ASSOCIATION AWARDS PRESENTED AT ANNUAL SCIENTIFIC SESSIONS

Among the honors conferred on physicians at the Scientific Sessions in San Francisco by the American Heart Association for outstanding service in advancing the Heart program and for achievement in cardiovascular research were the following:

GOLD HEART AWARDS

Recipients of the Gold Heart Awards, highest award of the Heart Association for outstanding contributions to cardiovascular medicine and the heart organization, were E. Cowles Andrus, M.D., past-President of the American Heart Association, and William F. Hamilton, Ph.D., Professor of Physiology, Medical College of Georgia, Augusta.

Dr. Andrus, Associate Professor of Medicine, Johns Hopkins University Medical School, has been an outstanding leader in the activities of the American Heart Association since 1933. He has served several terms on the Association's Board and Executive Committee and has been chairman of the Executive Committee of the Scientific Council, of the Committee to Review Research Policy, and of the Budget Committee. Dr. Andrus presently serves on the Editorial Board of Circulation.

Dr. Hamilton was cited for his contributions to scientific knowledge of the circulation, including the development of a method for accurate measurement of blood volume, and for his pioneering efforts in the training of young investigators in cardiovascular research techniques. A former member of the Association's Board and Executive Committee, Dr. Hamilton has served for many years on the various scientific councils and committees of the American and Georgia Heart Associations.

LASKER AWARD

Irvine H. Page, M.D., Director of Research at the Cleveland Clinic, received the Albert Lasker Award of the American Heart Association for distinguished achievement in the field of cardiovascular research and especially for his many contributions to the knowledge of the basic mechanisms of hypertension. Tribute was paid to Dr. Page for his part in the discovery and synthesis of angiotensin, for his isolation of serotonin, and for "his gift of scientific leadership," which "has left its mark on many other areas of cardiovascular research."

Dr. Page, who is past-President of the American Heart Association, the Cleveland Area Heart Society, and the American Society for the Study of Arteriosclerosis, was a prime mover in the organization of the Heart Association's Council for High Blood Pressure Research. He served as the Council's first Medical Advisory Chairman and is presently a member of its Executive Committee. Also a member of the Board of Directors of the American Heart Association, Dr. Page is the author of many articles and books on hypertension and other aspects of cardiovascular disease. He has also contributed a chapter to "You and Your Heart," a popular volume on heart disease for the general public.

The Lasker Award, which is given annually by the Albert and Mary Lasker Foundation through the American Heart Association, consists of a statuette of the Winged Victory of Samothrace and an honorarium of $2,500.

AHA AFFILIATES AND CHAPTERS AID NATIONAL RESEARCH PROGRAM

Affiliates and chapters of the American Heart Association have provided nearly $93,000 to help underwrite the record total of $3,062,204 awarded for the 1958-59 fiscal year.
under the Association’s national research support program. The additional support, which helps to reduce a deficit in the national grants-in-aid budget, was in response to urgent requests sent to Heart Associations by Robert W. Wilkins, M.D., AHA President, and A. C. Corcoran, M.D., Chairman of the Association’s Research Committee.

The new sums, all of which are applied to AHA-supported grants and fellowships, are in addition to funds affiliates and chapters regularly assign to the national research program.

Recipients of AHA grants-in-aid which were supported in full or in part by local Heart Associations were listed in the September issue of Circulation. In addition, the following Associations have provided research funds:

- Texas Heart Research Foundation, in full support of the grant-in-aid of Walter S. Henly, Established Investigator at Baylor University College of Medicine, Houston;
- Stamford-Darien-New Canaan (Conn.) Heart Association, partial support of the grants of Franklin H. Epstein and William L. Glenn at Yale University School of Medicine; Hartford (Conn.) Heart Association, partial support of the grant of Averill A. Liebow, also at Yale; Idaho Heart Association, partial support of the grant of John J. Osborn, Stanford University Hospital, San Francisco; and Delaware Heart Association, in full support of the grant to William S. Blakenore at the University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine.

Funds to be applied by the National Office on an unrestricted basis have also been made available by the Appalachian Area (Tenn.) Heart Committee; Boyd County (Ky.) Heart Association; Connecticut Heart Association; East Tennessee Heart Association; Memphis (Tenn.) Heart Association; Montana Heart Association; Tennessee Heart Association; and West Tennessee Heart Association.

RESEARCH CAREERS TV SERIES
NOW BEING SHOWN ON FILM

Kinescopes selected from the educational television series “Decision for Research,” presented by the American Heart Association and its affiliates and NBC-TV to stimulate the interest of young people in research careers, are now being shown to students and educators by Heart Associations throughout the country.

The filmed programs are designed to acquaint high school and junior college students with the nature of medical and biological research being undertaken by leading cardiovascular investigators who discuss and demonstrate investigations under way in their laboratories. The programs were originally televised as 13 weekly half-hour shows over stations of the Educational Television Network and many NBC-TV stations in cooperation with the Educational Television and Radio Center and the National Broadcasting Company. This series was made possible by a generous grant from E. R. Squibb and Sons, a division of Olin Mathieson Chemical Corporation.

FILMS OF LAY SERIES
ON CARDIOVASCULAR SYSTEM
AVAILABLE TO SPEAKERS

Two new films, “Varicose Veins” and “Circulation of the Blood,” continuing a series on the cardiovascular system and its diseases which may be used as visual aids by physicians when addressing lay groups, are available from local Heart Associations or from the American Heart Association.

“Varicose Veins,” seven minutes long, shows by means of animated diagrams the structure and function of the vein’s valves and how their malfunction may cause varicosity. The script follows closely the text of the booklet Varicose Veins issued by the Association last year for distribution by physicians to their patients.

“Circulation of the Blood,” eight and one-half minutes long, consists of a series of diagrammatic drawings which trace the blood’s circulation and explain how expansion and contraction of the arteries control its flow.

Both films, which may be used for television or direct audience viewing, were produced for the American Heart Association and its affiliates by Churchill-Wexler Film Productions.
Earlier films in the series include "High Blood Pressure," "Strokes," and "Coronary Heart Disease."

HIGH BLOOD PRESSURE RESEARCH COUNCIL MEETING IN CLEVELAND, NOVEMBER 21-22

The Association's Council for High Blood Pressure Research has scheduled its annual conference in Cleveland on Friday, November 21 and Saturday, November 22, 1958.

A tentative program includes discussion of "Chlorothiazide and Altered Vascular Responsiveness," and "Extra-Cellular Fluid and Plasma Volume Changes." Discussion at a business meeting on Friday afternoon will include "Labor Force of a Chicago Utilities Organization," and "The Framingham Project." The Council's Annual Dinner is scheduled for Friday evening.

SCIENCE ASSOCIATION SPONSORS SYMPOSIUM ON CONGENITAL HEART DISEASE

A symposium on Congenital Heart Disease is scheduled by the American Association for the Advancement of Science, Section on Medical Sciences, at its Annual Meeting in Washington, D.C., December 29-30, 1958.

Supported by a grant from the National Heart Institute and endorsed by the American Heart Association and the American College of Cardiology, the four symposia and the physicians to preside over are scheduled as follows:

December 29, 9:30 A.M., "Development of the Heart and the Origins of Congenital Heart Disease," S.R.M. Reynolds, Chicago; December 29, 2:00 P.M., "The Pathologic Physiology of Congenital Heart Disease," Lewis Dexter, Boston; December 30, 9:30 A.M., "The Diagnosis of Congenital Heart Disease," André Courmand, New York; and December 30, 2:00 P.M., "Surgical Therapy of Congenital Heart Disease," Alfred Blalock, Baltimore.


MEETINGS CALENDAR

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


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