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CanSECT Meets in Montreal!

CanSECT held its annual conference in Montreal on September 9th, 10th, and 11th. Our award-winning Associate Editor, CHRIS FRYE, was elected President. CONRAD FILTEAU was named Dialysis Vice President while WINSTON OFFORD received the title of Heart-Lung Vice President. GAIL SLEEMA is the new Heart-Lung Secretary and GILLES PAUL became the Dialysis Secretary. PIERRE MORIN was re-elected to the office of Treasurer. AmSECT was represented at the Conference by President Kathryn Hargesheimer. The Journal was represented by your editor. Featured speakers were Drs. Klaus Kopp, Pierre Galletti, and Richard DeWall. Highlighted was Montreal, one of North America’s friendliest and most beautiful cities . . . . and the French onion soup was magnificent!

REGION XI HAS NEWSLETTER!

CONGRATULATIONS to JERI DOBBS, Chairman of Region XI, on the results of his efforts to produce a regional bulletin. The very professional monthly publication, after only one issue, has grown to include the entire West Coast. JUDY TWEEDIE, Chairman of Region X, and MIKE BURGESS, Chairman of Region IX, are Jeri’s associate editors. The bulletin is self-supporting and is circulated without charge to interested individuals on the West Coast. If you are interested in developing such a publication in your region, contact Jeri for a sample copy and his magic formula.

Technician Available

POSITION WANTED! A veteran pump-oxygenator technician is looking for a position. He has 10 years clinical experience, (700 cases) 4 years research experience, has used most types of pumps and oxygenators as well as monitoring equipment including blood gas analysis, is willing to relocate. For a more complete resume, write Box Number 222, Journal of Extra Corporeal Technology, 287 E. 6th Street, St. Paul, Minnesota 55101.

Thanks, Moe!

We would like to thank MOE GAGNE and COBE LABORATORIES for transcribing some of the lectures from the CanSECT meeting for us. They have been sent to the respective authors for editing and will appear in future issues of the Journal.

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Tri-Regional West Coast Meeting in January

JUDY TWEEDIE is none other than our own Judy Abels. Though newly-married this September, she is still active as Chairman of Region X. This Region is playing host to the Tri-Regional West Coast meeting in January of 1972, sometime around the 23rd to the 26th. Please contact Judy at Veterans Administration Hospital, Room 112, 4150 Clement Street, San Francisco, California 94116, if you are interested in participating in either the dialysis or oxygenation sessions.

New Program

MIKE BURGESS has announced, via the Region X Bulletin, a new training program for pump-oxygenator technicians. Mike is based at the Veterans Administration Hospital in Long Beach, California. Mike, we look forward to hearing more about your program.

SYMPOSIUM

Answers to SYMPOSIUM questions will be printed as they arrive. In order to give everyone a chance to respond, we are repeating all of these questions this issue. This department may soon be concluded unless there is greater response.

   Questions: Describe in detail the rationale and pump-oxygenator circuitry your team prefers during such cases. How does this vary with each type of defect?

2. Given: Concern for the mental outlook of the chronic dialysis patient.
   Question: Explain the outlook your team wishes to develop in the patient, how this is accomplished by the medical personnel, and the effect upon the patients.

3. Given: Patients are to be trained to accomplish dialysis at home.
   Question: Summarize your training program emphasizing what you feel are its strongest points.

4. Given: The aortocoronary bypass graft has probably become the most frequent cardiac procedure of late.
   Question: Describe the rationale, technique and pump-oxygenator circuitry your team favors for this procedure. A discussion of results may also be included, if you like.

5. Given: Organ preservation systems are many and diverse.
   Question: Describe the preservation system you use and why this particular technique was chosen.

Please reply by letter, include any illustrations you might desire, and send your reply to:

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100% UNIT

CONGRATULATIONS to the Dialysis Unit of the Veterans Administration Hospital in Providence, Rhode Island. All six dialysis technicians in the unit are Active Members of AmSECT for what we believe to be the first unit to reach 100% membership.

Eastern Central Region to meet in Detroit

SINAI HOSPITAL of DETROIT is the site of the next Eastern Central Regional Conference. It will be held on March 4th, 1972 and will be hosted by ED ROMANOWSKI and MARY CAIAZZA. For further information, write to Ed, c/o Department of Surgery, Sinai Hospital, 6767 W. Outer Drive, Detroit, Michigan 48135.