SECOND WORLD CONGRESS OF CARDIOLOGY AND 27TH SCIENTIFIC SESSIONS OF THE AMERICAN HEART ASSOCIATION

All those planning to attend the Congress, scheduled to convene in Washington, D. C., September 12 through 17, are urged to submit their applications at the earliest possible date to facilitate arrangements for groups participating in the scientific tours and social functions. Because these groups will be limited in number, everyone who registers for the Congress will receive a special Form C, on which they may indicate their choice of the medical sightseeing tours of scientific significance, in addition to the social functions, such as the banquet and receptions. Detailed information concerning the Congress is available from the Secretary-General, L. W. Gorham, M.D., Second World Congress of Cardiology, 44 East 23rd Street, New York 10.

Medical Tours

A highlight of the Congress program will be a series of medical sightseeing tours to institutions of scientific interest. On Wednesday afternoon, September 15, participants may attend lectures, demonstrations and exhibits dealing with various aspects of cardiology which are planned at the George Washington University Hospital; Georgetown University Medical Center; Howard University Medical School; Children's Hospital; U. S. Veterans Administration, Mt. Alto Hospital; Walter Reed Army Medical Center; Army Medical Service Graduate School; Research Laboratories of the Army Medical Service Graduate School; Armed Forces Institute of Pathology; and the National Naval Medical Center. The schedule will also include a Clinical Pathological Conference in the Main Auditorium of the National Guard Armory, and a discussion of programs, grants, research, fellowships and traineeships by James Watt, M.D., Director of the National Heart Institute, at the National Heart Institute of the U. S. Public Health Service.

A sightseeing program on Friday afternoon, September 17, will include conducted tours of the Armed Forces Institute of Pathology and its Medical Museum; Armed Forces Medical Library; and the National Heart Institute. Dr. Watt's discussion at the National Heart Institute will be repeated.

Membership

A registration fee of $25.00 has been established for the combined World Congress and Scientific Sessions. Although it has been customary in previous years to waive registration fees for professional members of the American Heart Association attending the Annual Scientific Sessions, the heavy expenses entailed by the enlarged and integrated sessions of the forthcoming Congress and the many events associated with an international meeting of this kind require that a fee be charged this year. The $25.00 fee entitles members to attend all scientific sessions, the opening reception, formal banquet and other social events planned for Congress delegates, the exhibits and special sightseeing tours to medical installations in Washington and its environs. Also included are the printed program, directory of registrants, Congressional badge and other items.

Associate membership (wives and family) has been arranged at a cost of $15.00. It will include all privileges mentioned above except the printed program. A schedule of reduced fees has been provided for limited attendance by physicians and for attendance by such groups as medical students, interns, and nurses.

Exhibits

Scientific and industrial exhibits have been planned for the Congress, as well as a motion picture program of professional and scientific films on cardiovascular subjects. Those wishing to present scientific exhibits or films should...
communicate with Charles D. Marple, M.D., Medical Director of the Association. Industrial firms interested in presenting an exhibit should communicate with the Exhibit Manager, Steven K. Herlitz, 280 Madison Avenue, New York 16.

Schedule
A tentative schedule of the Congress follows:
Saturday, Sept. 11, 5:00 to 10:00 P.M.: Registration, Mayflower Hotel
Sunday, Sept. 12:
9:00 A.M. to 10:00 P.M.: Registration, Mayflower Hotel
10:30 A.M.: Opening ceremonies at Constitution Hall
5:00 P.M.: Reception for Congress Members, Pan American Building
Monday, Sept. 13 through Friday, Sept. 17: Scientific Sessions at National Guard Armory.
Morning sessions will be held every day from 9:00 A.M. to 12:30 P.M.
Afternoon sessions will be held every day except Wednesday, Sept. 15 and Friday, Sept. 17, from 2:00 P.M. to 5:30 P.M. Sessions will be composed of round table and clinical pathological conferences (panel discussions) in a large auditorium and presentation of scientific papers in four smaller section rooms.
Monday, Sept. 13, 8:30 to 10:30 P.M.: Visit to National Gallery of Art, for Congress Members only.
Tuesday, Sept. 14, 8:00 P.M.: Formal banquet for Congress Members, to be held simultaneously at Mayflower and Statler Hotels.
Wednesday, Sept. 15, 2:30 P.M.: Medical sightseeing tours.
Thursday, Sept. 16, 8:30 P.M.: Special entertainment for Congress Members.
Friday, Sept. 17, 2:30 P.M.: Medical sightseeing tours.

SECTION ON CIRCULATION
The Section on Circulation of the Scientific Council is planning a special scientific session for members on matters of peripheral circulation as well as a general session to be held in connection with the Second World Congress of Cardiology in Washington, D. C., September 12–17. The exact dates of this Section's meeting will be announced later.

The Executive Committee of the Section on Circulation will meet on Monday evening, September 13. The Annual Dinner of the Section will be held on Wednesday evening, September 15, at the Shoreham Hotel. Additional details may be obtained from the Secretary, Grace M. Roth, Ph.D., Mayo Clinic, Rochester, Minn.

AMERICAN HEART ASSOCIATION CONFERENCE AT AMA MEETING
The American Heart Association will be represented by a special program at the 103rd Annual Meeting of the American Medical Association, to be held at the Civic Auditorium in San Francisco from June 21–25. The program will consist of a four-day "Question and Answer" Conference on various aspects of cardiovascular disease similar to the series conducted by the Association at the AMA Annual Meeting in Chicago in June 1952. The program is being arranged by Howard B. Lewis, M.D., University of Oregon School of Medicine.

The Heart Association will also present an exhibit of Dr. J. Scott Butterworth's fluorodemonstrator, which was awarded a gold medal at last year's meeting of the American Medical Association. The exhibit features the Association's rubber heart models illustrating various disease conditions. An exhibit of other professional educational materials available from the Association is also planned.

COUNCIL ON RHEUMATIC FEVER AND CONGENITAL HEART DISEASE
A special program devoted to a discussion of rheumatic fever will be presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Rheumatism Association at the St. Francis Hotel, in San Francisco, on Saturday morning, June 19. The program will be presented in conjunction with the Council on Rheumatic Fever and Congenital Heart Disease of the American Heart Association.

AMERICAN SOCIETY FOR THE STUDY OF ARTERIOSCLEROSIS
Abstracts of papers for presentation at the Annual Meeting of the American Society for the Study of Arteriosclerosis must be submitted to the Program Chairman by May 31. The meeting will be held at the Sheraton Hotel in Chicago on October 31 through November 1, 1954. Program Chairman is Arthur C. Corcoran, M.D., Cleveland Clinic, Cleveland, Ohio.
COUNCIL FOR HIGH BLOOD PRESSURE RESEARCH

The Annual Meeting of the Association's Council for High Blood Pressure Research will be held in the fall of this year instead of the spring as has been the custom. The meeting has been scheduled for Friday and Saturday, October 22 and 23, in Cleveland. The subject of the scientific program will be the metabolism of muscles and nerves as it relates to high blood pressure. Irving S. Wright, M.D., New York, Past President of the Association, is Chairman of the Program Committee. A program for the general public will feature a discussion on problems of retirement.

ANNUAL ELECTIONS

Dr. E. Cowles Andrus, Associate Professor of Medicine at Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, was installed as President of the American Heart Association at the annual meeting of the Assembly held in Chicago in April. Dr. Andrus succeeded Dr. Robert L. King of Seattle, who has become Chairman of the Scientific Council. Dr. Andrus has been a Vice-President and a member of the Executive Committee of the Board of Directors of the Association for several years.

Dr. Irvine H. Page, Director of Research of the Cleveland Clinic Foundation, was chosen President-Elect, to serve during the 1955-56 term.

New Vice-Presidents elected at the Assembly meeting are: Dr. William H. Bunn, Chief of Medicine, Youngstown (Ohio) Hospital Association; Mrs. Douglass O. Burnham, Watertown, Conn., National Chairman of the Association's Committee on Volunteer Activities; S. DeWitt Clough, Managing Director of the Chicago Heart Association; Dr. David D. Rutstein, Professor of Preventive Medicine, Harvard University, Boston; Ben H. Wooten, President of the First National Bank in Dallas.

Vice-Presidents re-elected are: Dr. Edgar V. Allen, Mayo Clinic, Rochester, Minn.; A. W. Robertson, Pittsburgh, former Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Association; Dr. John J. Sampson, Chief of the Medical Division, Mt. Zion Hospital, San Francisco; and Dr. Robert W. Wilkins, Associate Professor of Medicine at Boston University. Berkeley D. Johnson, Vice-President of the United States Trust Co., New York, was re-elected Treasurer.

Among those elected to a new category of Board membership known as Directors-at-Large were: General Mark W. Clark, Charleston, S. C., former Commander-in-Chief in the Far East; Mrs. Alben W. Barkley, Paducah, Ky., wife of the former Vice-President of the United States; and Bruce Barton, New York advertising executive, author and former Congressman, who also continues as Chairman of the Board of Directors. Mrs. Barkley is a former Vice-President of the Association. General Clark headed the 1954 Heart Fund campaign.

DR. ALBERT SZENT-GYÖRGYI RECEIVES 1954 ALBERT LASKER AWARD

Albert Szent-Györgyi, M.D., director of the Institute for Muscle Research, Woods Hole, Mass., has received the 1954 Albert Lasker Award of the American Heart Association for distinguished achievement in the field of cardiovascular disease. The Award is conferred annually by the Albert and Mary Lasker Foundation through the Association. Dr. Szent-Györgyi received a prize of $1,000, a scroll describing his accomplishments, and a gold statuette of the Winged Victory of Samothrace, symbolizing victory over death and disease.

The citation accompanying the award lauded Dr. Szent-Györgyi as "an extraordinarily creative explorer of the frontiers of human knowledge." The citation stated that in the course of investigations of muscular contraction, Dr. Szent-Györgyi and his co-workers discovered actomyosin, the essential contractile element of muscle. It declared that Dr. Szent-Györgyi and his associates had thereby "opened new areas of cardiac research and provided new insight into the fundamental physiology of the heart's action. Through Dr. Szent-Györgyi's pioneering work, new clues have been found to the mechanism of heart failure, and many barriers to the study of the normal and diseased heart muscle have been removed."

The internationally known biochemist, who
is a research investigator of the American Heart Association, won the 1937 Nobel Prize in medicine for the isolation of vitamin C. Dr. Szent-Györgyi also discovered vitamin P.

**GOLD HEART AWARDS**

The Association's Gold Heart Award, given annually for outstanding contributions to the advancement of cardiovascular medicine and the Heart Program, was presented this year to Howard B. Sprague, M.D., Clinical Associate in Medicine, Harvard Medical School, and S. DeWitt Clough, Managing Director of the Chicago Heart Association, at the Annual Dinner in Chicago in April.

Dr. Sprague was President of the New England Heart Association from 1941 to 1947. He served as Secretary of the American Heart Association from 1937-1947. Since 1925, Dr. Sprague has been Senior Associate Physician in the Cardiac Clinics of the Massachusetts General Hospital.

Mr. Clough has been on the Board and the Executive Committee of the Association since 1952. He is Honorary Chairman and Consultant of the Abbott Laboratories in Chicago.

**VERMONT SEMINAR**

A seminar on Cardiac Arrhythmias, sponsored by the Vermont Heart Association and the University of Vermont College of Medicine, will be held in Burlington, Vermont, on Thursday and Friday, Sept. 9 and 10, 1954. It will be conducted by E. Lepeschkin, M.D., with D. Scherf, M.D., and S. Bellet, M.D., as guest speakers. Participants are urged to bring difficult cases for discussion. Participants not connected with the University of Vermont will be charged $10.00 to cover expenses. Further information can be obtained from Dr. Lepeschkin, University of Vermont College of Medicine, Burlington, Vt.

On Sept. 11, 1954, a Symposium on the U wave of the Electrocardiogram will be held in Burlington under the same joint sponsorship. It will be conducted by Dr. Lepeschkin. Drs. C. Papp, M. Segers, J. H. Palmer and H. Hocht expect to participate. Those interested in presenting papers of no more than 15 minutes' duration are invited to submit the title to Dr. Lepeschkin. It is planned to publish the proceedings of the Symposium.

**MEETINGS**

June 18-19: American Rheumatism Association; San Francisco; W. H. Kammerer, Secretary, 33 East 61st Street, New York 21.

June 19: International Society of Angiology, North American Chapter; Hotel Mark Hopkins, San Francisco, Calif; Dr. Henry Haimovici, Secretary, 105 East 90th Street, New York.

July: South American Congress of Angiology; São Paulo, Brazil; Dr. Rubens Carlos Mayall, Rua Senador Vergueiro 73, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

July 20-24: International Conference on Thrombosis and Embolism; Basle, Switzerland; Y. Merz, M.D., Honorary Secretary, Chief Medical Officer, Gynecological Clinic, University of Basle.


Oct. 4-8: International Congress on Diseases of the Chest; Barcelona, Spain; Murray Kornfeld, Executive Secretary, 112 East Chestnut Street, Chicago 11, Ill.