$1,531,343 ALLOCATED BY AHA TO SUPPORT 179 INVESTIGATORS

A total of $1,531,343 has been allocated through the national research program of the American Heart Association to support 179 research investigatorships and fellowships during the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1959. Still to be awarded are grants-in-aid for research projects, which will be announced later this year. The Association and its state and local affiliates jointly support the national research program.

This year’s allocations provide for six Career Investigators, 72 new and continued Established Investigators, 10 new and continued Established Investigator-Grantees, 45 new and continued Advanced Research Fellows and 46 new and continued Research Fellows.

The sum awarded for investigatorships this year, largest in the Association’s history, represents an increase of approximately $100,000 over the sums awarded last year exclusive of Grants-in-Aid. In the current 1958-59 fiscal year, it is estimated that the combined research allocations of the American Heart Association and its affiliates and chapters will reach an all-time high of approximately $8,500,000. With the new 1959-60 allocations, the total sum channeled into scientific research by the Association and its affiliates will stand at over $40,000,000.

A complete list of recipients of research awards appears in the April issue of Circulation.

VARIED PROGRAM PLANNED FOR AHA SCIENTIFIC SESSIONS

A program which will integrate the contributions of the basic sciences, clinical experiences and medical care problems in the field of cardiology is being planned for the Association’s 32nd annual Scientific Sessions, to be held from Friday, October 23 through Sunday, October 25 at the Trade and Convention Center in Philadelphia.

The Association’s Council on Clinical Cardiology has been charged with preparing six sessions of broad clinical interest. These will run concurrently with special scientific sessions and Council programs in which original investigative work will be presented.

JOINT AHA SCIENTIFIC SESSION WILL BE HELD WITH AMERICAN COLLEGE OF CARDIOLOGY

For the first time the American Heart Association’s annual Scientific Sessions will include a joint session with the American College of Cardiology. The College, which will be holding its 8th Interim Meeting concurrently, will also conduct its popular fireside conferences to which Heart Association members are invited.

ABSTRACTS OF PAPERS DUE JUNE 12 FOR AHA SESSIONS

June 12 is the deadline for submitting abstracts of papers to be presented at the 32nd annual Scientific Sessions of the American Heart Association, scheduled for October 23-25 in Philadelphia. Papers intended for presentation must be based on original investigations in, or related to, the cardiovascular field. Abstracts must be limited to 250 words or less and should contain a brief digest of the results obtained and the conclusions reached.

Official forms for submitting abstracts of papers and applications for scientific exhibit space, which also must be returned by June 12, may be obtained from Dr. F. J. Lewy, Assistant Medical Director, American Heart Association, Space for industrial exhibits may be requested through Steven K. Herlitz, Inc., 280 Madison Avenue, New York 16, N.Y.
MEDICAL SOCIETIES ENDORSE HEART ASSOCIATION PROGRAM

Resolutions endorsing the programs of the American Heart Association and other major voluntary health agencies and expressing commendation for their contributions to medical research and the nation's health were voted recently by the American College of Surgeons and the Association of American Medical Colleges. In addition, the American Medical Association reiterated its position in support of the programs and independent fund raising policies of the AHA and other national health agencies.

The Board of Regents of the American College of Surgeons in December unanimously adopted a statement commending the AHA and others "for their substantial and intelligent contributions to health and to medical research." In February, the Executive Council of the Association of American Medical Colleges resolved to "express its appreciation to the major voluntary health agencies for the invaluable contributions they are making, particularly toward the support of basic research, fellowships, scholarships and long-term research personnel support."

The AMA's House of Delegates, meeting in December, reaffirmed the resolutions of June, 1958, expressing the medical profession's confidence in the programs of the AHA and other agencies. Clauses were added stating that the AMA "neither approves nor disapproves of the inclusion of voluntary health agencies in United Fund drives," and calling for a top-level conference of the interested parties to discuss these problems.

LATEST VOLUME AVAILABLE ON HYPERTENSION PROCEEDINGS

Volume 7 of the proceedings of the Association's Council on High Blood Pressure Research is now available through local Heart Associations or through the American Heart Association at $2.50 a copy. The volume is based on the Council's Annual Meeting in November, 1958. In addition to the scientific and lay presentations given at the meeting, the volume includes discussions on hypertension by leading specialists in the field.

In addition, four volumes of the Council's proceedings, covering the years 1953 and 1955-56-57 respectively, may be obtained at a combined price of $6.00 from the American Heart Association, 44 East 23rd Street, New York 10, N. Y.

CARDIAC PAPERS PUBLISHED BY N.Y. ACADEMY OF SCIENCES

Papers presented on the subject of "Metabolic Factors in Cardiac Contractibility" at a conference sponsored by the New York Academy of Sciences, March 18-19, 1958, have been printed in the Academy's Annals, Volume 72. The volume is obtainable free of charge to Academy members, or at $3.75 a copy to non-members, from the Academy's offices, 2 East 63rd Street, New York 21, N. Y.

The monograph, by Menard M. Gertler, G. W. E. Plaut, et al., contains papers by physiologists, biochemists, biophysicists, clinicians and physicians revealing their diverse viewpoints on the problem of congestive heart failure. Also available in the Academy's Annals, Volume 65, is "The Electrophysiology of the Heart," at $4.50 a copy.

AHA RESEARCH COMMITTEE NAMES NEW CHAIRMAN

The Research Committee of the American Heart Association has elected Charles H. Rammelkamp, Jr., M.D., of Cleveland, as Chairman for the year 1959-60.

NEW ISSUE OF HEART BULLETIN CONTAINS AHA-INVITED PAPERS

The May-June issue of The Heart Bulletin consists of papers invited by Associate Medical Editors appointed by the American Heart Association. The Association sponsors the publication in cooperation with the National Heart Institute and the American Academy of General Practice.
Included are articles on The Artificial Kidney, by George E. Schreiner, M.D.; The Coronary Collateral Circulation, by Richard W. Eckstein, M.D.; Aberrant Ventricular Conduction and its Clinical Significance, by Alfred Pick, M.D.; Essential Hypertension: Rationale for Early Treatment, by Edward D. Freis, M.D.; and The Electrocardiogram in Atrial Septal Defect, by S. Gilbert Blount, M.D., Ray Prior, M.D., and George Woodward, M.D.

The journal, with its concise and practical approach to the problems of every-day practice, is of particular value to the practicing physician in cardiovascular disease.

ABSTRACTS DUE JUNE 12 FOR ARTERIOSCLEROSIS COUNCIL MEETING NOVEMBER 8-9

June 12, 1959 has been set as the deadline for submitting abstracts of papers to be presented at the meeting of the Association's Council on Arteriosclerosis to be held in Chicago's Hotel Knickerbocker on Sunday and Monday, November 8-9. Abstracts, not to exceed 250 words, should be sent in quadruplicate to Aaron Kellner, M.D., Program Chairman, New York Hospital, 525 East 68th Street, New York 21, N. Y.

The new Council, which was the American Society for the Study of Arteriosclerosis before its recent merger with the AHA, will also hold a scientific session and a symposium as part of the Heart Association's 32nd annual Scientific Sessions for which abstracts of papers to be presented also are due on June 12.

NATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS SPONSOR CV TRAINING PROGRAM

A Postgraduate Cardiovascular Research and Training Program, jointly sponsored by the AHA and the National Heart Institute, will be conducted beginning July 1 in the Departments of Physiology and Pharmacology at the Medical College of Georgia, Augusta. Participants will receive a stipend of $3800 plus $350 for each dependent and certain expenses. Appointments are made on a one-year basis. Requests for application forms and inquiries may be made to the program directors, W. F. Hamilton, M.D., or R. P. Ahlquist, M.D., at the Medical College of Georgia.

ANNOUNCEMENT INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY OF CARDIOLOGY FOUNDATION

The International Society of Cardiology Foundation was organized in 1957 at the initiative of Dr. Paul D. White for the purpose of encouraging and financing international scientific research. The officers include: Paul D. White, Boston, President; Ignacio Chavez, Mexico, First Vice President; D. Evan Bedford, London, and Pierre W. Duchosal, Geneva, Second Vice Presidents; Louis X. Katz, Chicago, Treasurer; F.D. Mayer, Chicago, Attorney; and J. Stern, Chicago, Secretary.

Research workers in cardiology, in various countries, have already received substantial support from the Foundation. It is hoped that the program will be continued and expanded to include other qualified investigators. Applications for research support may be made through Dr. White, 264 Beacon Street, Boston, Mass.

The Foundation needs continued financial support to expand its program of cardiovascular research at the international level. It gratefully acknowledges the generous gift from the Finnish Society of Cardiology as well as the efforts of Dr. White in stimulating additional bequests, and urges Circulation Research readers to make known the Foundation's needs to those who might be able to contribute to its success.

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MEETINGS CALENDAR

May 20-29: American College of Cardiology, Philadelphia. Philip Reichert, 480 Park Avenue, New York 22, N. Y.
June 5-7: World Conference on Angiology, Atlantic City. Alfred Halpern, 11 Hampton Court, Great Neck, N. Y.
September 13-17: International College of Surgeons, U.S. Section, Chicago. Ross T. McIntire, 1516 Lake Shore Drive, Chicago 10, Ill.
September 22-25: American Roentgen Ray Society, Cincinnati. C. A. Good, 200 First Street, S.W., Rochester, Minn.
September 28-October 2: American College of Surgeons, Atlantic City. Paul R. Hawley, 40 E. Erie Street, Chicago 11, Ill.


ABROAD
July 23-30: International Congress of Radiology, Munich, Germany. H. V. Braumbehrens, Ziemsensentr. 1, Munich 15, Germany.
September 18-20: International Cardiovascular Society, Munich, Germany. H. Haimovici, 715 Park Avenue, New York 21, N.Y.