

SYNOPSIS OF THE SCIENTIFIC SESSIONS OF THE 4TH NORTH AMERICAN SOCIETY OF LYMPHOLOGY BIENNIAL MEETING

October 17-18, 1986

Forty participants welcomed a keynote speech by Arthur C. Guyton, M.D., Professor and Chairman of Physiology and Biophysics, University of Mississippi Medical Center, who spoke on dynamics of interstitial fluid. A "free communications" session chaired by Dr. Miles Johnston, Assistant Professor of Pathology and Surgery at the University of Toronto, included nine presentations. The abstracts from this session are published in this issue of *Lymphology*.

A minisymposium, *New Diagnostic Methods in Lymphology*, was chaired by Dr. Charles O'Morchoe. This session consisted of three talks: on flow cytometry by Dr. Stanford T. Roodman, Associate Professor of Pathology and Director of the Flow Cytometry Laboratory, St. Louis University School of Medicine; on lymphoscintigraphy by Dr. Larry D. Samuels, Professor of Internal Medicine and Director of Nuclear Medicine at St. Louis University School of Medicine; and on positron emission tomography by Dr. Daniel Schuster, Assistant Professor of Medicine, Pulmonary Division at Washington University School of Medicine, in St. Louis (Editor's Note: The latter two reviews are published in this issue of *Lymphology*). The second minisymposium, *Pulmonary Lymphatic System*, was chaired by Dr. Arthur Guyton and consisted of four talks: "Structure and Function of the Pulmonary Lymphatic System" by Dr. Lee Leak, Professor, Department of Anatomy, College of Medicine, Howard University; "Physiology of the Pulmonary Lymphatic System" by Dr. Aubrey E. Taylor, Professor

and Chairman of the Department of Physiology, School of Medicine at the University of South Alabama; "The Role of the Cytoskeleton in Endothelial Cell Function" by Dr. David Lagunoff, Professor and Chairman, Department of Pathology at St. Louis University School of Medicine, and "Pathology of the Pulmonary Lymphatic System" by Dr. Carlos W. M. Bedrossian, Professor of Pathology and Director of Cytopathology and Immunocytochemistry, St. Louis University School of Medicine.

GENERAL REPORT OF THE 4TH BIENNIAL MEETING OF THE NASL

Excellent interaction prevailed at the North American Society of Lymphology biennial meeting this past October in St. Louis. Douglas Gnepp, our first president, was a gracious host for the 1 1/2 day meeting and provided a format in which scientific topics were interspersed with essential free time for conversing with each other about science or more social issues. We want to express our appreciation to St. Louis University as sponsor of our 1986 meeting and for the monetary contributions of the Lymphedema Fund International, Inc., the Upjohn Company, and the Harry Edison Foundation.

Lively discussions are hallmarks of good business meetings and this held true. The newly elected officers are the following: President Albert Miller, Vice-President George Grega, and Secretary-Treasurer Lloyd Michael. The executive committee is

now composed of: R. Belanger, J. Beninson, D. Gnepp, M. Johnston, G. Laine, L. Leak, S. Leeds, C. O'Morchoe, A. Taylor, M. Witte, and S. Yamauchi. The journal *Lymphology* was decidedly voted as the official publication of our society and all members are encouraged to send their prime manuscripts to the editorial board. It was stressed that the board is always happy to hear from members in regard to ideas and comments to further improve the journal and its readership attraction. The recent positive movement of the journal was resolved as being in large part due to the diligent efforts of Charles and Marlys Witte.

Three classifications of membership were decided: 1) full membership in ISL and NASL and subscription to *Lymphology*—cost \$75.00; 2) membership in NASL only, no journal—cost \$15.00; or 3) membership in NASL only and receive journal—cost \$70.00. We would especially like to remind any ISL members in North America that for an extra \$15.00 you become a member of NASL and, in effect, promote our special interests to make our society have a national voice. It should be stressed that the NASL and ISL treasurers are closely interacting so that dues may be sent to either office (Dr. Lloyd Michael—Houston or Dr. Charles Witte—Tucson), respective dues exchanged as needed, and the ISL Central Office notified.

Finally, additional business meeting agenda items included: an annual lecture-ship and award; new logo; promotion of new and active members; the interaction of NASL with other national organizations; and interfacing NASL, ISL, and other scientific organization meetings and symposia.

We look forward to joining Al Miller as host for the fifth biennial meeting in Chicago in 1988. Obviously, the variety of presentations and scope of the biennial meeting totally depends on the contributions and involvement of the membership. If the society is to thrive and proceed as a dynamic force, an active, highly participating membership is a necessity. The opportunity at these meetings to "get to know" fellow scientists in a relaxed environment and share concerns within the field of lymphology and beyond is of special importance. Let the officers and executive committee hear from you this year.

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