PRESENT GOLD HEART, LASKER AND BLAKESLEE AWARDS

Two Gold Heart Awards, the Albert Lasker Award and seven Howard W. Blakeslee Awards were among the honors conferred by the American Heart Association at its Annual Meeting and Scientific Sessions in Cincinnati, October 26 to November 2.

Gold Hearts

The Gold Heart Awards for outstanding contributions to cardiovascular medicine and to the Heart program were given to Arlie R. Barnes, M.D., Rochester, Minn., and to General Mark W. Clark, Charleston, S. C. Presentation was made at the AHA Annual Dinner, Sunday, October 28.

In honoring Dr. Barnes, the Association paid tribute to a medical pioneer whose many distinguished contributions to cardiovascular medicine include original studies on electrocardiographic changes produced by coronary disease and by pericarditis, and on the efficacy of ACTH and cortisone in acute rheumatic fever therapy. Dr. Barnes is currently Professor of Medicine at the Graduate School of the University of Minnesota and is a former Chairman of the Board of Governors of the Mayo Clinic. He served for many years as an officer and director of the American Heart Association and was President of the Association in 1947 and 1948.

General Clark, whose distinguished military career included service as United States Commander in Chief in the Far East, is now President of The Citadel, the military college of South Carolina at Charleston. He has been National Campaign Chairman of the Heart Fund during the past three years.

Dr. L. N. Katz Honored

The Albert Lasker Award of the American Heart Association, which pays tribute to distinguished achievements in cardiovascular research, was presented at the Scientific Sessions on October 27 to Louis N. Katz, M.D. Dr. Katz, former President of the American Heart Association and current President of the Chicago Heart Association, is Director of the Cardiovascular Department, Medical Research Institute, Michael Reese Hospital, Chicago.

In presenting the Lasker Award to Dr. Katz, the Association paid tribute to his experimental studies in atherogenesis and to his many other contributions in the fields of electrocardiography and teaching. The Lasker Award consists of a statuette of the Winged Victory of Samothrace and an honorarium of $1,000. The award is given annually through the American Heart Association by the Albert and Mary Lasker Foundation.

Blakeslee Awards

Seven winners representing newspapers, magazines, radio and television were presented with Howard W. Blakeslee Awards for outstanding reporting in the cardiovascular field at the Annual Dinner. In addition a special Blakeslee Award was made to Paul D. White, M.D. for “creating better public understanding of heart disease through his press conferences, published articles, and radio and television appearances during the illness and recovery of President Eisenhower.”

Recipients of the regular Blakeslee Awards, each of which included an honorarium of $500, were:

Frank Carey, science reporter, Associated Press, Washington, D. C., for year-round coverage.

Nate Haseltine, science writer, Washington Post and Times Herald, for his series on pediatric cardiology and cardiovascular surgery, “Within a Child’s Heart.”


Science Department, Life Magazine, for a pictorial article on coronary thrombosis.

Howard Whitman, medical commentator on the National Broadcasting Company’s TV
"Home Show," for a series of four programs entitled "Your Heart" filmed at medical and research centers.

George Voutsas, producer-director, and Earl Hamner, writer, for the NBC radio broadcast, "Courage to Live," a documentary presentation on a patient who faces the decision to undergo heart surgery.

COUNCIL FOR HIGH BLOOD PRESSURE RESEARCH MEETS NOVEMBER 30

Studies on renal function and pathology, on relationships between adrenal hormones and hypertension, on emotional factors as they relate to coronary occlusion and on the latest advances in the fields of hypertension and atherosclerosis will be featured on the program of the Annual Meeting of the Association's Council for High Blood Pressure Research. The meeting is scheduled for the Hotel Cleveland, Cleveland on Friday and Saturday, November 30 and December 1.

The program will also include an address by Paul D. White, M.D., on Friday evening. Participation in the meeting is by invitation.

The Proceedings of last year's Annual Meeting of the Council for High Blood Pressure Research are available from the Association. Cost of the 160-page volume is $4.50 per copy. For those who wish a complete set including Proceedings of the 1952, 1953, 1954 and 1955 meetings of the Council, these may be obtained at a special combined price of $7.50. Orders should be addressed to the Medical Director, American Heart Association, 44 East 23 Street, New York 10, N. Y.

NAS-NRC RESEARCH FELLOWSHIP APPLICATIONS BEING ACCEPTED

Applications for postdoctoral research fellowships for 1957-58 will be accepted by the Division of Medical Sciences of the National Academy of Sciences-National Research Council until December 1, 1956.

Three groups of fellowships are involved. They are the National Research Fellowships in the Medical Sciences (supported by the Rockefeller Foundation), the Donner Fellowships for Medical Research and the Markle Fellowships in the Medical Sciences. All are designed to offer research experience to those who intend to make careers in investigation and academic medicine. Fellows are expected to devote their full time to fundamental research.

Full information and application forms may be obtained from the Division of Medical Sciences, Room 310, National Academy of Sciences-National Research Council, 2101 Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington 25, D. C.

HEART ASSOCIATION SPONSORS "WORLD TRENDS IN CARDIOLOGY"

The American Heart Association has arranged for publication of a series of five volumes containing outstanding papers and panels presented at the Second World Congress of Cardiology. The Congress brought together in Washington, D. C. leading cardiovascular authorities from all over the world.

Each volume in the series, known as World Trends in Cardiology, has been carefully edited and the material has been brought up to date where necessary by the original authors. Thus the series offers a unique reference library in those areas of cardiology of active current interest.

World Trends in Cardiology consists of the following volumes:

Volume 1—Cardiovascular Epidemiology
  Edited by Ancel Keys, Ph.D., and Paul D. White, M.D.

Volume 2—Cardiovascular Surgery
  Edited by Helen B. Taussig, M.D., and Arthur S. Cain, Jr., M.D.

Volume 3—Blood Volume and Contractile Protein in Heart Muscle
  Edited by Arthur S. Cain, Jr., M.D.

Volume 4—Cardiovascular Diagnosis and Therapy
  Edited by Arthur S. Cain, Jr., M.D.

Volume 5—Instrumental Methods in Cardiac Diagnosis
  Edited by Louis N. Katz, M.D., and Arthur S. Cain, Jr., M.D.

The books will vary in length from 80 to 250 pages; some with illustrations. Tentative prices range from $2.00 to $4.75 each.

Orders for the set, to be shipped as issued, should be sent directly to the publisher, Paul B. Hoeber, Inc., Medical Book Department of Harper & Brothers, 49 East 33rd Street, New York 16, N. Y.

NEW ENGLAND CARDIOVASCULAR SOCIETY PROGRAMS PLANNED

The New England Cardiovascular Society has launched its 1956-57 scientific program
with five meetings at the Morse Auditorium, Museum of Science, Boston, on November 5. Additional programs, all scheduled for the Morse Auditorium will be held on the following dates: January 14, 1957; February 11; March 11; and May 13 (The Henry Jackson Lecture).

Hospitals and medical centers participating in the programs include the Peter Bent Brigham Hospital; Beth Israel Hospital; Massachusetts Memorial Hospitals; Children's Medical Center; Boston City Hospital and the Massachusetts General Hospital.

Additional information may be obtained from Alexander S. Nadas, M.D., Secretary, The New England Cardiovascular Society, % The Massachusetts Heart Association, 650 Beacon Street, Boston 15, Mass.

FOUR CLINICAL RESEARCH AREA MEETINGS SCHEDULED

Four 1956-57 section meetings have been scheduled by the American Federation for Clinical Research during the coming months. The schedule of the area scientific sessions is as follows:

Midwestern—Thorne Hall, Northwestern University Medical Campus, Chicago, Thursday, November 8.

Eastern—Hurd Hall, The Johns Hopkins Hospital, Baltimore, Friday, December 7; and Gordon Wilson Hall, University of Maryland Hospital, Baltimore, Saturday, December 8.

Southern—Jung Hotel, New Orleans, Friday, January 25.

Western—Golden Bough Theatre, Carmel, Calif., Wednesday and Thursday, January 30-31.

RELEASE AHA FILM ON BASIC RESEARCH

"The Secrets of the Heart," the Association's motion picture on basic research, is now being distributed by state and local Heart Associations throughout the country.

The sound film is a dramatic presentation in which the audience has an opportunity to view investigations being conducted at several leading research centers. Emphasis is on fundamental studies and their relationship to cardiovascular medicine and surgery. Irvine H. Page, M.D., President of the Association, acts as guide and commentator. The film was produced for the Association by MPO Productions Inc. and was written and directed by George C. Stoney. This is the team which made the earlier Association film on rheumatic fever, "The Valiant Heart."

Running time of the 16 mm. sound film is 20 minutes. Information may be obtained from the American Heart Association, 44 East 23 Street, New York 10, N. Y. or from your state or local Heart Association.

MEETINGS CALENDAR

Nov. 11-12: American Society for the Study of Arteriosclerosis, Chicago. O. J. Pollak, M.D., P.O. Box 228, Dover, Del.


Dec. 2-7: Radiological Society of North America, Chicago. D. S. Childs, 713 E. Genesee St., Syracuse 2, N. Y.


Jan. 16-18: Conference on Cerebral Vascular Diseases, Princeton, N. J. Irving S. Wright, M.D., Cornell Medical Center, 1300 York Ave., New York 21, N. Y. By invitation.


ABROAD

Nov. 11-17: Inter-American Congress of Cardiology, Havana. Dr. Ignacio Chavez, Calzada de la Piedad Num. 300, Mexico City.

