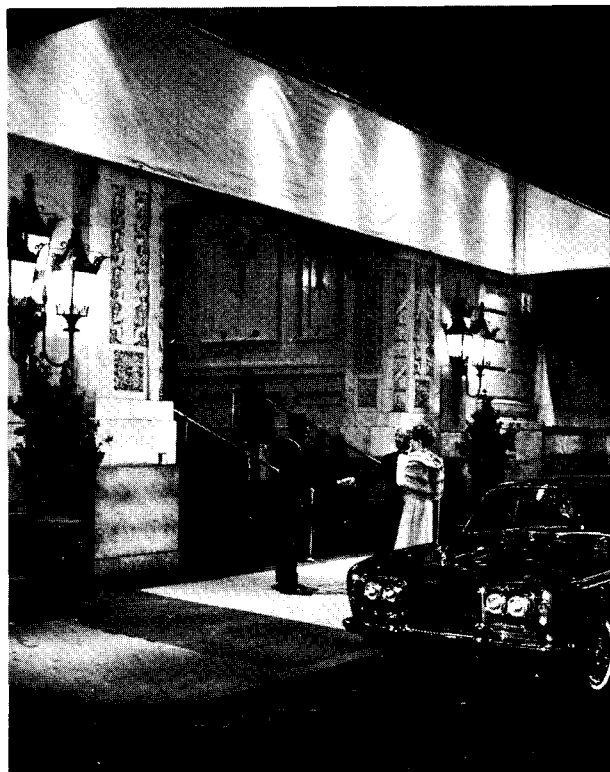


THE SCENE:

NEW ORLEANS



It has been the practice of the Society since its inception to move the Conference each year to a different part of the country. In April and July of 1964, our early organizational meetings were held in Chicago with a Halloween meeting that year in Cleveland. 1965 brought us to Saint Paul and Minneapolis while 1966 was Washington, D.C., and, of course, Expo '67 in Montreal. Then, off to San Francisco in 1968 and Detroit last year. The concept is to allow those who cannot always find the wherewithal to attend every Conference to at least attend those sessions that are close-by every few years.

This is our first meeting in the South, the first opportunity for many to attend an International Conference. An extensive promotional program has been put into effect so that everyone throughout the South, and throughout the country, who may have an interest in the Technology, will receive notification of this annual event.

There are many rewards to attending the Conference. The most obvious, of course, are the scientific/professional sessions, the distinguished faculty, and the many opportunities to expand and develop within the Technology. There are also the social aspects, the coffee parties, the "shop" talk, and the banquet. Too, there is the chance to return something of yourself to your profession by taking an active part in the business of the Society and helping guide it to the fulfilment of its goal: optimal patient care.

Finally, there is the opportunity to visit other areas of this great land of ours. May we assure you, southern hospitality is next to none. And New Orleans is *most* hospitable!

Famous for its food, flavored by its French, Spanish, and Creole ancestry, New Orleans offers Antoine's, Brennan's, Gallatoire's, or, if you like, ride the St. Charles streetcar to the end of the line, and dine on shrimp remoulade and crab imperial at Commander's Palace in the garden district. The evening traditionally ends with coffee and doughnuts at the stand in the French Market in the Vieux Carre.

Live oak trees, literally dripping with Spanish moss, a most attractive parasite, abound in Audubon Park. And the overview of the city is spectacular, night or day, from the lounge atop the International Trade Mart.

The Vieux Carre is meant to be explored slowly by day, possibly with a guided tour, then re-discovered at night. It contains a wealth of history, architecture, antiques, shopping, and enjoyment.

Come to New Orleans and enjoy with us *all* the rewards of the Eighth International Conference on Extra-Corporeal Technology, July 16-17-18, 1970, at the Roosevelt Hotel.

(Note: This is my last communication as the President of AmSECT. My sincerest thanks to all those who assisted and supported our efforts during the past year.)

Ed Berger