed to manipulate these numbers to enhance the quality of the photograph.

When these techniques are adapted to biomedical research, it is believed they will sharpen photographs sufficiently to enable man to view an atom for the first time.

For studying x-rays, the JPL techniques will make possible accurate comparison of pictures taken several days apart by eliminating unwanted detail and leaving a single photograph showing only the changes that have occurred.

Advisory Cancer Council Issues Progress Report

The National Advisory Cancer Council believes that rapid gains against cancer through the sophisticated approaches of modern biomedical science will require a nationwide network of centers combining research, medical education, and patient care.

The Council’s view is given in an illustrated report, Progress Against Cancer 1969.

This is the third report on research and efforts to control cancer through prevention, diagnosis, and treatment. The scientists and medical experts who make up the council advise on research and training policies and programs of NCI.

Less than two dozen institutions approach the cancer center ideal, the report explains, “Others need to be provided and so distributed throughout the country that the advancements attained in the medical management of malignant diseases will become available to people everywhere as rapidly as possible,” it states.

Progress Against Cancer 1969 is devoted mainly to a review of progress in drug treatment.

Treatment of cancer with a combination of drugs is credited with the principal gains against leukemia. A regimen of four-drug treatment has also been most effective against Hodgkin’s disease.

Early or localized cases respond well to intensive radiation. Less success has been achieved in drug treatment of the slower growing “solid” tumors, the report states.


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