A WEST COAST MEETING of Regions IX, X, and XI is planned for San Francisco, January 24th through 26th. The combined session is scheduled for this time to coincide with the Society of Thoracic Surgeons meeting because many of the heart-lung personnel will be free at this time. It is also equidistant between the 1971 and 1972 Annual Conferences. Discussions are planned for dialysis and heart-lung technologists. If you are interested, contact MIKE BURGESS, JUDY ABELS, or JERI DOBBS.

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IN THE PORTLAND AREA, JERI DOBBS has set up a series of local conferences for the next several months on topics pertinent to heart-lung. He is interested in developing a companion series in dialysis and is looking for assistance and participation in this endeavor. If you would like to help or are interested in the meeting schedule, just contact Jeri at 1765 S.W. 35th Ave., Portland, Oregon 97205.

REGION V is holding its first regional meeting of the year on October 1st and 2nd of 1971 at the Cox Heart Institute in Kettering, Ohio. In a recent communication from KENT VASKO, Regional Chairman, renal and cardiac programs of interest to everyone are planned. There will be a get-together session on Friday evening, October 1st, with a full day of scientific sessions on Saturday, the 2nd. Kent will be glad to supply you with the details. Write him at the Institute at 3523 Southern Boulevard, Kettering, Ohio.

MANY 1971 CONFERENCE REGISTRANTS have written requesting us to convey their thanks and appreciation to all of our exhibitors for their kind hospitality during the Conference. Special thanks have been requested to be directed to General Electric Medical Services Division for that unique evening of entertainment, the Casino.

A CORRECTION, and apologies from this writer, are due JUDY ABELS and MARY CAIARZA. It was inadvertently announced in a recent AmSECT News that Mary Ciaizzara and Jim Wade were the co-chairmen of the Nominating Committee. But, alas, it is Judy Abels, not Mary, who is the feminine counterpart of Mr. Wade. Sorry 'bout that, Judy!

HELP! Did you record DR. JOHN NAJARIAN’S lecture on organ transplantation at the 1971 Conference? If so, may we borrow your tape for transcribing? This was the only lecture not covered by the stenographers and we would like to have it for inclusion in a future issue of the Journal.

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NAMES and FACES

The Awards Banquet

DICK ROG, an Associate Member, won the award for having recruited the most members during the past year. Dick and his wife, Sylvia, were guests of the Society for dinner and, in addition to his award certificate, Dick won a year’s free membership. (You, too, can compete for this award—just have all the members you recruit mention your name on their membership application).

DICK TRUAX and LOU GRONHEIM accepted the award to the Kidney Foundation of the Upper Midwest for their assistance with the Refresher Course in the Basic Sciences of Oxygenation.

SAM HUNTER, M.D. (better known as Ed Berger’s Chief) accepted the award to Frank Quattlebaum, M.D., and the Greater Saint Paul Division of the Minnesota Heart Association for their assistance with the Refresher Course in the Basic Sciences of Oxygenation.

CHRIS FRYE and DIETZ VAN DURA again this year received the Journal Award. This certificate is given to those members of the Board of Associate Editors who have contributed the most to the quality and progress of that publication.

ED ROMANOWSKI received a bound edition of Volumes I and II of the Journal from the publisher as a memento of his office as Vice President for Information. The duties of this office include the Journal and the Annual Conference.

HENRY BEY was awarded a similar bound edition of Volumes I and II of the Journal for his efforts in the development of a course in Nephrology Technology. It is outlined elsewhere in this issue.

R. A. CREPEAU, SR., President of Ramco Publishing Company and publisher of the Journal of Extra-Corporeal Technology, was awarded a desk set which bore the inscription, “For the AmSECT Journal—Thank You”. In addition, he received an honorary lifetime membership in the Society for himself and Ramco Publishing.

KATHRYN HARGESHEIMER, President of AmSECT, received a sterling silver vase as a gift from the membership. It was inscribed, “For your devoted service - Thank you”.

LEORY FERRIES was, once again, outstandig as Master of Ceremonies and it is hoped that he will continue to serve in this capacity for many more Awards Banquets.

JIM FONDUEX, our Secretary/Treasurer, opened the ceremonies by making special AmSECT members of DICK, NANCY, and MARY SHARON BERGER. He also presented gifts to AUDREY and ED BERGER for the family’s efforts in handling the chores of the national office during the past year.

Roses were presented by Jim, on behalf of the Society, to our re-elected President, KATHRYN HARGESHEIMER, the newly-elected Chairwoman of the Ethics Committee, EMILY TAYLOR and to Kathryn’s daughter, KATHY HARGESHEIMER.

The President, Kathryn Hargesheimer, and the entire attendance of the Ninth International Conference on Extra-Corporeal Technology would like to extend a very large and heartfelt “THANK YOU” to all of the SPEAKERS and EXHIBITORS who gave so generously of their time and efforts during the 1971 Conference. This meeting boasted a record attendance as well as a record number of exhibits, due in no small way to the program planned and the quality of the individuals who had so kindly consented to speak. It is to their credit that all previous records were broken.

BOOK REVIEW

ADVANCES IN BIOMEDICAL ENGINEERING
AND MEDICAL PHYSICS, Volume 4
S. N. Levine, Editor

This volume is composed of four monographs: Holography Applied to Biomedical Research by Ernest Feleppa; Orthotopic Cardiac Prosthesis for Two-Stage Cardiac Replacement by Denton A. Cooley, Domingo Liotta, and Bruno J. Messmer; Electrochemical Methods for Analysis of Enzyme Systems; by Gary D. Christian; The Artificial Kidney by Yukihiko Nose’.

Of particular interest are the second and fourth. Dr. Cooley, et al, discuss the problems to be overcome in the development of a total cardiac prosthesis and the indications for its use. In addition, they discuss cardiac transplantation and give the history of a patient who underwent the two-stage procedure for cardiac replacement. Dr. Nose’ gives a short history of dialysis then goes on to give a detailed analysis of all present techniques for substituting for renal function. The papers on holography and enzyme analysis are likewise very complete and very well explained. If you have an interest in any of these topics, this volume will be a welcome addition to your library.