

The NIH Record

Experts Discuss Research And Human Discard Tissue

Some 150 distinguished members of the National Institutes of Health, voluntary health organizations and U.S. Congressional staff met to discuss the use of discard human tissue and organs in research on various diseases on Apr. 30.



Dr. James B. Wyngaarden (l), Director of NIH, accepts an award from Dr. Howard S. Tager (r), chairman of the University of Chicago Medical School's department of biochemistry and molecular biology. The award was given by the National Diabetes Research Interchange for the NIH Director's support on the use of human discard tissue in scientific research.

The conference, the first ever to gather together experts in over a dozen disease categories on this subject, was held at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in Bethesda. Experts in cancer, diabetes, lupus, cystic fibrosis, retinitis pigmentosa, arthritis, kidney, digestive and cardiovascular and hyaline membrane diseases attended.

Dr. James B. Wyngaarden, NIH Director, received an award from the sponsoring organization—the National Diabetes Research Interchange—for ongoing support in this field.

Others receiving similar awards at the conference were Kathi Iococca, president, the Iococca Foundation; U.S. Senator Albert Gore Jr. and Eileen Gelick, president, Juvenile Diabetes Foundation International.

Together these experts will testify to the critical importance of utilizing human—rather than animal—tissue and organs in the laboratory. These experts will discuss the wasteful routine of discarding tissue and organs from surgical and autopsy procedures and illustrate the growing laboratory need in all disease categories of research for such tissue.

The National Diabetes Research Interchange, the conference's sponsor, is a nonprofit research organization based in Philadelphia which pioneered the first retrieval/preservation/distribution organ and tissue mechanism in the world. □

Director Elucidates NIH Position on Primates at Poolesville; Cites Misleading Accounts

Dr. James B. Wyngaarden, Director of NIH, has written Ms. Meg Greenfield, Editorial Page Editor of the Washington Post, explaining the position of NIH in regard to 15 nonhuman primates (monkeys) now housed at Poolesville. The Director's letter to the Post editor was in response to a column by syndicated columnist James J. Kilpatrick which seriously misstated the situation. The full text of the Director's letter follows.

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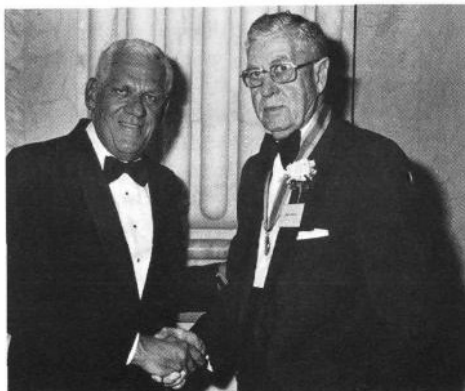
"I believe it important that your readers have additional information regarding 15 nonhuman primates that the National Institutes of Health (NIH) is caring for at its animal center in Poolesville, Maryland (your Op-Ed column of May 12 by James Kilpatrick). These animals are the subjects of long-running litigation that could result in a landmark precedent affecting the use of laboratory animals in biomedical research projects throughout the Nation.

"The primates are the property of the Institutes for Behavior Resources Inc. (IBR), of Washington, D.C. (formerly of Silver Spring, Maryland). They were used by IBR scientists in a research project funded in part by an NIH grant. The objective of the research was to advance rehabilitative medicine by creating and studying in the laboratory a type of irreversible neurological disability often manifested by human victims of spinal cord injury or stroke. The primates were seized in September 1981 by Montgomery County (Maryland) police in response to allegations of animal cruelty. An

IBR scientist was convicted in lower court of cruelty to one animal and this conviction was later reversed. After they were seized the monkeys were placed in the care and custody of the Montgomery County Circuit Court, and at the request of the Court the NIH agreed to provide continuing care for the animals. The NIH suspended and ultimately terminated the grant to IBR upon determining that it had failed to comply fully with animal welfare requirements of the U.S. Public Health Service.

"Although IBR no longer carries out research with laboratory animals, it still is the owner of the 15 animals and thus is responsible for directing their disposition. The chairman of the IBR Board of Trustees, Dr. Joseph Brady, recently confirmed his intent that these valuable animals should be made available to an appropriate research institution to complete the study for which they were acquired and initially used—that is, to gain important new information that might help patients with neurological disabilities. The IBR, however, is constrained from effecting such arrangements by pending litigation. While the proper use and welfare of research animals in general and the resolution of the current issue in particular is of the highest priority to me and to the NIH, we are constrained because NIH is also a defendant in the litigation brought by the People for Ethical Treatment of Animals and others.

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Dr. James A. Shannon (r), distinguished former Director of NIH, is shown just after receiving the Delmer S. Faber Medal of the Franklin Institute at annual Medal Day ceremonies in Philadelphia on Apr. 16. Dr. Shannon was cited for outstanding leadership in science and health. Charles Andes, chief executive officer of the Franklin Institute, made the presentation.

Dr. Albert Sabin to Deliver Lecture at NLM May 28

NIH staffers are invited to attend a lecture by Dr. Albert Sabin, the distinguished medical researcher who developed the oral polio vaccine. The lecture will be presented Wednesday, May 28, at 10 a.m. in the Lister Hill Center Auditorium (NLM, Bldg. 38A). Dr. Sabin has had a long association with NIH and is now a Fogarty International Center senior expert consultant.

He has titled his talk "Strategy for Rapid Elimination and Continuing Control of Polio and Other Vaccine-Preventable Diseases of Children in Developing Countries." Dr. Sabin will allow for an information discussion period with the audience following his remarks.

The lecture is being sponsored by the National Library of Medicine as a part of its 150th year celebration. □

TRAINING TIPS

The following courses are sponsored by the Division of Personnel Management, the NIH Training Center.

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Sons of Italy Sponsor Lecture On Ellis Island & Immigrants

Dr. August C. Polino, professor of economics, Catholic University of America, will present a lecture on Ellis Island, on Friday, June 6, at 8 p.m., in Masur Auditorium, Clinical Center, Bldg. 10. Sponsored by the NIH Lodge, Order Sons of Italy in America, all NIH staff, family, friends, and the public are invited to attend. □

Computer Systems Lab Sponsors RT/PC Seminar, June 4

The Computer Systems Lab of the DCRT is sponsoring a day of demonstrations and presentations on the IBM RT/PC on Wednesday, June 4, from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. The event will be held in the 14th floor assembly hall of Bldg. 10. Hardware and software demonstrations will be ongoing throughout the day.

The presentations will be at 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. □

Health Quackery Slide Lecture To Be Presented at NLM June 4

NIH staff are invited to a historical slide lecture on "American Health Quackery: Past and Present," by Prof. James Harvey Young.

The lecture will be presented Wednesday, June 4, 12-1 p.m., in the Lister Hill Center Auditorium, Bldg. 38A. □

CENTENNIAL

President Franklin D. Roosevelt was speaking at the front entrance of Bldg. 1 in last week's historical photo. He was dedicating the National Institutes of Health to the service of the Nation on the occasion of the completion of the initial building project on Oct. 31, 1940.

Because of the extensive awards story, no new Centennial reminders will be run in this issue.

Susan Gerhold, 496-1776, Visitor's Information Center, Bldg. 10, B1C218, is still receiving old photos and recollections of NIH's past.

NIDDK Sets Conference On Sexual Dysfunction

A conference on the "Scientific Basis of Sexual Dysfunction" will be held June 4 through 6 at the Omni International Hotel in Baltimore, Md.

Sponsored by the National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases in association with the National Kidney Foundation, the conference will concentrate on male sexual dysfunction. The meeting will be attended by urologists, endocrinologists, physiologists, pathologists, pharmacologists, psychologists and other scientists and clinicians from across the U.S. and Europe.

A major focus of the meeting will be sexual impotence, one of the most common problems encountered by physicians in clinical practice.

Research on the factors responsible for impotence, however, has lagged far behind other areas of reproductive physiology, according to Dr. Charles H. Rodgers, director of the Urology Program of NIDDK, who helped organize the meeting.

While the most notable therapeutic advances in recent years have involved the development and improvement of penile prostheses, according to Dr. Rodgers, additional advances will depend on extending scientific knowledge of the factors responsible for impotence.

Goals of the conference are to review the current understanding of sexual dysfunction and to use that information to focus on areas of research that might benefit from new initiatives.

Participants at the meeting will discuss anatomy, physiology, and endocrinology of the male reproductive system, erectile pathology in systemic disease, neural control in male and female sexual behavior, and clinical assessment and management of sexual dysfunction in men and women.

For more information, call Dr. Rodgers, 496-7574. □

Consensus Conference on Pain May 19-21 at Clinical Center

An NIH Consensus Development Conference on the Integrated Approach to the Management of Pain is being held at Masur Auditorium in the Clinical Center on May 19-21.

The scheduled sessions are:

May 19—8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.; May 20—9 a.m. to 11:45 a.m. and May 21—8:30 a.m.—Reading of the Consensus Statement.

A press conference will follow at noon on May 21.

Key questions to be addressed at the conference are:

- How should pain be assessed?
- How should pharmacological agents be used in an integrated approach to pain management?
- How should nonpharmacological interventions be used in an integrated approach to pain management?
- What is the role of the nurse in the integrated approach to pain management?
- What are the directions for future research in pain management?

The conference is sponsored by the NIH Clinical Center, the National Cancer Institute, the National Institute of Neurological and Communicative Disorders and Stroke, the National Institute of Dental Research, and the NIH Office of Medical Applications of Research. □

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Nominations Being Sought For GA Seminar Series

The Office of Health Scientist Administrator Development Programs is accepting applications for its 1986-87 Grants Associates Seminar Series which will begin on Friday, Sept. 12.

The Grants Associates Program is one of four training opportunities in the Health Scientist Administrator Development Program Office.

Each year the GA program organizes the series of seminars to supplement the working assignments of GAs and the health science administrators.

The weekly seminars will be held on Friday mornings in Bldg. 31 for 10 months.

The seminar series will address broad philosophical, political, and policy issues related to the administration of Federal programs in support of biomedical research. The series is not designed as an orientation or introduction to extramural programs. Topics to be covered include: the roles and interactions of DHHS, NIH, other PHS and non-PHS agencies; policy and ethical considerations in biomedical and behavioral research; factors affecting extramural programs and their administration; program planning and evaluation; and the legislative/budget process.

Deadline Is June 30

Interested individuals should forward a curriculum vitae (with emphasis on current duties and responsibilities) and a statement of interest as it relates to their current positions. This should be sent through their immediate supervisor to their BID Director.

Each BID Director is being asked to forward no more than three nominations with the above noted information and any other supporting documents, no later than Monday, June 30, to A. Robert Polcari, director, Health Scientist Administrator Development Programs, Bldg. 31, Rm. 1B62. Be sure to include the nominee's current title, organizational component of the BID and current room, building, and phone number.

Only a limited number of participants can be accommodated. Selections will be made by Dr. George Galasso, NIH Associate Director for Extramural Affairs. Nominees will be notified of final action in late August.

Participation and Training Credit

Only those selected will be required to submit a completed form DHHS-350. Participants will receive a minimum of 150 training credit hours after completing the series.

For further information, contact Mr. Polcari, or Roberta Light, programs assistant, 496-1736. □



Staffing the DEO exhibit are members of NIH's Handicapped Employees Committee (l to r): Fu Temple, NIGMS; Dr. Cheri Reid-Quinn, DRS; and Susan Rae, ORS.

NIH Debuts Exhibit at President's Committee On Employment of the Handicapped Meeting

Amid the rush of sports wheelchairs, seeing-eye dogs, white canes, and vast amounts of technology to aid disabled persons, the NIH's colorful and striking handicapped program exhibit made its debut. The occasion was the opening of the annual meeting of the President's Committee on Employment of the Handicapped.

Billed as a national conference on people with disabilities, the meeting was held at the Washington Hilton, Apr. 30-May 2. The emphasis this year was on new technologies to assist and accommodate people with physical or mental challenges in the workplace or in daily living.

The NIH exhibit, designed by the Division of Equal Opportunity, fittingly enough carried the slogan "disABLED EMPLOYEES IN ACTION" with the stress on abled. Those featured on the exhibit were four outstanding NIH Handicapped Employees Committee members representing four job areas of the scores held by disabled persons working at the Institutes.

The exhibit's first panel shows Carlton Coleman, the NIH committee's vice chairperson and a personnel management specialist at the Clinical Center. Mr. Coleman also

helped staff the exhibit for the meeting.

Another panel depicted Julie Haller, NIH Handicapped Employees Committee chairperson and a dental hygienist with NIDR at work in the clinic. DCRT's Lawrence Proctor is featured also. He began work at NIH in 1979 as a computer technician and is now a computer systems analyst.

The final panel, rounding out the display, shows Esther Lawrence, a technical information specialist and chemist working at the NLM. Ms. Lawrence is this year's PHS Outstanding Handicapped Employee.

Dr. Martha R. Bryan, handicap program manager, DEO, was on hand all 3 days to staff the exhibit along with members and friends of the committee. These included Mr. Coleman; Susan Rae, DAS; Dr. Cheri Reid-Quinn, DRS; Dan Rogers, NIA; Ignacio Smith, NIDDK; Carol Storm, DPM; Fu Temple, NIGMS; and, Julie White, OCL, OD.—Dan Rogers □

Art Gallery Opens at CC

The Clinical Center Art Gallery, located on the connecting corridor between the ACRF and Bldg. 10, is now open. Proceeds will benefit the Patient Emergency Fund. □

Assistant Secretary for Health's Special Citation



Ms. Gianini



Ms. Harshman



Ms. Meyers



Ms. Renzi

REGINA K. GIANINI

Supervisory Secretary
Division of Cancer Treatment
National Cancer Institute

"For exemplifying the most honorable qualities of public service through your hard work, dedication, and integrity in the Surgery Branch, NCI."

MARTHA E. HARSHMAN

Secretary to the Associate Director
Division of Cancer Treatment
National Cancer Institute

"For outstanding service to the Biological Response Modifiers Program during its period without a director and for providing crucial support to the new director."

ELINOR W. MEYERS

Administrative Assistant
Office of Administrative Management
National Institute of Child Health and Human Development

"For continuously outstanding and dependable performance in support of the programs of the National Institute of Child Health and Human Development."

LUCY A. RENZI

Secretary
Office of the Director
National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases
"For outstanding performance as secretary to the Director, National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases."

PHS Honors Outstanding

Thirty-six NIH staff members will be recognized for their outstanding achievements and contributions at the 12th annual Public Health Service Honor Awards Ceremony on Thursday, May 22, at 1:30 p.m. in the Masur Auditorium, Clinical Center. Dr. Donald Ian Macdonald, Acting Assistant Secretary for Health, PHS, will present the awards.

The PHS Superior Service Award, the highest award presented to civil service employees, recognizes superior contributions of an extraordinary nature over a length of time. Five NIH staff members will receive this award.

The PHS Special Recognition Award acknowledges and honors an outstanding and specific contribution of meritorious benefit to the Service which has substantial impact toward advancing its mission. Six NIH employees will receive this award.

The Assistant Secretary's Special Citation will be presented to four NIH employees. This award recognizes employees in clerical, administrative, technical, professional, and general support positions whose work is basic to meeting the goals of the Public Health Service.

The PHS Equal Opportunity Achievement Award acknowledges the PHS policy of providing equal opportunity for its employees; of demonstrating the value that top-level management places upon employees, supervisors, and managers who actively and effectively partici-

PHS Superior Service Award



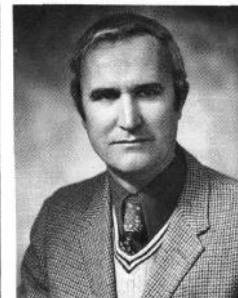
Dr. Bick



Dr. Fales



Dr. Sadler



Mr. Ward



Dr. Westphal

DR. KATHERINE L. BICK

Deputy Director
Office of the Director
National Institute of Neurological and Communicative Disorders and Stroke
"For sustained superior performance as the Deputy Director, NINCDS, in the formulation, execution, evaluation and improvement of Institute management, policies, procedures, programs and activities."

DR. HENRY M. FALES

Chief
Laboratory of Chemistry
National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute
"For outstanding contributions to the chemistry of natural products and the development of structural investigations by mass spectrometry."

DR. WILLIAM A. SADLER

Chief
Reproductive Sciences Branch
National Institute of Child Health and Human Development
"For exceptional leadership in organizing and directing a program for the support of population research in the biomedical sciences."

JOHN EMMETT WARD

Chief
Data Management Branch
Division of Computer Research and Technology
"For successful leadership and superior contributions in the development and implementation of the NIH Administrative Data Base System."

DR. HEINER WESTPHAL

Chief
Section on Animal Viruses
National Institute of Neurological and Communicative Disorders and Stroke
"For major advances in biomedical research through the use of the transgenic mouse mode."

NIH Employees, May 22

PHS Special Recognition Award

pate in equal opportunity activities; and giving honor and recognition to those employees who have excelled in their efforts to promote equal opportunity. One NIH employee will receive this award.

The PHS Outstanding Handicapped Employee Award recognizes employees who, in spite of severely limiting physical factors, have demonstrated outstanding job performance and courage. An NLM employee will receive this honor award.

The PHS Volunteer Award will be presented to two NIH staff members. This award is designed to encourage and recognize PHS employees who engage in and perform outstanding volunteer services within their communities.

Three NIH Commissioned Officers will receive the Distinguished Service Medal, the highest award given to a Commissioned Officer. It is granted to an officer with a genuine sense of public service who has made outstanding contributions to the PHS mission.

Fourteen Commissioned Officers stationed at the NIH are to receive the Meritorious Service Medal. This medal recognizes a single important achievement, a career notable for accomplishments in technical or professional fields or unusually high quality and initiative in leadership.

Staff members who will be recognized for their achievements are shown on pages 4, 5, 6 and 7.

PHS Equal Opportunity Achievement Award



Ms. Banks

DENISE A. BANKS

Acting Chief
Equal Opportunity Branch, DEO
Office of the Director

"For outstanding and unselfish efforts to further equal opportunity initiatives at the NIH through liaison role with NIH Special Emphasis Programs."



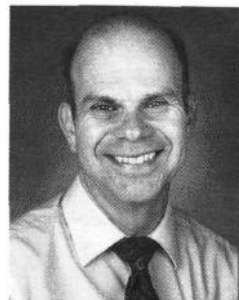
Ms. Dieffenbach

ANN J. DIEFFENBACH

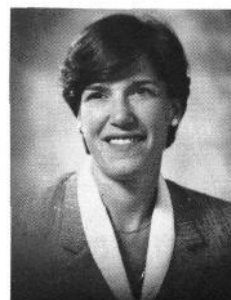
Public Affairs Officer
National Institute of General Medical Sciences
"For exceptional performance as Public Affairs Officer of the National Institute of General Medical Sciences."

DR. GERALD M. EHRENSTEIN

Chief
Section on Molecular Biophysics
Laboratory of Biophysics
National Institute of Neurological and Communicative Disorders and Stroke
"For advancing molecular biophysics through studies of single ionic channel behavior and for exemplary leadership in molecular biophysical research of neuronal function and behavior."



Dr. Ehrenstein



Ms. Feldman

JANICE M. FELDMAN

Supervisory Clinical Nurse
Nursing Department
Clinical Center
"For outstanding leadership and contributions to the Cancer Nursing Service in support of patient care at the Clinical Center."

DR. D. DALE SHOEMAKER

Pharmacologist
Division of Cancer Treatment
National Cancer Institute
"For enhancing and facilitating interaction between the FDA and NCI with regard to NCI's role as a sponsor of investigational new drugs."



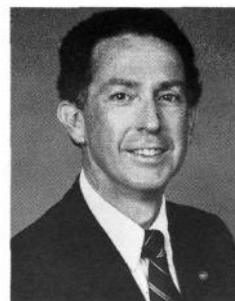
Dr. Shoemaker



Dr. Tyeryar

DR. FRANKLIN J. TYERYAR

Chief
Development and Applications Branch
National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases
"For administrative leadership, initiative, and judgement in coordinating studies to prevent and control viral hepatitis."

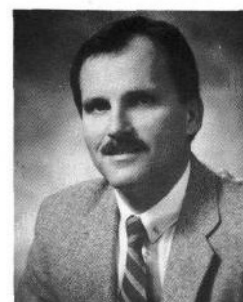


Dr. Watson

DR. JOHN R. WATSON

Deputy Director, Cardiology Program
Chief, Devices and Technology Branch
Division of Heart and Vascular Diseases
National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute
"For exceptional service in providing outstanding scientific leadership in the development and management of programs in cardiovascular devices and instrumentation."

PHS Volunteer Award



Mr. Hartinger

JOHN P. HARTINGER

Chief
Financial Management Branch
National Cancer Institute
"For recognition of outstanding contributions and service to community and to those who are in need."



Ms. Nee

LINDA E. NEE

Social Science Analyst
Office of the Clinical Director
National Institute of Neurological and Communicative Disorders and Stroke
"For efforts to enhance the quality of life and services for Alzheimer's disease victims and their families."

PHS Outstanding Handicapped Employee Award



Ms. Lawrence

ESTHER P. LAWRENCE

Chemist
Division of Library Operations
National Library of Medicine

"For inspiring co-workers through pride in performance of responsibilities coupled with keen sense of human rights for others."

Distinguished Service Medal



Dr. Gorden



Dr. Hambrecht



Dr. Moss

Medical Director PHILIP GORDEN

Clinical Director
Diabetes Branch
National Institute of Arthritis, Diabetes, Digestive and Kidney Diseases

"For outstanding scientific research in diabetes and related endocrine diseases and for excellent administrative direction of NIADDK's intramural clinical program."

Medical Director FREDERICK T. HAMBRECHT

Head
Neural Prosthesis Program
National Institute of Neurological and Communicative Disorders and Stroke

"For outstanding contributions to the nation's health through the development of aids for the neurologically handicapped."

Medical Director BERNARD MOSS

Chief
Laboratory of Viral Diseases
National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases

"For elucidation of many aspects of molecular virology and development of an extremely innovative approach to the construction of live recombinant vaccines."

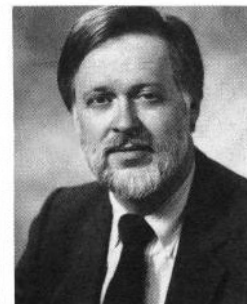
Meritorious Service Medal

Medical Director BRUCE W. CHESBRO

Chief (No Picture Available)
Laboratory of Persistent Viral Disease
National Institutes of Allergy and Infectious Diseases
"For outstanding research leading to a better understanding of the pathogenesis and immunology of Friend murine leukemia virus infections."



Dr. Fischinger



Dr. Harris

Medical Director PETER J. FISCHINGER

Deputy Director
National Cancer Institute
"For leadership of the NCI AIDS Task Force which led to the discovery of the causative retrovirus, and expedited development of the blood antibody test."

Medical Director CURTIS C. HARRIS

Chief
Laboratory of Human Carcinogenesis
National Cancer Institute
"For major contributions in studies of the activation of procarcinogens by human epithelial tissues and development of techniques to identify individuals at high cancer risk."



Dr. Klausner



Dr. Kopin

Surgeon RICHARD D. KLAUSNER

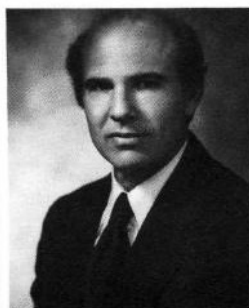
Chief
Cell Biology and Metabolism Branch
National Institute of Child Health and Human Development
"For important and highly original observations on the topography, activation, and routing of cell receptors for nutrients, hormones and antigens."

Medical Officer IRWIN J. KOPIN

Director
Intramural Research Program
National Institute of Neurological and Communicative Disorders and Stroke
"For initiative, scientific insight and leadership in significantly strengthening the NINCDS intramural laboratory and clinical research programs and leadership within two short years."



Dr. Liotta



Dr. Minna



Dr. Rodbard



Dr. Rosenberg

Medical Director LANCE A. LIOTTA

Chief
Laboratory of Pathology
National Cancer Institute

"For outstanding achievements in cancer research leading to a new understanding of how cancer cells invade and spread through the body."

Medical Director JOHN D. MINNA

Chief
NCI-Navy Medical Oncology Branch
National Cancer Institute

"For pioneering studies on the cellular and molecular biology of human lung cancer."

Medical Director DAVID RODBARD

Chief
Laboratory of Theoretical and Physical Biology
National Institute of Child Health and Human Development

"For innovative and far-reaching applications of computer and statistical methodology to the understanding and management of human endocrine disorders and chronic illnesses of young patients."

Medical Director STEVEN A. ROSENBERG

Chief
Surgery Branch
National Cancer Institute

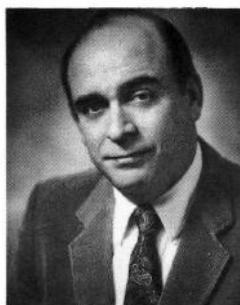
"For unsurpassed excellence and leadership in basic research, and clinical investigation relating to the cellular biology and immunology of cancer and its treatment."



Mr. Polcari



Dr. Porter



Dr. Wittes



Dr. Yuspa

Health Service Officer ANTHONY R. POLCARI

Director
Grants Associates Program
Office of the Director

"For distinguished service in directing the Grants Associates Program and for leadership in developing three additional programs for the training of NIH health scientist administrators."

Medical Director ROGER J. PORTER

Chief
Medical Neurology Branch
National Institute of Neurological and Communicative Disorders and Stroke

"For exemplary and outstanding leadership as Chief of the Epilepsy Branch and Medical Neurology Branch, and for highly meritorious scientific contributions to clinical epilepsy research."

Medical Director ETHAN M. SHEVACH

Senior Investigator (No Picture Available)
Laboratory of Immunology
National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases

"For demonstrating that T lymphocytes are activated through the co-recognition of antigen and major histocompatibility complex molecules."

Medical Director ROBERT E. WITTES

Associate Director
Cancer Therapy Evaluation Program
National Cancer Institute

"For outstanding scientific, fiscal and administrative management of the Cancer Therapy Evaluation Program of the National Cancer Institute."

Medical Director STUART H. YUSPA

Chief
Laboratory of Cellular Carcinogenesis and Tumor Promotion
National Cancer Institute

"For pioneering investigations of carcinogenesis and tumor promotion at the organismal, in vitro and molecular levels."

PRIMATES

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"Since December 1981, the 15 primates have been unavailable for research as a result of the litigation which was brought by several animal rights organizations against IBR and NIH to prevent the return of the animals to IBR and further research involving the primates by having animal rights groups appointed as their guardians. To date, the animal rights groups have been unsuccessful in persuading the courts that they have standing to bring such action. Their appeal of a negative decision by a Federal District Court regarding their standing is pending now before the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit in Richmond, Virginia. Oral arguments were heard May 8.

"The pending lawsuit has considerable national significance. If the courts rule that individuals (or organizations) who have no apparent rights of ownership with respect to particular laboratory animals have standing to bring litigation regarding their use or disposition, this could become a precedent for hundreds of such suits. Progress of biomedical research at institutions throughout the Nation—for example, research on cancer, heart disease, stroke, and trauma, which the public has consistently supported—could be adversely affected. As the principal source of Federal funds for biomedical research, the NIH believes that it is in the national interest to allow the Court of Appeals to render its decision.

"With respect to the costs of caring for the primates, NIH recognizes that it should not be the sole, or even the primary, source for such funds for an indefinite period. In 1981 the NIH felt an obligation to bear these costs by virtue of its agreement to assist Montgomery County, Maryland. Later, when the national significance of the pending litigation became clear, NIH determined that all interests would be served by its continuing as custodian of the 15 primates while the matter is before the courts. The NIH will expect IBR to assume the costs of NIH custody if the litigation continues after the Court of Appeals has reached a decision.

"My colleagues and I are mindful of the widespread interest in the 15 animals, much of it stimulated, unfortunately, by private mailings containing seriously misleading accounts designed to play upon the affections most of us feel toward animals. The NIH will continue providing excellent care for the primates while the matter is in the courts, and remains prepared to facilitate whatever resolution might ensue. We will ensure prompt action consistent with the findings of the Court." □

Consensus Conference on Plasmapheresis And Neurological Disorders Set for June 2-4

Plasmapheresis, a technique for removing substances from the blood that may cause or promote disease, will be the focus of the NIH Consensus Development Conference on June 2-4, in the Clinical Center's Masur Auditorium.

Participants at the 2½ day conference will review and evaluate information on the effectiveness of plasmapheresis as a treatment for neurological disorders. Illnesses that will be discussed include myasthenia gravis, Eaton-Lambert syndrome, Guillain-Barré syndrome, chronic inflammatory neuropathy, paraproteinemic neuropathies, amyotrophic lateral sclerosis, and multiple sclerosis.

Plasmapheresis, or plasma exchange, has been used for a wide variety of neurological illnesses, but proper indications and the risk-benefit ratios have been uncertain. A conference to develop consensus on these and other plasmapheresis issues is timely because evidence about the therapy's efficacy, which until recently was only anecdotal, has been expanded by a number of controlled studies.

Conference presentations and discussions will center on such questions as:

- Is therapeutic plasmapheresis of benefit for neurological disease?
- If so, for which diseases and under what circumstances?
- What are the risks of plasmapheresis?
- If effective, what are the mechanisms of action?
- Is efficacy influenced by technique?
- What is the relationship of plasmapheresis to other therapies?
- What insights has plasmapheresis provided to suggest relevant clinical or basic research strategies?

The conference is open to the public. Participants will include experts from North America and Europe, among them research scientists and physicians, other health care practitioners, and members of voluntary health organizations concerned with neurological disease.

The consensus panel will include representatives from neurology, blood banking, immunology, biostatistics and the public. Dr. Barry G. W. Arnason, professor and chairman of the department of neurology, University of Chicago Pritzker School of Medicine, will be the panel chairman. □

Dr. Xandra O. Breakefield Wins 1986 Solowey Award

Dr. Xandra O. Breakefield has been selected as the 1986 winner of the Mathilde Solowey Award in the Neurosciences and will present a lecture entitled, "Nerve Growth Factor: Human Disease, Cell Targeting and Gene Transfer," Wednesday, May 28, at 3 p.m. in the ACRF Amphitheater. A wine and cheese reception will directly follow the lecture at the FAES Social and Academic Center.

Currently the director of molecular neurogenetics at the Eunice Kennedy Shriver Center, Waltham, Mass. and associate professor of neurology in the neuroscience program at Harvard University, Dr. Breakefield is known for her work in inherited variations in neural proteins and their role in human neurologic diseases.

She has focused on nerve growth factor (NGF), a protein critical in development of sensory and sympathetic neurons, as well as monoamine oxidase (MAO), and catechol-O-methyltransferase (COMT), degradative enzymes for catecholamine neurotransmitters.

The Mathilde Solowey Award was established in 1973 by the FAES and annually honors an outstanding scientist specializing in research in neurobiology or diseases of the central nervous system. The award is made possible through the generosity of Dr. Mathilde Solowey, a former scientist at the National Institutes of Health. □

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Dr. Seymour Benzer (c) accepts a certificate from NIGMS Director Dr. Ruth Kirschstein (l) and NINCDS Director Dr. Murray Goldstein following the fourth annual Marjorie Guthrie Lecture in Genetics, Apr. 10. Dr. Benzer spoke on "Genes, Neurons, and Behavior in *Drosophila*." A world-renowned authority in neurogenetics, Dr. Benzer is James Griffin Boswell professor of neuroscience at the California Institute of Technology.

Theatre Group To Present 'Mornings at Seven'

The NIH R&W Theatre Group will present *Mornings at Seven*, by Paul Osborn, directed by Bruce Hirsch, for three weekends starting May 23 and ending June 13. (There will be no performance on Friday, June 6.)

Friday and Saturday performances will be at 8 p.m.; Sunday matinees are at 3.

All performances will be in the Masur Auditorium at the Clinical Center.

Tickets are \$5, \$4 (senior citizens), and \$3 (12 and under) and will be available in advance at the R&W desk in Bldg. 31/B1W30. Call 496-4600 for ticket information only.

All proceeds will benefit the Patient Emergency Fund. Tickets will also be available the nights of performances. If unable to purchase your tickets in advance, call Kate at 983-2490 or Gale at, 496-3626. □

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