NEW GRANTS BRING 1958-59 RESEARCH SUPPORT TO TOTAL OF $3,063,204

Under the national research support program of the American Heart Association and its affiliates, grants-in-aid totaling $1,539,057 have been made to 225 investigators for the 1958-59 fiscal year. These grants brought to 409 the number of research awards made by the Association this year. Previously announced were 183 fellowship awards in the amount of $1,523,147.

The combined total of $3,063,204 is the largest sum to be awarded in a single fiscal year thus far under the Association’s national research support program. Last year $2,341,115 was awarded nationally, while the Association’s affiliates and chapters appropriated approximately $3,826,000 to support studies by investigators in their own geographic areas. The total channeled into research since the AHA became a national voluntary health agency 10 years ago now stands at approximately $31,500,000.

A complete list of grants-in-aid appears in the September issue of Circulation.

AHA SCIENTIFIC SESSIONS WILL PRESENT 120 PAPERS

A total of 90 original scientific papers, selected from over 360 submitted, will be presented at the American Heart Association’s 31st Annual Scientific Sessions in San Francisco’s Civic Center, Friday, October 24 through Sunday, October 26. In addition, there will be approximately 30 papers presented by invited speakers.

Additional interest in the varied program to be presented this year will be provided with an all-day Scientific Session for Clinicians and joint participation in the Scientific Sessions by the American Society for the Study of Arteriosclerosis and the Microcirculatory Conference.

AHA GRANT-IN-AID APPLICATIONS DUE BY NOVEMBER 1

Applications for Heart Association grants-in-aid during the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1959 must be received by the Assistant Medical Director for Research at the AHA National Office, 44 East 23rd Street, New York 10, N. Y., not later than November 1, 1958. The deadline for submitting applications for Research Fellowships and Established Investigatorships was September 15.

All applications must be made on forms available from the AHA. Grants are made to non-profit institutions in direct support of a particular investigator, for a specific program of research under his direction. Grants are awarded in support of research in the cardiovascular field or basic sciences for periods of one to five years.

The Session for Clinicians, scheduled for Friday, October 24, under sponsorship of the Council on Clinical Cardiology, will include symposia on “Congenital Heart Disease,” “Treatment of Intravascular Clotting,” and “Peripheral Arterial Insufficiency.” The clinicians will also discuss such subjects as “Clinical Evaluation of Chlorothiazide,” “Traumatic Heart Disease,” and “The ‘Tough Case’ of Bacterial Endocarditis.” A panel discussion, “What’s New in Arrhythmias,” will be held. These sessions have been classified by the American Academy of General Practice as acceptable for credit for Academy members.

Following is a schedule of other highlights of the three-day Scientific Sessions:

Friday, October 24

Morning: Joint ASSA-AHA session on genetics; Scientific Sessions under sponsor-
ship of the Heart Association's Councils on Circulation and Cardiovascular Surgery.

Afternoon: Scientific Session sponsored by the Council on Rheumatic Fever and Congenital Heart Disease; Joint Session of the Association's Council on Circulation and the Microcirculatory Conference, with symposia on "Vascular Thrombosis," "Cerebral Circulation," and "Vascular Reactivity."

Evening: Session on "Instrumental Study of the Heart and Circulation."

Saturday, October 25

Morning: General session on Applied Cardiovascular Research; Lewis A. Conner Memorial Lecture by John H. Gibbon, Jr., M.D., Professor of Surgery, Jefferson Medical College, Philadelphia, on "Maintenance of Cardio-Respiratory Functions by Extracorporeal Circulation;" George E. Brown Memorial Lecture by Lewis Thomas, M.D., Professor and Chairman, Department of Medicine, New York University College of Medicine, on the "Role of Hypersensitivity in Cardiovascular Disease," and several papers of general clinical interest.

Afternoon: Panels on Arteriosclerosis to be presented jointly with the American Society for the Study of Arteriosclerosis.

Sunday, October 26

Morning: Simultaneous Scientific Sessions to be conducted by the Councils on Clinical Cardiology, High Blood Pressure Research, and Basic Science.

Afternoon: A special program designed to interest laymen as well as physicians. "Rewards of Research," arranged by the Council on Community Service and Education, followed by a session on Rheumatic Fever Secondary Prevention Programs, sponsored jointly by the Councils on Rheumatic Fever and Congenital Heart Disease and Community Service and Education, which will cover areas of general interest concerning the scientific basis of prophylaxis, the practical problems of applying this scientific knowledge, and areas still to be explored for further knowledge on this subject.

Evening: American Heart Association's Annual Dinner at the Fairmont Hotel.

A medical film program will be shown each day concurrent with the Scientific Sessions. As in previous years, a section of scientific and industrial exhibits will be on view.

Urge Early Registration

Registration and hotel accommodation forms are now available from the Association. As an inducement to early registration all physicians who register prior to the Scientific Sessions will receive an advance complimentary copy of the program booklet containing abstracts of the proceedings. These will be sold for $1.00 at the meeting.

AHA Assembly Meeting

The AHA Assembly will review national policies and activities of the Association at its Annual Meeting, Monday, October 27 and Tuesday, October 28 at the Hotel Fairmont.

Six Assembly Panels will be in session on Monday to discuss the following subjects: Research; Fund Raising and Public Relations; Relationships and Responsibilities Between National, State and Local Heart Associations; Community Service-Screening and Case Finding Programs; The Physician's Continuous Self-Education; and Membership.

On Tuesday morning, the general session of the Assembly will review Panel recommendations and elect officers and Board members of the Association.

AMERICAN MEDICAL ASSOCIATION ENDORSES POLICIES OF AHA

The House of Delegates of the American Medical Association recently adopted resolutions which expressed the medical profession's confidence in the programs of research, education and fund raising conducted by the American Heart Association and other major voluntary health agencies.

Meeting at the time of the AMA's annual convention in San Francisco, June 26, the House of Delegates adopted by a standing vote the following resolutions:

1. —That the House of Delegates reiter-
rate its commendation and approval of the principal Voluntary Health Agencies.

2. —That it is the firm belief of the American Medical Association that these agencies should be free to conduct their own programs of research, public and professional education and fund raising in their particular spheres of interest.

3. —That the House of Delegates respectfully requests that the American Medical Research Foundation take no action which would endanger the constructive activities of the National Voluntary Health Agencies.

4. —That the Board of Trustees continue actively its studies of these perplexing problems looking forward to their ultimate solution."

The third resolution refers to efforts by United Funds to disburse, through the AMA’s American Medical Research Foundation, money raised for “heart disease” and other causes. Despite the refusal of Heart Associations and other health agencies to join in federated fund raising plans, United Funds have included such causes in their appeals, thus receiving funds which in many cases remain unspent.

PROGRAM IS OUTLINED FOR JOINT ASSA-AHA SESSIONS

A program which includes a symposium on “Genetic Factors in Cardiovascular Disease,” and Panels on the subject of arteriosclerosis will be presented jointly by the American Society for the study of arteriosclerosis and the American Heart Association at the AHA Scientific Sessions in San Francisco, October 24-26. This year for the first time the American Society for the Study of Arteriosclerosis is holding its Annual Meeting to coincide with the American Heart Association’s Scientific Sessions.

Following is a tentative schedule of the joint ASSA-AHA program:

Friday, October 24, 9:00 A.M. to 12:30 P.M.
Symposium, “Genetic Factors in Cardiovascular Disease,” Dr. Victor A. McKusick, Baltimore, and Dr. David Adlersberg, New York, Chairmen. This will include sessions on the following subjects: “Hypertension,” participants: Sir George Pickering, Oxford, England, Dr. Caroline B. Thomas, Baltimore and Dr. Douglas R. Drury, Los Angeles; “Atherosclerosis,” with Dr. Arthur G. Steinberg, Cleveland, Dr. Frederick H. Epstein, Ann Arbor, Mich. and Dr. Richard H. Osborne, New York; “Rheumatic Fever,” with Dr. May G. Wilson, New York and Dr. Paul A. Lembcke, Los Angeles; and “Congenital Malformations,” with Dr. Catherine A. Neill, Baltimore and Dr. McKusick. Discussion will be opened by Dr. Antonio Ciocco, Pittsburgh.

Saturday, October 25, 2:00 to 5:00 P.M.
Panels, “Emotional Factors in Atherosclerosis,” Dr. Louis N. Katz, Chicago, Moderator; “Hypertension and Atherosclerosis,” Dr. A. C. Corcoran, Cleveland, Moderator.

NEW CV RESEARCH INSTITUTE IN SAN FRANCISCO TO PRESENT SPECIAL SCIENTIFIC PROGRAM

The University of California Medical School in San Francisco will present a special program on October 23 to mark the opening of its new Cardiovascular Research Institute. The date was chosen to permit attendance by physicians who will be in San Francisco for AHA’s 31st Annual Scientific Sessions, October 24-26.

Speakers on the program include Sir George Pickering, Regius Professor of Medicine, University of Oxford, England; Dr. I. Lyon Chaikoff, Professor of Physiology, University of California, Berkeley; Dr. Malcolm Mcllroy, First Assistant, Institute of Cardiology, London; and Dr. Julius H. Comroe, Jr., Director of the new Cardiovascular Research Institute.

Tickets for the special scientific program are obtainable from the University of California Medical Center, San Francisco 22, Calif.

MEETINGS CALENDAR

October 6-10: American College of Surgeons, Chicago. Michael L. Mason, 40 E. Erie Street, Chicago 11, Ill.


October 31-November 1: Central Society for Clinical Research, Chicago. A. S. Weisburger, 2065 Adelbert Road, Cleveland 6, Ohio.


November 14-15: First annual Symposium of Cinefluorography, U. C, Rochester, N. Y. George H. Ramsey, Department of Radiology, Strong Memorial Hospital, Rochester 20, N. Y.

ABROAD

September 14-21: Third World Congress of Cardiology, Brussels. F. Van Dooren, 80 Rue Mercelis, Brussels, Belgium.

September 22-28: 16th International Congress of History of Medicine, Montpellier, France. Louis Dulieu, Montpellier, (Hérault) France.

September 24-28: Third International Congress of Angiology, San Remo, Italy. M. Comel, Clinica Dermatologica, Universita di Pisa, Italy.

November 30-December 3: Fourth Latin-American Congress of Angiology, Santiago, Chile. Juan Borzone Galvez, Cassila 10256, Santiago, Chile.

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