NICHHD Gives Greater Emphasis to Its Intramural Programs in Reorganization

A reorganization of the National Institute of Child Health and Human Development has been announced by Dr. Gerald D. LaVeck, Director.

The reorganization, approved last month by Surg. Gen. William H. Stewart, gives greater emphasis to the Institute's rapidly growing intramural research programs by separating responsibility for intramural and extramural scientific research under two Associate Directors.

The Associate Director for Intramural Research will be responsible for overall planning and direction of the expanded intramural clinical and laboratory research programs. Studies will be conducted under seven branches:

1. The Developmental Biology Branch is concerned with studies of cell growth and function, applying the disciplines of anatomy, biochemistry, immunology, endocrinology, genetics, enzymology, nutrition, metabolism and physiology.

2. The Social and Behavioral Sciences Branch is conducting research aimed at understanding the behavior of the child as he develops from birth to adulthood. This will include studies of the biological (See REORGANIZATION, Page 4)

Dr. Sam T. Gibson Joins DBS as Asst. Director

The appointment of Dr. Sam T. Gibson as Assistant Director, Division of Biologics Standards, has been announced by Dr. Roderick Murray, Division Director.

In his new position, Dr. Gibson will assist the Director in matters concerning the Division's licensing, inspection and control activities, particularly those having medical implications.

Dr. Gibson's major interests include clinical use of serum albumin and the organization of blood transfusion services.

Since 1949, he has been on the staff of the American National Red Cross, and from 1965 to 1966 served as National Director of the...

Dr. Carl G. Baker Is New Scientific Director For Etiology at NCI

Dr. Carl G. Baker, formerly Associate Director for Program, National Cancer Institute, has been appointed as the Institute's Scientific Director for Etiology. The appointment was announced by Dr. Kenneth M. Endicott, the Institute Director.

In his new position Dr. Baker succeeds Dr. Paul Kotin who recently assumed the post of Director of the Division of Environmental Health Sciences.

The Institute's Etiology Area is (See DR. BAKER, Page 5)

Dr. M. Nirenberg Becomes Member Of Acad. of Sci.

Marshall W. Nirenberg, Ph.D., noted biochemical geneticist of the National Heart Institute was one of the 45 new members elected to the National Academy of Sciences at its annual April meeting. Dr. Nirenberg joins 5 other NIH members of the 733-member Academy, this country's most exclusive group of research scientists.

Election to membership in the Academy is considered to be one of the highest honors that can be accorded an American scientist or engineer. Not more than 45 members are elected each year.

Dr. Nirenberg, 40, Chief of the (See DR. NIRENBERG, Page 7)

DYER LECTURE PRINCIPALS—Dr. Robert Alan Good (second from left), eminent immunobiologist who delivered the 16th annual Dyer Lecture at NIH April 26, receives the certificate awarded each speaker "for outstanding achievement in research important to medical science." Dr. G. Burroughs Milder, NIH Director of Laboratories and Clinics, presents the certificate to Dr. Good. Looking on are Dr. Rollo E. Dyer (left), NIH Director until his 1950 retirement, in whose honor the lecture series was established, and Dr. John R. Seel (right), NIAID Director of Intramural Research, who was official host to Dr. Good during his NIH stay. Dr. Good is Professor of Pediatrics and Microbiology at the University of Minnesota Medical School, Minneapolis.

Staff Appointed For New Cancer Research Facility

A new NCI-Baltimore Cancer Research Center has been established through a cooperative arrangement between the National Cancer Institute and the Public Health Service Hospital in Baltimore.

For the NCI, the facility at Baltimore will provide much-needed space for clinical chemotherapy, radiotherapy, and pharmacology research—the last named in a completely renovated 3-story building with 17,000 square feet of working space.

The major aim of the new program is to develop information on the use of cancer drugs. According to Dr. C. Gordon Zubrod, NCI's Scientific Director for Chemotherapy, "The clinical research being done at Baltimore and the pharmacology studies we plan there should lead to better ways of using drugs in man."

Starting in July, 90 of the PHS Hospital's 350 beds will be devoted to cancer research and treatment. (Seventy beds are already engaged in the program.)

Two wards and numerous private (See CANCER FACILITY, Page 5)

Dr. Udenfriend Receives Van Slyke Award Today

Dr. Sidney Udenfriend, Chief of the National Heart Institute's Laboratory of Clinical Biochemistry, has been named the recipient of the 1967 Van Slyke Award by the American Association of Clinical Chemists.

The award is given each year to an individual who has made original and substantial contributions in clinical chemistry or allied biomedical fields. It was created in honor of Dr. Donald D. Van Slyke who is considered to be the father of modern clinical chemistry.

The presentation will be made in New York City today at the Van Slyke Award Dinner on...
NEWS from PERSONNEL

GI LOAN BENEFITS EXPIRE

World War II veterans acquired basic eligibility for GI loan benefits. Their entitlement was scheduled to expire ten years after their date of separation, with an extension of one year for each three months of active duty.

However, under the law all eligibility ceased on July 25, 1967. This means that the VA must receive a request for guaranty of a loan by that date.

Veterans still eligible for benefits and who may want to apply for a loan, must take steps to protect their entitlement by submitting the following to the VA:

2. Discharge or separation papers.
3. Application for guaranty (VA Form 26-1802, 1802a, 1822, or 1842, whichever is appropriate) completed to the extent possible.

For further information contact the local Veterans Benefits Office, 2033 M Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20422. The telephone number is 393-4120.

EXECUTIVE INVENTORY

Senior members of the NIH staff are being asked to complete Executive Inventory Records for the new Government-wide Executive Assignment System.

The System which is described in Executive Order 11315 was announced by President Johnson on Nov. 17, 1966. It will ultimately be used in filling key Executive Branch positions in grades GS-16, 17 and 18.

All NIH employees at grades GS-15 and above and all 208(g)'s are being asked to complete the Executive Inventory Records which describe in detail the background of each registrant.

Any employer who has held a GS-15 position in the past, and who desires to be included in the inventory should contact his Personnel Officer to obtain the necessary forms.

Although 208(g) positions will not be filled through this system, incumbents of these positions will complete the records so that an inventory of senior personnel can be made.

Latest Participants in NIH Visiting Scientists Program Listed Here

3/30—Dr. Livio Paolillo, Italy, Section on Molecular Biophysics, Sponsor: Dr. E. Becker, NIAM, Bldg. 2, Rm. 503A.
1/5—Dr. Peter Paul Fischelis, Germany, Laboratory of Biochemistry, Sponsor: Dr. K. A. Pies, NIDR, Bldg. 3, Rm. 404.
4/7—Dr. Takenori Tanimura, Japan, Laboratory of Biochemistry, Sponsor: Dr. J. Pisano, NIH, Bldg. 19, Rm. 7015.

NIH Visiting Scientists Offered Help in Locating Housing Here

Visiting Scientists who need assistance in locating housing, or help with other problems incident to moving or leaving the area, may call Mrs. Ulrich Weiss, OL 6-1500.

DCRT Library, Located in Bldg. 12A, Now Open To All NIH Employees

The Division of Computer Research and Technology, Library, located in Bldg. 12A, Rm. 2050, is now open to all NIH employees. Its facilities may be used daily, Monday through Friday, from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The Library has been developed by DCRT, with the assistance and guidance of the NIH Library, to serve the research needs of Division personnel in the fields of mathematics, statistics and the computer sciences. The collection does not contain an appreciable amount of elementary or introductory material, but is oriented toward more advanced research materials.

The DCRT Library now contains slightly over 700 volumes and maintains subscriptions to over 70 journals.

As a service to users, all books in the DCRT Library are listed in the NIH Libraries' catalog. This arrangement allows the user easy access to the Literature Resources of both libraries, DCRT books may be requested through the NIH Library's Circulation Unit which forwards requests to the DCRT Library, or they may be borrowed directly from the DCRT Library.

NIH Library Expands Its Professional Capabilities

The Bibliographic Services Section of the NIH Library has expanded its professional capability in performing bibliographic and bibliographic searching services with the recent addition to its staff of Yvonne B. Scott, a Technical Information Specialist.

Also, Mrs. Scott augments the

Art Show Is Scheduled May 21-June 18 at CC

The Art Club will hold an open art show May 21-June 18 in the Clinical Center auditorium.

All employees of NIH, NIMH, and PHS in the area who are R&W members and their immediate families (except children under 16) are invited to participate.

There will be three art categories: paintings, graphics and sculpture. An artist may enter three works in each category. Thus one person could enter a total of nine works.

Awards on May 22

Cash awards for winners in all three categories will be presented in the Clinical Center lobby May 22 at 3:30 p.m.

Anyone wishing to enter should bring his work to the Clinical Center auditorium between 5 and 6 p.m. on Fri., May 19. There will be a $1 registration fee for each entry.

These wishing to enter who are not R&W members may join the Association at this time.

The newly-chartered R&W Art Club, which has elected Dr. James Stabnau president, hopes to have one-man shows later this year.

Walter Clark is chairman of the May 21-June 18 show. Those who want to volunteer to work on the show should call Mr. Clark at 496-1141, Ext. 494.

NIH Library MEDLARS (Medical Literature Analysis and Retrieval System) single-search capability.

This service has been offered to the NIH staff since September by Virginia Alghermoffer, also a Technical Information Specialist at the BSS.
Advances in Treatment of Cryptococcosis Described at Nursing Care Conference

Nurses of the Clinical Center's Allergy and Infectious Diseases Nursing Service described the challenge and satisfaction they have experienced in helping change a fungal disease from its former "almost always fatal" classification to its present "usually treatable" status at a recent Nursing Care Conference.

The disease is cryptococcosis. In the past 10 years, advances in treatment have reversed the former 70 percent to 95 percent (within 2 years of diagnosis) to the present 70 percent or better apparently cured rate.

Head Nurse Josephine Braze presided. Staff Nurse Marian Shapiro described the disease, which in its more frequent and serious form involves the central nervous system, causing meningitis.

Nursing Needs Noted

Long-term drug therapy for patients often causes toxic reactions which, together with symptoms of the disease, call for alertness, empathy, and ingenuity on the part of nurses.

Staff Nurses Cecilia Rodkin and Jean Morgan described the complicated care required by one patient during several admissions to the Clinical Center between 1961 and 1966.

Dr. Darryl D. Bindschadler, of NIAID Laboratory of Clinical Investigations, helped answer questions at the conference. The nurses expressed appreciation to him and to Dr. John E. Bennett, Head of the Laboratory's Infectious Diseases Section, for technical help in preparing the presentation.

In the audience was a former mycologist, Dr. Chester W. Emmons, formerly of NIAID. He was the first to note that the disease is found in people who have been in areas contaminated by pigeons.


Publication of its sixth annual "Research Grants Index," 1966 Edition, was announced recently by the Public Health Service.

The Index contains scientific subject matter summaries of research projects conducted by approximately 16,500 scientists in biomedical and health-related research supported by the PHS during fiscal year 1966.

The publication is produced by the Research Documentation Section, Statistics and Analysis Research, Division of Research Grants.


Freise Assigned to NIH Latin American Office

The Office of the Director, Office of International Research, recently announced the appointment of Robert E. Freise as Administrative Officer of the NIH Latin American Office in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. Mr. Freise has already left NIH for his new assignment.

Mr. Freise previously spent two and one half years in Dacca, East Pakistan, as Executive Officer of the Pakistan-SEATO Cholera Research Laboratory.

Mr. Freise first came to NIH in 1948 at which time he was assigned to the Endocrinology Section of the NCI. He also worked in the office of Oveta Culp Hobby when she was Secretary of the DHHEW, in the Office of Space Management at NIH, and as an Administrative Assistant at hospitals located on the Hopi, Apache and Papago Indian Reservations in Colorado.

Freise will be the only overseas offices—in Paris, Tokyo, New Delhi and Rio de Janeiro—is to help NIH carry out its mission to advance international biomedical research and to promote the health of the American people.

Switzerland. From 1942 to 1949 he was with the U.S. Indian Service and from 1949 to 1954 with the New York State Department of Education.

In 1954 he joined the staff of the National Jewish Hospital at Denver, Colorado, as assistant medical director. He served at the hospital until 1958, when he became a fellow in medical ethics and chief resident at the Institute of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation in New York City.

Dr. Freise has academic appointments in the departments of educational psychology and public health and is a professor of physical medicine and rehabilitation at Howard University, George Washington University, and Georgetown University Schools of Medicine.

'To Catch a Thief' Restaged at NINDB

Three NINDB employees in the Wiscon Building helped to retrieve a stolen car and catch the teen-aged thief, at 5:25 Monday morning, April 24. The observant employee who first noticed a crime was taking place is Marshall Dorsey, office machine operator for the Perinatal Research Branch, NINDB.

While looking out his office window, Mr. Dorsey noticed a young boy wandering around the Wiscon Building parking lot. When the teenager opened the door and got into the car belonging to Daisy Lewis, a statistical clerk for the Branch, Mr. Dorsey alerted Mrs. Lewis and Claude Williams, another Branch office machine operator.

Returning to the window, both men noticed exhaust fumes coming from Mrs. Lewis' car. While Mr. Williams called the police, Mr. Dorsey and Ronald Dean, a statistical clerk, ran downstairs and over to the car. The youth locked the doors quickly and backed the car off the lot before he could be caught.

He stopped the car about 500 yards ahead and attempted to dash away. After a chase back and forth across Old Georgetown Road, Mr. Dorsey and Mr. Dean finally caught up with the boy when he ran into Pump House on M Street and turned into New York Avenue. He held him until police arrived.

A hearing is set for June 6th.
Dr. Mason is Installed As Pres. of American Assange of Anatomists

Dr. Karl E. Mason

Dr. Karl E. Mason of the National Institute of Arthritis and Metabolic Diseases was installed as President of the American Association of Anatomists at the association's annual meeting last month in Kansas City, Mo. Dr. Mason is Nutrition Program Director in the Institute's Extramural Programs.

A Noted Academician

Prior to joining the NIAMD Extramural Programs in mid-1965, Dr. Mason concluded a long and distinguished career as a medical educator at the University of Rochester School of Medicine, where he had served as Professor and Chairman of the Department of Anatomy since 1940.

Dr. Mason had also served successively as Instructor, Assistant Professor and Associate Professor of Anatomy at the Vanderbilt University School of Medicine (1929-1940).

After graduating from the Acadia University in Nova Scotia with a B.S. in Biology, Dr. Mason received his doctorate in Zoology from Yale University in 1925. He remained at Yale for one year as a Fellow of the National Research Council before embarking on his teaching career.

'Eye Research' Written For the General Reader

A new publication written for the general reader, "Eye Research," was released recently by the National Institute of Neurological Diseases and Blindness.

The 44-page illustrated pamphlet reviews the known causes and current treatments for more than 20 blinding disorders as well as the latest research findings.


Pat' Morse Crusades as a Nonpartisan For Maryland's Constitutional Convention

Anyone who thinks political crusades have gone out of style would get a refreshing jolt from a talk with George P. (Pat) Morse.

Seeking election as a delegate to the Maryland Constitutional Convention from District 2, representing Montgomery County, Mr. Morse gives meaning to the definition of a crusade as "any remedial enterprise undertaken with zeal and enthusiasm."

Why is Mr. Morse, who is Chief of the Plant Safety Branch of NIH, expanding much of his spare time and energy for the election on June 13? This articulate attorney believes it is his duty as a citizen to participate in the first modification of the Maryland State constitution since 1867.

He cites the significance of the Constitution which, when adopted, will govern lives for future generations during a dynamic period when dramatic changes are taking place in Maryland.

Hatch Act Provision Stressed

Mr. Morse, who plans to take leave without pay from his position at NIH if elected, stresses the fact that as a Federal employee he is specifically permitted by the Hatch Act to participate in the election for the Constitutional Convention as a nonpartisan candidate and that the Act also allows Federal employees to participate actively in the campaign.

Mr. Morse believes strongly in the importance of the selection of nonpartisan delegates to represent all the people. He stresses that it is the obligation of the Constitution to provide the means whereby the people can assert their right to self-government.

To bring this message to as many people as possible, Mr. Morse has been speaking to schools and interested organizations wherever requested. In his talks he strives to make his listeners aware of how the Convention works and how the Constitution affects their lives.

On Sept. 15, 1967, the 142 Maryland delegates—16 from Montgomery County—will assemble in plenary session to proceed with its work, and on May 14, 1968, a special election to adopt or reject the Constitution proposed will be held.

Mr. Morse's campaign efforts have the ardent assistance of his family—his wife and seven children. From his oldest daughter, who teaches high school, and two sons attending the University of Maryland, to his youngsters in grade and high school—all are working for his election.

A member of the American Bar Association and District of Columbia Bar Association, Mr. Morse previously served with the Central Intelligence Agency and the U.S. Civil Service Commission. Also, he conducted a working session on Justice Robert Jackson as a member of the International Military Tribunal during the trial of the major Nazi war criminals at Nuremberg, Germany.

He is active in a number of professional and service organizations. In line with his deep interest in the significance of the Maryland Constitution, Mr. Morse lectured in 1965-66 at the George Washington University on protection of governmental and individual rights.

Fuccillo Chairs Committee For Biology Editors Council

Dominie A. Fuccillo Jr., technical reports officer of the National Institute of Arthritis and Infectious Diseases, has been named chairman of the standing committee on journal economics for the Council of Biology Editors.

The council sponsored the eleventh annual Conference of Biological Editors May 6-9 in New York City during which Mr. Fuccillo conducted a working session on distributing the primary journal.
Dr. David B. Lackman, Serology Section Head, Retires from RML

Dr. David B. Lackman, veteran member of the PHS Commissioned Corps, has retired from the staff of the Rocky Mountain Laboratory, a unit of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases.

Recruited for the staff of the Hamilton, Mont., facility in 1941, Dr. Lackman organized a serology laboratory for research on Rocky Mountain spotted fever and other rickettsial and viral diseases endemic in the Northwest.

He served in the U.S. Army as a microbiologist from 1942 until 1946, returning to the RML to direct the serological technology section until his retirement.

Findings Widely Reported

Dr. Lackman's contributions to the classification of rickettsias that cause human disease throughout the world and to the serology of a variety of infectious diseases have been reported in more than 80 scientific publications.

Although retired from the PHS, Dr. Lackman will continue his career in public health as a member of the staff of the Montana State Board of Health.

Dr. Lackman is a native of Plymouth, Conn. He received the B.S. degree from the University of Connecticut and the Ph.D. degree in medical bacteriology from the University of Pennsylvania. Before joining the PHS, he taught at the University of Pennsylvania Medical School.

Dr. Bachur Dr. Brace Dr. Serpick

CANCER FACILITY

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and semi-private rooms will be allocated to the care of adults with cancer. Pediatric facilities will accommodate up to 15 children.

When complete, the cancer research and treatment program will include neurosurgery and rehabilitation, as well as drug therapy, surgery, radiotherapy, and pharmacologic and basic scientific studies in cancer. The clinical program will utilize existing staff and facilities for X-ray diagnosis, clinical laboratory determinations, surgical procedures, diet kitchens, occupational therapy, library, and social service.

Dr. Jerome B. Block, chief of the new center, plans cooperative ventures with neighboring biomedical institutions, particularly the University of Maryland, Johns Hopkins University, the Carnegie Institute of Washington, and the McCollum-Pratt Institute.

Formerly a member of the staff of the Medicine Branch, NCI, Dr. Block was named head of the developing cancer center in Baltimore in July 1966. Several chiefs have since been appointed.

Dr. Arthur A. Serpick, a Baltimore-born physician at NCI since 1963, responsible for a clinical chemotherapy unit at the Baltimore Hospital for two years, is Head of Medicine at the new Center.

Dr. Nicholas R. Bachur joined NCI in October 1965 and was assigned to the Laboratory of Chemical Pharmacology in Baltimore in February 1966. He has been named Head of Biochemistry in the Laboratory of Pharmacology. About 60 scientists and technicians will staff the Pharmacology Laboratory.

Dr. Kirkland C. Brace, radiologist at the National Cancer Institute since 1953, is the new Head of Radiation Therapy.

Dr. Michael R. Mardiney Jr., who joined NCI's Immunology Branch in June 1965, will be Head of Immunology at the Center.

Dr. Michael D. Walker, a neurosurgeon in the Laboratory of Chemical Pharmacology at NCI since August 1965, will be Head of Neurosurgery.

RECORD OBSERVES 18TH ANNIVERSARY

Today the Record reviews the past with a backward glance at its first issue, dated May 20, 1949.

On that date, the NIH Softball Association held its practice on a new diamond because the Clinical Center was being constructed on the old one.

The Federal Security Agency, not the DHEW, was the parent organization of the NIH.

The Record included a "Science Elsewhere" column as a regular feature.

Dr. Margaret Pittman had just been elected president of the B.C. Society of American Bacteriologists.

The R&W established a "Discount List" for its members.

Dr. Paul Carbone, Head of the Solid Tumor Service, Medicine Branch, National Cancer Institute, presented the annual I. Ridgeway Trimble Fund Lecture at the 1967 meeting of the Medical and Chirurgical Faculty of Maryland.

Dr. Carbone joined NCI in 1960 and was appointed Head of the Solid Tumor Service in 1965.
Wanda S. Chappell Awarded $1,645
For Ingenious Blood Separation Method

By Bowen Hosford

An award of $1,645 has been made to Wanda S. Chappell, Chief Nurse of the Clinical Center Blood Bank, for suggesting a simple and ingenious method of blood separation that is saving 3,700 pints of donor blood a year at the Clinical Center and many more at other hospitals throughout the country.

The award is to be presented by Dr. Robert M. Farrier, CC Associate Director, in the Clinical Center Blood Bank.

Method Described

Mrs. Chappell's method makes it possible to extract platelets for transfusion to leukemia patients and others, and to use all the rest of the blood for different patients.

Platelets are the blood's smallest cells. They play an important part in clotting. At the CC, platelet transusions number 10,000 to 12,000 a year.

Until 1966, the platelets were transfused while still mixed with most of the blood's plasma. The red cells that remained could be used for ailments such as anemia. However, if the platelets could be concentrated, the saved plasma could be remixed with the red cells.

The result would be whole blood. The trouble was, if the platelets were separated from the plasma, they would stick together and be useless.

In 1965, Dr. Richardaster, formerly at the CC Blood Bank, noted that platelets could be kept from clinging together by adding extra acid. However, this has several disadvantages.

It was then that Mrs. Chappell remembered from her experience that plastic blood bags were manufactured with a little more acid than was needed for keeping blood from clotting. Some of this could be pushed from the main blood bag through a connecting tube to a smaller bag that would hold the platelets.

Dr. Paul J. Schmidt, Blood Bank chief, said, "Mrs. Chappell's method was used during a trial period the first six months of 1966, and was adopted fully after that. A large amount of money is being saved. However, it is more important that blood is an irreplaceable human resource from which multiple use must be obtained. Mrs. Chappell's idea advances us and the country as a whole toward that goal."

Reported In Transfusion

A report on the method was published in the July-August 1966 issue of Transfusion, the official journal of the American Association of Blood Banks, and the procedure has already been adopted by other blood banks. It requires only the use of standard equipment.

An associate professor at the University of Michigan Medical Center wrote, "I am sure many people must have thought, 'Why didn't I think of that?'

A PHS official, who screened the award recommendation before it went to the USPHS Surgeon General for consideration, said, "A number of investigators with advanced degrees and qualifications were working on the problem. She thought of something practical that can be used by everybody. It was the application of common sense to a difficult problem."

Dr. Endicott Announces Reorganization of NCI's Lab. of Chem. Pharm.

Dr. Kenneth M. Endicott, Director of the National Cancer Institute, has announced a reorganization of the Institute's Laboratory of Chemical Pharmacology, under Dr. David P. Rall.

Two new sections—those of Biochemical Pharmacology and Molecular Pharmacology—have been established, while the Biochemistry Section has been abolished. The Pharmacology Section will remain unchanged.

The Biochemical Pharmacology Section, under Dr. Vincent T. Oliverio, will study the action of anti-tumor agents within the body as well as how the body uses and decomposes the agents.

The studies will take several forms: measurements of the agents and their products in biological specimens, study of their fate when administered by different methods, and studies of their entry and passage across biological membranes in normal and leukemic blood cells, and study of metabolism of the agents using physical, chemical and radio tracer techniques.

Position Described

Dr. Oliverio joined NCI in 1950. Before assuming his present duties he was Head of the Biochemistry Section, Laboratory of Chemical Pharmacology. He received his B.A. and M.S. degrees from Xavier University, and a Ph.D. from the University of Florida.

Understanding the mechanics of antitumor drug action will be the major goal of the Molecular Pharmacology Section, headed by Dr. Kurt W. Kohn. Studies will be conducted to determine the effects of the agents at the molecular level on various biological systems and the functions of the agents with cell DNA.

Dr. Kohn came to the NCI in 1957 as a Clinical Associate in the Clinical Pharmacology Service, General Medicine Branch. Since 1963 he has been with the Laboratory of Chemical Pharmacology. He received an A.B. degree in Chemistry and Physics, a Ph.D. in Biochemistry from Harvard University, and his M.D. from Columbia University.
Dr. Jellison Expands RML Collection

Of Literature on Rickettsial Diseases

A 446-volume collection of reprints, journals, and other scientific papers, spanning the research careers of several experts on zoonotic diseases and parasites, is being added to the Rocky Mountain Laboratory library by a retired PHS scientist.

- Dr. William L. Jellison, parasitologist at the Hamilton, Mont., laboratory of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases until his retirement in 1960, has spent much of his time since then sorting, cataloging, and having bound pertinent materials from a multi-ton collection.

In addition to his own library, accumulated during a 34-year career of research on such diseases as tularemia, spotted fever, encephalitis, and Q fever, Dr. Jellison acquired the extensive reprint and journal collection of Dr. Ralph Parker, who was director of the RML from 1921 until his death in 1949.

His second acquisition was the scientific library of Dr. Gordon D. Davis, who retired in 1956 after a career which included distinguished work with spirochetal rekening fevers and tick vectors of various diseases.

Another library came into Dr. Jellison's possession after the death in 1957 of Dr. Edward Francis at the Hygienic Laboratory (now the NIAID) at Bethesda.

Dr. Jellison's work to date has provided the RML library with 392 volumes, including 34 volumes of journal issues not previously available there and 268 volumes of reprints on a variety of diseases. Some 50 volumes of bound material have been donated to Montana state universities, and another 70 have been given to the Pan American Zoonesoses Center in Asul, Argentina.

NLM Notified

NIAID officials have notified the National Library of Medicine of Dr. Jellison's collections, which may be useful additions to resources already available for research by medical historians.

An additional 144 bound volumes on internal parasites and the diseases and parasites of birds and mammals are now being considered by the RML for possible use in that library. And there remain, according to Dr. Jellison, about half the reprints from the four collections to be sorted, selected, and bound.

Dr. Jellison has another project besides the collections to occupy his days of retirement. He is curator of a small museum in Hamilton.
'Hamsters' Variety Show Opens Here May 25

The R&W Hamsters "Spring Fever"—a variety show parodying life at the NIH opens a 3-day run here on May 25.

Other performances are set for May 26 and 27 at 8:30 p.m. in the Clinical Center auditorium.

Tickets are $1.50 and may be purchased at the R&W office, Bldg. 31, Rm. 2A-18, or at the door.

Mike Reed, Management Trainee currently with the OD, plays Dr. Billy Reubin, a recent arrival to the campus who discovers not only how to requisition a pencil while working for the government (you can't) but, also, the only cure for spring fever.

This, of course, is Fay Angeli who gets him a pencil and tells him to "Wake Up, It's Spring."

Others in the cast include Elliot Willinsky, Jean Stein, Robert Capone, Brinnon Conerly, Roy Perry, Vercce Silverman, John Adams, and Doren Vest.

The show was written by Irene Schneiderman, wife of Dr. Marvin Schneiderman, NCI. It is under the direction and production of Jane Albrecht, wife of J. Merrill Albrecht, NCI, andDelray Green, CC.

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Dr. Potter Asst. Chief
Of Career Development
Review Branch of DRG

Dr. Potter (left) is welcomed to his new position by Dr. Willis R. Boss, Chief of the CDRB.—Photo by Ed Hubbard.

Dr. Kenneth C. Potter has been named Assistant Chief (Training Grants), Career Development Review Branch, Division of Research Grants.

Dr. Potter was formerly a Senior Assistant Dental Surgeon with the PHS.

He came to the NIH in 1958 and has served as Chief of the Training Section, National Institute of Dental Research Extramural Programs, and NIDR's Training Grants Officer for Extramural Programs.

Dr. Potter holds degrees of DDS and MPH.

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Verna Flannery Is Retiring From the CC:
Has a Special Rapport With Patients

Verna Flannery, known for her sympathetic help at her post on the Clinical Center's 14th floor hub of patients' activities, will retire on May 20.

Mrs. Flannery's job description places her in the information and reception category. However, friends claim the words "professional listener" should be added.

Because her desk is located where recreational activities are centered, and near the CC chapel, sun decks, an assembly hall, and a gymnasium, almost every patient gets to know Mrs. Flannery. She also guides visitors about the area.

One of her pleasures is preparing flower arrangements for patients' rooms when generous gifts of flowers arrive at the CC from churches, garden clubs, private parties, and store openings. Patients often help her arrange and distribute these. She believes this is good therapy for them.

She recalls that one woman patient, who had refused to talk for 5 months, suddenly became warm and responsive when Mrs. Flannery presented her with a rose. Mrs. Flannery still marvels at this. "Just one rose," she says. "Little things can make people happy or change their attitudes.

She receives dozens of cards from former CC patients each Christmas.

Background Diversified

Mrs. Flannery is a former real estate broker and newspaperwoman. She began as a reporter on her school newspaper, the University of Omaha Gateway. She later wrote real estate and women's columns for the Omaha News-Bea and the Chicago Herald-American, and was on general assignment reporting for the San Francisco Chronicle.

She may dabble in writing or in real estate after retirement. At present she is more intrigued at the prospect of playing golf twice a week and in learning Ikebana, the art of Japanese flower arranging.

She and her husband, Merton, project supervisor of the Fleet Systems Instrumentation Group, Johns Hopkins Applied Physics Laboratory, live in Kensington.

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Dr. Udenfriend

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sored by the New York-Metropolitan Section of the Association. At this time Dr. Udenfriend will address the assembled scientists on the topic "The Biochemical and Clinical Significance of Amino Acid Hydroxylation Reactions."

Dr. Udenfriend is an internationally recognized authority on the metabolism of amino acids, the structural building blocks of protein, and of chemical derivatives of amino acids called amines.

With NIH Since '50

Dr. Udenfriend joined the NIH research staff in 1950 and has headed its Laboratory of Clinical Biochemistry since 1956.

The results of studies conducted in this Laboratory have influenced the course of an appreciable segment of basic and clinical research currently underway at the National Institutes of Health; and their impact has been felt, not only in the field of biochemistry, but in clinical medicine, physiology, pharmacology, and neurology.

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NIAD Exhibit Reviews
80 Years of Research

Eighty years of achievement in infectious disease research were highlighted in an exhibit at Atlanta, Ga., May 9-12, during the second joint meeting of the Commissioned Officers Association and the Clinical Society of the PHS.

"A History of Microbiological Achievement in the Public Health Service"—a four-panel display prepared by the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases—illustrates advances from the 1887 establishment of the one-room Hygienic Laboratory in the Marine Hospital on Staten Island, N. Y., to the recent defeat of an epidemic of Bolivian hemorrhagic fever by scientists of the Middle America Research Unit, Panama C. Z.

Four members of the NINDB Primate Research Center, Patuxent, Md., received awards. Dr. Clarence J. Gibbs, Laboratory Chief (left), presents Quality increase Awards to Michael Salino, Marion Poms, and Edward Van Steinburg (at far right). Alfred E. Bocate, fourth from left, was presented an award for Sustained Superior Performance. Dr. William F. Caveness, Institute Associate Director for Collaborative and Field Research, is in the center.—Photo by Tom Joy.