

EDITOR'S CORNER

History tells us that in 1937 Dr. John Gibbon reported the first successful total cardiopulmonary bypass in experimental animals using a vertical cylinder oxygenator. The clinical "first" occurred however, in 1953 with the successful repair of a large interatrial septal defect in an 18 year old female. Now as we approach the 25th anniversary of this event you will see in this issue that Mrs. Mary Gibbon is to be the honored guest speaker at the annual Awards Dinner during AmSECT's 15th International Conference in San Diego. Mrs. Gibbon will share with us even more insight into this history as she presents her personal recollections of the very earliest years of the development of the Heart-Lung machine in Boston, 1930-35.

The convention committee has been preparing a Manufacturer's Forum, 2 days of Scientific Sessions, and a Continuing Education Day. The American Board of Cardiovascular Perfusion is expecting a record number of candidates. And yet with all of these extraordinary plans conventions come in various combinations, the majority of them rank high in untapped POTENTIAL. Untapped—yes. Perfusionists normally arrive with the ideal of what is this meeting going to do for me. How unique it would be to come to San Diego with the anticipation of PARTICIPATION. The exchange of ideas and techniques is a prime learning experience. The doors of this superb opportunity lend themselves to areas high in achievement, wide with usefulness and gratifying in personal discovery.

The PREPARATION is done. The POTENTIAL is there. The PARTICIPATION is yours for the asking.

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