

Society of Neurosurgical Anesthesia and Critical Care Newsletter

1994 ANNUAL MEETING

The 22nd SNACC Annual Meeting was held in San Francisco on October 14 with great success. The meeting was well attended and well received. Many registrants attended this meeting for the first time and it is hoped that they will become active members of the Society. Dr. Harold P. Adams of University of Iowa and Dr. David S. Warner of Duke University spoke on the trials and tribulations of Clinical Trials; Dr. Gregory D. Cascino of Mayo Medical School presented the Current Concepts in the Management of Seizures while Dr. Ian A. Herick discussed the Anesthetic-Induced Seizures—Fact or Fiction. In the afternoon Dr. John A. Youngberg of Tulane University and Dr. Thomas J. Lossaso of Mayo Clinic delivered an informative and vigorous debate on “Monitoring During Carotid Endarterectomy—The Awake Patient Versus the Asleep Patient.” The Society would like to thank all the invited speakers for their efforts and the excellent presentations. The Society is indebted to Dr. David Warner and Dr. Adrian Gelb for organizing the program. Anaquest, Janssen Pharmaceuticals, and the Upjohn Company provided unrestricted education grants in support of the meeting and the Society would like to express its appreciation.

OFFICERS OF THE SOCIETY OF NEUROSURGICAL ANESTHESIA AND CRITICAL CARE

At the 22nd Annual Meeting of the Society of Neurosurgical Anesthesia and Critical Care, the following officers of the society were elected for 1-year terms: President: David S. Warner, M.D., Professor, Department of Anesthesiology, Duke University; Past President: William L. Lanier, M.D., Associate Professor, Department of Anesthesiology, Mayo Medical School; President-Elect: Adrian W. Gelb, M.B., Professor and Chairman,

Department of Anesthesia, University of Western Ontario; Vice-President: William L. Young, M.D., Associate Professor, Department of Anesthesiology, Columbia University; Secretary-Treasurer: Arthur M. Lam, M.D., Professor, Department of Anesthesiology, University of Washington. Appointed by the President as Chairman of the Education Committee: Patricia Petrozza, M.D., Associate Professor, Department of Anesthesiology, Bowman Gray School of Medicine. Dr. Warner will serve as Delegate to the House of Delegates of the American Society of Anesthesiologists. Dr. Petrozza will serve as the Alternate Delegate. The Society has reactivated its Nominating Committee, consisting of the Vice-President, Secretary-Treasurer, and two members-at-large. The two members-at-large elected at the business meeting were Dr. Andrew Kofke, M.D., Associate Professor, Department of Anesthesiology, University of Pittsburgh, and Dr. Todd Sloan, M.D., Associate Professor of Anesthesiology, Department of Anesthesiology, University of Texas at San Antonio. The Nominating Committee will be responsible for nominating the candidates for the positions of Secretary-Treasurer and Vice-President for 1995. The positions of the President, President-Elect, and Past-President will be by acclamation with ascension through the ranks. Traditionally the Chairman of the Educational Committee becomes the Secretary-Treasurer, and the Secretary-Treasurer becomes the Vice-President. Members of the Society interested in running for office are urged to contact one of the members of the Nominating Committee.

The duties of the individual SNACC Officers include the following: President: oversee the activities of SNACC and provide direction to the organization and oversee the Annual Business Meeting; President-Elect: increase membership, and serve as liaison for financial contributions and corporate sponsors; Vice-President: provide report of the annual meeting to Anesthesiology, and promote New Investigators Award Contest; Secretary/Treasurer:

organize the annual meeting; and Chairman of the Education Committee: edit SNACC bibliography, and organize SNACC breakfast panel at the ASA annual meeting.

Any questions or suggestions should be forwarded to the appropriate member of the Board.

THANKS TO THE OUTGOING OFFICERS

The Society would like to thank the outgoing Past President, Alan A. Artru, M.D., and President William L. Lanier, M.D., for their outstanding work and dedication to the Society. Dr. Lanier will continue to guide the Society as a member of the Board of Directors in the capacity of Past-President.

NEW INVESTIGATOR AWARD

Congratulations to Dr. C. T. Wass of Mayo Clinic who won the Ohmeda Pharmaceutical Products Division New Investigators Award. The title of his presentation is "Temperature increases of $\geq 1^{\circ}\text{C}$ worsen functional neurologic outcome and histopathology in a canine model of complete cerebral ischemia." His co-authors are Drs. W. L. Lanier, R. E. Hofer, B. W. Scheithauer, and A. G. Andrews. To encourage submissions for this competition, beginning in 1995 all entrants for the competition will be awarded a text in neuroanesthesia to be chosen by the officers of the Society.

BIBLIOGRAPHY

Under the capable leadership of Dr. William L. Young, the Education Committee has compiled the 1994 Selected References in Neurosurgical Anesthesia and Critical Care and by now all members of SNACC should have received a copy of this valuable resource. The Education Committee consists of Chairperson Dr. W. L. Young, who served as the Editor-in-Chief, and Associate Editors Drs. D. J. Cole, J. R. Kirsch, P. Patel, P. H. Petrozza, R. J. Sperry and C. Werner. Contributors include Drs. A. A. Artru, B. Bissonnette, S. Black, E. T. Bode, D. J. Cole, D. M. Colonna, G. J. Crosby, K. B. Domino, I. A. Herrick, C. J. Kalkman, J. R. Kirsch, W. A. Kofke, L. Litt, M. A. Maktabi, D. G. Martz, R. W. McPherson, L. N. Milde, P. Patel, P. H. Petrozza, S. S. Porter, I. J. Rampil, D. L. Schreiber, F. E. Sieber, T. B. Sloan, K.

Speight, R. J. Sperry, M. D. Szabo, D. S. Warner, C. Werner and W. L. Young. Dr. L. N. Milde served as the Associate Editor for the Resident Reading List, and the contributors included Drs. V. L. Baughmann, M. L. Berman, J. C. Drummond, J. M. Jaeger, J. O. Johnson, E. R. Kafer, C. A. Lien, P. H. Petrozza, B. Spiekermann, D. J. Stone and M. R. Weglinski. The society would like to express its gratitude to the Editor-in-Chief, the Associate Editors and all the contributors.

NEUROANESTHESIA BULLETIN BOARD

The Society has entered the information super-highway and officially established a Neuroanesthesia Bulletin Board. The administrator of the bulletin board is Dr. Ira Rampil of University of California at San Francisco. Members of the Society who wish to subscribe to the bulletin board should send their request to Dr. Rampil at ira_rampil@vaxine.ucsf.edu. Suggestions for format or topics should be sent to Dr. Arthur Lam at artlam@u.washington.edu or posted to the bulletin board.

MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

The SNACC is dedicated to improving the peri-operative care of the neurosurgical patient and to providing a forum for exchange of ideas and presentation of research in both the clinical and basic science areas. The society is the official sponsor of *Journal of Neurosurgical Anesthesiology* published by Raven Press. Although SNACC is a component society of American Society of Anesthesiologists, the Society actively encourages international liaison and participation. Full members can participate in all facets of the Society, including running for office, and do not need to be active members of ASA. In order to make this information and the Society more readily available to all interested, the SNACC has both a Resident Membership and Emeritus Membership. To qualify for emeritus status, one must be a member of SNACC in good standing and must be retired from active practice. Both of these membership categories are \$100.00 per year which include a discounted subscription for *Journal of Neurosurgical Anesthesiology*, or \$25.00 without the Journal. All membership categories entitle the member to (a) access to the SNACC network of over 500 professionals specializing in

neurosurgical anesthesia, (b) receipt of the Selected References in Neurosurgical Anesthesia and Critical Care compiled by today's experts in the field, and (c) reduced subscription price to the Journal of Neurosurgical Anesthesia, and discounted annual meeting registration fees. For information concerning membership, contact the SNACC Headquarters Office at 11512 Allecingie Parkway, Richmond, VA 23235, U.S.A., telephone: (804) 794-1563 and Fax: (804) 379-1386.

UPCOMING INTERNATIONAL NEUROANESTHESIA MEETINGS

The Annual Scientific Meeting of the Neuroanesthesia Society of Great Britain and Ireland will be held in Belfast on April 8th, 1995. Dr. Bo K. Siesjo will deliver the McDowall Memorial Lecture on "Hypoxic/Ischaemic Brain Damage: Pathophysiology and Emerging Treatment: Further information can be obtained from Dr. P. A. Farling, Department

of Anaesthetics, Royal Victoria Hospital, Grosvenor Road, Belfast BT12 6BA, Northern Ireland. Abstracts are being accepted.

The Riyadh Armed Forces Hospital will host the V Instructional Course of the International Society for the Study of the Lumbar Spine from April 30-May 2 1995. For further information please contact Local Secretariat (M.E.) Department of Postgraduate & Academic Affairs, Riyadh Armed Forces Hospital, PO Box 7897, Riyadh 11159, Saudi Arabia, Fax: 478-4057.

The All India Institute of Medical Sciences will host an International Workshop on Neuroanesthesia and Intensive Care on Feb. 18-19, 1995 in New Delhi, India. Featured speakers include well known neuroanesthesiologists from U.S.A., U.K., Ireland, Germany and Australia. For further information please contact Dr. H. H. Dash, Department of Neuroanaesthesiology, Neurosciences Centre, AIIMS, Ansari Nagar, New Delhi, India 110029, TEL 661123, 6864851 to 865, FAX 91-011-686-2663 or 91-011-686-8516