Consultants Appointed To Advise On Institute Intramural Programs

Eight boards of scientific counselors have been established by PHS to review, discuss, and make general recommendations concerning the intramural research program of NIH in Bethesda and in the field.

Each board, composed of six outstanding non-Federal scientists, will advise one of the seven Institutes or DBS. Members have been selected from basic and clinical fields to serve four-year terms.

The National Advisory Councils of the Institutes will continue to advise the Surgeon General on the total program of each Institute, with particular emphasis on extramural activities. The new boards will be concerned only with activities conducted directly in NIH facilities.

Several of the boards have already met to confer with Institute Directors, Scientific Directors, and Laboratory and Branch Chiefs. They will submit recommendations to the Institute Directors and will be available to advise the NIH Director on general scientific policy.

Dr. Windle Receives Weinstein Award

Dr. William F. Windle, Chief, Laboratory of Neuroanatomical Sciences, NINDB, was presented the celebrated Max Weinstein Award at the eighth annual convention of the United Cerebral Palsy Association in St. Louis, Mo.

The award, which consists of a silver plaque and a check for $1,000, is made annually for outstanding achievement in basic research related to cerebral palsy. The presentation was made by Dr. Seymour S. Kety, Chief, Laboratory of Clinical Sciences, NIMH, who received the award in 1954.

Dr. Kety cited Dr. Windle for his contributions to neurological research through investigations in regeneration of central nervous system tissue and through pioneering studies in experimental cerebral palsies.

Before coming to NIH in 1954, Dr. Windle was Scientific Director of the Baxter Laboratories in Morton Grove, Ill. He has held professorships in neurology and anatomy at Northwestern University, the University of Washington, and the University of Pennsylvania.

How to Publish?

A scientific writing seminar to aid NIH scientists in the preparation and publication of scientific papers will be conducted by three nationally known science editors on December 6.

Participating in the question and answer session at 3:30 p.m. in Wilson Hall will be Dr. Graham Du Shane, Editor of Science, a publication of the American Academy for the Advancement of Science; Dr. Milton O. Lee, Executive Secretary

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For the most part, NIH employees have expressed satisfaction with the united giving idea. Through UGF they were able to contribute to 140 charitable organizations during one campaign.

The drive has not been officially closed, and contributions will still be gratefully accepted. Donations may be given to your keyman.

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The seminar will include discussions on the handling of a manuscript by an editor, manuscript revisions and priorities, and valid reasons for publication. Other subjects are bibliographies, writing for the reader, and the editor's responsibility to the reader and author.

The seminar is primarily designed to facilitate publication by improving the quality of scientific papers. Techniques discussed may make it easier for scientists to have manuscripts accepted more quickly and with fewer revisions.

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Photographic emulsions to capture the tracks of radiation at very high altitudes. The exposure tests have been carried out in collaboration with the U. S. Air Force by means of high-altitude balloons.

The influence of high altitude on susceptibility to disease has been investigated by Drs. Paul Altland, Benjamin Highman, and Olaf Mickelsen. In their experiments with simulated altitudes as low as 25,000 feet, they have noted a tendency of animals to develop vegetation on and thickening of the heart valves. This indicates the importance of maintaining precise pressure and oxygen control in sealed cabin environments.

The altitude studies have also shown the extreme sensitivity and tendency to sudden death in obese rats and in rats on high-fat diets upon acute exposure to simulated altitude.

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**BRIEFS**

The $150 Karen Horney Award, to be presented December 30, 1958, to the author whose paper is an outstanding contribution toward the development of psychoanalysis, has been established by the Association for the Advancement of Psychoanalysis. Entries should be forwarded before May 30 to Dr. Louis E. De Rosis, 815 Park Avenue, New York City.

Representatives of health professions, insurance organizations, labor, industry, and other users of health statistics have been named to a new committee of the National Health Survey. The Surgeon General is chairman. The National Health Survey, directed by Dr. Forrest E. Linder, is a continuing PHS program for the collection of illness and morbidity data.

Donald L. Snow, Chief, Sanitary Engineering Branch, DRS, and currently Chairman of the Committee on Hospital Facilities, American Public Health Association, is directing the committee's study of sanitation and hospital food service.

Appointments. . . Dr. James V. Lowry succeeds Dr. David E. Price as Deputy Chief of the Bureau of Medical Services. Dr. Price is the new Chief of the Bureau of State Services. Dr. Murray A. Diamond replaced Dr. Lowry as Medical Officer in Charge of the Public Health Service Hospital in Lexington, Ky.

The year 1958 is the 75th anniversary of the signing of the Civil Service Act. To celebrate the diamond jubilee of the merit system, the American Federation of Government Employees is sponsoring a banquet on January 18 at the Sheraton Park Hotel. Tickets may be purchased through NIH members of AFGE Lodge 1690.

Note these recent changes in office locations. Administrative Services, DBC, has moved to Room 9E, Bldg. 1 (ext. 3441); Medical Arts, DRS, to Room 1A17, Bldg. 10 (ext. 3221); NINDB Information Office to Room 213, Stone House (ext. 2207); Biometrics Branch, DRS, to Room 201, Stone House (ext. 827); Chief, DRS, to Room 309, Bldg. 1 (ext. 793); and Plant Engineering Branch, DRS, to Room G1308, Bldg. 13 (ext. 2422).
ILLUSTRATIONS NET EMPLOYEE $200 AWARD

Frederich Meiller demonstrates a micro camera with which he took award-winning illustrations.

Frederich H. Meiller, histopathology technician, NINDB, has been awarded $200 for his outstanding contributions to the recently published NINDB atlas on muscle pathology.

Mr. Meiller gave freely of his talents and extra time to prepare the multiple-color illustrations that were largely responsible for the success of the monograph. The careful detail of the high-magnification photographs has received favorable comment from reviewers here and abroad.

Dr. Pearce Bailey, Director, NINDB, and Dr. G. Milton Shy, Clinical Director, NINDB, presented the award to Mr. Meiller at a ceremony December 2.

Capacity Audiences Enjoy Hamster’s 7th Life At NIH

A talented cast of over 50 singers, dancers, and actors delighted capacity audiences at this year’s original presentation of Life at NIH--"Taken for Granted."

The colorful drama starred June Klein and Donald Poulton, whose highjinks saved NIH’s intramural program from a Madison Avenue promoter in charge of the grants program.

Congratulations are due to all those who helped to put on the production. A special vote of thanks goes to Directors Richard Williams, Paul Blank, Sue Oliver, and Hazel Rea who convinced us of the truth of the play’s theme song, "Research is in the Very Best of Hands."

NEW PARKING AREAS CONSTRUCTED AT NIH

Three new parking areas and part of a fourth, accommodating approximately 600 vehicles, have recently been completed for employee use.

A new lot north of Bldg. T-6 now provides facilities for about 160 cars. A road from this lot to Cedar Lane is under construction to facilitate entering and leaving.

A 120-car lot has been constructed south of the Clinical Center, adjacent to South Drive, and a small area in front of Bldg. 6 is open to about 25 vehicles.

Construction has been completed on two sections of a parking area between South Drive and Service Road North, on the site of the former ball diamond. The last section of the unit will be completed in the near future. The entire lot will contain about 450 parking spaces.

Because of the need for parking facilities, employees have been permitted to park on South Drive from Old Georgetown Road to Center Drive. NIH motorists are urged to exercise care in driving on this road until the parking area on the ball diamond is completed, at which time parking on South Drive will be prohibited.

Xmas Decorations Needed

Decorations for patients’ Christmas trees will be gratefully accepted at the Clinical Center. Please bring them to Room 13-N-202, Bldg. 10, before December 10.

HAMSTER CAST ONSTAGE FOR “TAKEN FOR GRANTED” CURTAIN CALLS

The entire cast of the 7th annual production of Life at NIH assembles on stage for deserved curtain calls.