

Society of Neurosurgical Anesthesia and Critical Care Newsletter

1996 ANNUAL MEETING

Preparations are finalized for the 1996 SNACC annual meeting. The New Orleans Hilton, Riverside will play host to SNACC members on Friday, October 18, 1996. Following an official welcome by Adrian W. Gelb, MBChB, FRCP(C) (London, Ontario), the current President of SNACC, Verna L. Baughman, M.D. (Chicago), and Richard J. Traaystman, Ph.D. (Baltimore), will explore the topic "Nitric Oxide and the Brain." Dr. Traaystman will discuss "Nitric Oxide and the Cerebral Circulation" while Dr. Baughman will highlight the "Clinical Relevance of Nitric Oxide."

The program will proceed to New Investigator's Award and Oral Abstract sessions as at previous SNACC meetings, but a new feature of the 1996 meetings will be workshops. Currently plans call for a Workshop on Electrophysiologic Monitoring featuring Marc Bloom, M.D. (Pittsburgh), Tod B. Sloan, M.D. (San Antonio), James Rogers, M.D. (San Antonio), and Mike Mahla, M.D. (Gainesville). A second workshop on Transcranial Doppler Monitoring will be presented by Dennis D. Doblar, Ph.D., M.D. (Birmingham), and Arthur Lam, M.D. (Seattle). Following luncheon, an Update on Clinical Trials will be moderated by Dr. Lam and feature Steven J. Allen, M.D. (Houston), E. Clark Hayley, Jr., M.D. (Charlottesville), and M. Ross Bullock, M.D. (Richmond) as discussants of three recent clinical trials important to neuroanesthesiologists.

Following a repeat of last year's popular walk-around poster discussions, the official program will conclude with a debate on Intraoperative Cerebral Protection. Dr. Adrian W. Gelb will moderate while Christopher Thompson, M.D. (Sydney, Australia) explores the view: Cerebral Protection: Already A Reality. Michael M. Todd (Iowa City, Iowa) will present: Cerebral Protection: Still A Fantasy. The official business meeting of the society will occur at the conclusion of the educational program. A Wine

and Cheese reception for all meeting participants follows.

DINNER SYMPOSIUM

A dinner symposium on Thursday evening, October 17, 1996, from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. will be provided complimentary to all members of SNACC and paid registrants of the SNACC annual meeting. The symposium is sponsored by SNACC and made possible by an unrestricted educational grant from Glaxo Wellcome. Program Chair, David S. Warner, M.D. (Durham) has organized an interesting panel on the topic of "The Use of Narcotics as Anesthetic Components During Neurosurgical Procedures." Introductory speaker Peter Glass, MBChB (Durham) will discuss the "Pharmacology of Intravenous Opioids." Christian Werner, M.D. (Munich, Germany) will subsequently address issues regarding "The Use of Narcotics in Neurosurgical Patients." His discussion will include the topics of ICU Utilization of Narcotics, Narcotics and Cerebral ischemia and the issues of seizures related to narcotics. Dr. Warner will round out the program with a discussion on the "Role of Short Acting Narcotics in Neuroanesthesia" and lead a panel discussion. A question and answer session is scheduled. The leadership of the Society would like to encourage as many members as possible to attend the complimentary symposium.

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In July, 1995, Upjohn Pharmaceutical Company provided the Society for Neurosurgical Anesthesia and Critical Care an educational grant in the amount of \$2000.00 to support the 1995 annual SNACC meeting. In previous issues of this Newsletter, this grant did not receive proper Acknowledgment. The officers of the Society and particularly the Secretary/Treasurer, regret this oversight. Most generously, Pharmaceia and Upjohn, Inc. have once

again agreed to provide an unrestricted grant in support of the 1996 Annual Meeting.

MEETING SPONSORSHIP

The Society of Neurosurgical Anesthesia and Critical Care is serving as a sponsor for the Fourth International Symposium on CNS Monitoring. This symposium will be held in Gumenden, Austria from September 5-7, 1996. Information about the meeting can be obtained from W.H. Loeffler, M.D., Department of Anesthesiology and Critical Care, LNK Wagner-Jauregg, 4020 Linz, Austria. Telephone: 43/0732 6 921-2501, FAX: 43/0732-6921-39.

MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

SNACC is dedicated to improving the perioperative 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 Lippincott-Raven Publishers. Although SNACC is a component society of American Society of Anesthesiologists, the Society actively encourages inter-

national 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 information and the Society more readily available to all interested, 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 includes 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 neurological anesthesia, (b) receipt of the Selected References in Neurological Anesthesia and Critical Care compiled by today's experts in the field, and (c) reduced subscription price to the *Journal of Neurosurgical Anesthesiology*, and discounted annual meeting registration fees. For information concerning membership, contact the SNACC Headquarters Office at 1910 Byrd Ave., Suite 10, P.O. Box 11086, Richmond, Virginia 23230-1086. Telephone: (804) 673-9037, FAX: (804) 282-0090. E-mail: 75112.2053@compuserve.com.