

Society of Neurosurgical Anesthesia and Critical Care Newsletter

1996 ANNUAL MEETING

Arthur M. Lam, M.D., Vice President, SNACC, has been earnestly busy preparing the program for the 1996 Annual Meeting to be held in New Orleans, Louisiana, on October 18, 1996. Preliminary plans call for a keynote address on Nitric Oxide and the Cerebral Circulation delivered by Richard J. Traystman, Ph.D., from Johns Hopkins University, as well as an update on Clinical Trials of interest to neuroanesthesiologists. These topics and invited speakers include: Systemic hypothermia for head injury, Steve Allen, M.D., University of Texas, Houston; Trilizad for subarachnoid hemorrhage and head trauma, Clarke Hayley, M.D., Virginia Health Sciences Center, Charlottesville; NMDA antagonists for brain injury, Ross Bullock, M.D., Glasgow, Scotland.

The walk around poster discussion sessions with group leaders which proved popular at the last annual meeting will be repeated and a new feature of workshops on electrophysiological and transcranial doppler monitoring will be added to the program. Further details about the program will be announced in the next newsletter.

Abstract submissions for poster or oral presentation at the meeting must be received in the SNACC office by May 1, 1996. Abstract forms will be mailed to the members of the Society in early March. Non-members can call or write the SNACC office for abstract kits. Research fellows and new investigators are encouraged to submit a manuscript on their research for the new investigator's award. Suggestions from members are always welcome and can be sent to Patricia H. Petrozza, M.D., Secretary-Treasurer, SNACC, Department of Anesthesiology, Bowman Gray School of Medicine, Medical Center Boulevard, Winston-Salem, NC 27157-1009 or via E-mail: petrozza@bgsu.edu.

BREAKFAST PANEL FOR THE 1996 ASA ANNUAL MEETING

Dr. Christian Werner, Munich, Germany, has planned a timely program for the SNACC Breakfast Panel to be held on October 23, 1996. The theme is Current Concepts in the Management of Head Injury. Dr. Werner has enlisted speakers to discuss topics relevant to the management of head injured patients including: 1) "Does the anesthetic technique make a difference?," discussed by Basil F. Matta, M.B., CH.B., Cambridge, U.K., 2) "Controversies in perioperative management," discussed by John C. Drummond, M.D., University of California, San Diego, 3) "Does monitoring of the head-injured patient improve outcome?," discussed by Donald S. Prough, M.D., University of Texas, at Galveston. Probability is high that these presentations will draw an interested and appreciative audience at the ASA Annual Meeting.

DINNER SYMPOSIUM

Glaxo Wellcome, Inc., has agreed to provide financial support for a dinner symposium to be held in conjunction with the SNACC Annual Meeting in New Orleans. Preliminary plans call for the dinner to be scheduled for Thursday, October 17, 1996 at 6:30 p.m. The topic of the symposium would be the "Role of opioid anesthetics in neuroanesthesia". David S. Warner, M.D., immediate past President of SNACC, has been most instrumental in arranging this program, and additional details will be available shortly.

MEMBERSHIP INVOLVEMENT

Several members of SNACC have come forward and volunteered for the committees which were es-

established by the Board of Directors following the October, 1995 meeting. The communications committee, chaired by Dr. Petrozza, is actively working on a SNACC Bulletin to be published regularly through the Ruggles Service Corporation, the management entity for SNACC. Andy Kofke, M.D., University of Pittsburgh, has been persistent in providing topics at regular intervals to the SNACC Computer Bulletin Board. Members are encouraged to offer communication on case scenarios. The administrator of the Bulletin Board is Dr. Ira Rampil of the University of California at San Francisco and members of the Society who wish to subscribe to the Bulletin Board should send their request to Dr. Rampil at ira_rampil.UCSFA@quickmail.ucsf.edu.

Contributions to the 1996 SNACC Selected References in Neurosurgical Anesthesia and Critical Care are currently being finalized. Dr. Jeffrey R. Kirsch, Johns Hopkins School of Medicine, is serving as Editor. Additionally SNACC members have volunteered their time to serve on membership, finance, and the education committees. Adrian W. Gelb, M.D., F.R.C.P.C., SNACC's current Presi-

dent is coordinating member volunteers. His address is as follows: Adrian W. Gelb, M.D., F.R.C.P.C., University Hospital, Department of Anesthesia, 339 Windermere Road, London, Ontario N6A 5A5, Canada. E-mail: agelb@julian.uwo.ca.

MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY

The Board of Directors of SNACC views publishing of a new membership directory as a priority. To aid the Society in this effort, any member who has experienced a change of address within the past 24 months, is urged to send the corrected address to the SNACC Headquarters Office at 1910 Byrd Avenue, P.O. Box 11086, Richmond, VA 23230-1086 USA. Telephone: (804) 573-9037, FAX: (804) 282-0090 or E-mail: 75112.2053@compuserve.com. Member efforts to provide the organization with correct addresses and updated information such as E-mail, telephone and FAX numbers will be greatly appreciated.