

Publications Committee Report the Society of Nuclear Medicine

This report, submitted to the Executive Committee and the Board of Trustees of The Society of Nuclear Medicine at its midyear meeting in Chicago, is a joint report of the Publications Committee and the editor of THE JOURNAL OF NUCLEAR MEDICINE, the official publication of The Society of Nuclear Medicine.

The 1963 meeting of the Publications Committee and editorial staff of THE JOURNAL was held at the Queen Elizabeth Hotel in Montreal on June 27, 1963, during the tenth annual meeting of The Society of Nuclear Medicine.

The principal item of business was the discussion of the constructive criticisms of THE JOURNAL offered by the president-elect Dr. Sears, during the meeting of the Board of Trustees held on the previous day. It was the unanimous opinion of those present that the following items should be added to the contents of THE JOURNAL provided sufficient space is available:

1. Scientific editorials
2. Scientific letters to the editor
3. Book reviews
4. Appropriate Society news
5. A president's page

Since the addition of the above features to THE JOURNAL would require space currently occupied by scientific articles and since over the past several years publication time in THE JOURNAL has been unduly long because of the backlog of excellent papers, it was the unanimous opinion of the committee that THE JOURNAL should be published on a monthly basis commencing in January, 1964. This decision was contingent upon the determination of the fiscal feasibility of such action. Accordingly, Mr. Turiel was requested to work out this information and report back to a second meeting of the Publications Committee on June 28.

The special meeting on June 28 was a joint meeting of the Publications Committee with the officers of The Society and those past presidents who were in attendance at the annual meeting. Mr. Turiel pointed out that it would be possible to increase the frequency of publication provided that an appropriate increase in THE JOURNAL subscription portion of the annual dues would be approved. It was the unanimous opinion of all present that The Society should take this course of action and request its approval at the annual business meeting on June 29, 1963. (It is noted here for information that this action was approved at the business meeting.)

The Publications Committee and the editorial staff accept this vote of confidence with humility and with the determination to guide the publication of THE JOURNAL in a manner that will reflect the scientific objectives of The Society and, at the same time, render greater service to the membership. The increased publication rate will provide space for additional abstracts of current articles on the various aspects of nuclear medicine published in other journals as well as for abstracts of papers presented at chapter meetings. Monthly publication will also allow for balance of the subject matter of original articles, permitting the edition of more papers on biological effects of radiation, radiation protection, and instrumentation to the important categories of diagnosis and therapy.

As THE JOURNAL reaches another milestone, the expressed appreciation of the editor for the interest, cooperation, and patience of the members of The Society and its officers is in order. Likewise, it is acknowledged that without the generous assistance of the associate and consulting editors and the reviewers the publication of THE JOURNAL as a scientific periodical would not be possible. The continued cooperation and assistance of the publisher and managing editor Mr. Samuel N. Turiel is gratefully acknowledged.

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of Nuclear Medicine

INFORMATION FOR AUTHORS

The Journal of Nuclear Medicine will publish original articles in clinical medicine, basic and clinical medical research, physics and chemistry dealing with the use of isotopes in humans, and articles on related subjects. The latter includes dosimetry, instrumentation, protection, techniques and biologic effects contributing to the use or effects of isotopes in clinical medicine or the clinical effects of ionizing radiation. Articles are accepted for publication on the condition that they are contributed exclusively to this journal.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

<i>Date</i>	<i>Name of Course or Meeting</i>	<i>Place</i>
<i>January, 1964</i>		
20-23	Hahnemann Medical College and Hospital "Cardiovascular Drug Therapy"	Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
22-25	Meeting of the American Physical Society	New York, New York
25	Greater New York Chapter—Society of Nuclear Medicine	New York, New York
<i>February, 1964</i>		
1	Central Chapter—Society of Nuclear Medicine	Chicago, Illinois
5-8	American College of Radiology	Tucson, Arizona
26-28	Biophysical Society	Chicago, Illinois
<i>March, 1964</i>		
6-8	Southwestern Chapter—Society of Nuclear Medicine	Houston, Texas
9-13	5th Inter-American Symposium on Peaceful Application of Nuclear Energy	Chile
<i>April, 1964</i>		
13-16	Annual Meeting of the American Radium Society	White Sulphur Springs, West Virginia
19-21	Second Annual Oak Ridge Radioisotope Conference	Gatlinburg, Tennessee
20-24	Symposium on Medical Radioisotopes Scanning	Athens, Greece
<i>May, 1964</i>		
11-16	Symposium on the Assessment of Radioactive Body Burdens in Man	Heidelberg, Germany
25-27	International Conference of the Canadian Nuclear Association. Subject: Power Reactors and Radioisotopes	Toronto, Canada
<i>June, 1964</i>		
14-18	10th Annual Meeting of the American Nuclear Society	Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
17-20	11th Annual Meeting of the Society of Nuclear Medicine	Berkeley, California
<i>August, 1964</i>		
	8th Inter-American Congress of Radiology	Caracas, Venezuela
<i>September, 1964</i>		
20-25	VII International Neuroradiological Symposium	New York, New York
<i>May, 1965</i>		
26-28	Southwestern Chapter—Society of Nuclear Medicine	Dallas, Texas
<i>June, 1965</i>		
16-19	12th Annual Meeting of the Society of Nuclear Medicine	Bal Harbour, Florida

This Calendar of Events will contain basic information on special courses and meetings of interest to members of The Society of Nuclear Medicine. If you desire more complete information, Mr. Samuel N. Turiel, Administrator of The Society will be pleased to supply you with the name and address of the convening body or sponsoring organization, upon receipt of your request.

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THE MEDICAL ATOM: THE FIRST ONE-THIRD CENTURY

Klaproth discovered uranium over 175 years ago. This was the real beginning of nuclear medicine. Faraday was born 170 years ago. This was the real beginning of nuclear medicine. About 70 years ago Röntgen discovered the X ray, Becquerel discovered radioactivity; this was the real beginning. Over 60 years ago radiation diagnosis was already practical and radiation therapy had started; this was certainly the real beginning. About 50 years ago, Hevesy (the second Society of Nuclear Medicine Pioneer) had already published his first paper on the use of isotopes; 40 years ago Glasser was making the roentgen a practical unit. These must have been the real beginning of nuclear medicine. A quarter of a century ago, Hamilton (a third Society of Nuclear Medicine Pioneer) had already demonstrated the cyclotron's products as an important tool in human metabolism.

One-third of a century ago, Lawrence (the first Society of Nuclear Medicine Pioneer) invented the cyclotron that made radioisotopes a medical possibility. He was following a logical development that started when Ernest Rutherford began his investigations of magnetism a few years before the Röntgen announcement. Ernest Rutherford died in 1937 after seeing the successful development of the cyclotron. Almost everything we take for granted—the radioisotope, the Geiger tube, the tracer method, transmutation, etc.—started in Rutherford's mind.

Ernest Rutherford will be the 1964 Society of Nuclear Medicine Pioneer.

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