

Notes and Announcements

Applications are invited for the 1987 K.G. McKenzie Memorial Awards. The awards are made by the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada on the recommendation of the Canadian Neurosurgical Society.

AWARD 1: A citation and prize of \$1000.00 will be awarded for the best paper presented to the annual meeting of the Canadian Neurosurgical Society, by a neurosurgical resident in which he is the principal author. The recipient will have his expenses, including air fare, hotel accommodation and registration fees, paid for as part of the Award. **AWARD 2:** A grant-in-aid will be awarded to support a specific educational project which may include travel. However, travel to regularly scheduled neurosurgical meetings is excluded. The applicant must be a resident in training in a Canadian Neurosurgical Training Program, or if formal training is completed, within two years of having received certification in neurosurgery. **APPLICATIONS FOR AWARD 1:** The completed manuscript must be sent to the Chairman of the K.G. McKenzie Memorial Awards Committee at the address below by January 1, 1987. Applicants are also free to submit their papers to the Scientific Program Committee of the Annual Meeting of the Canadian Neurological Congress in the usual fashion but should indicate that they are also applying for this award. **APPLICATIONS FOR AWARD 2:** Applicants should forward a comprehensive letter to the Chairman of the Awards Committee by January 15, 1987. The application should contain relevant personal information, a clear description of the educational project which is contemplated, and its purpose, and any supporting letters the applicant may wish to submit. The successful applicant will be notified by April 1, 1987. Manuscripts and applications should be sent to: Dr. B.K.A. Weir, Chairman, K.G. McKenzie Memorial Awards Committee, Department of Surgery, Walter C. MacKenzie Health Sciences Centre, University of Alberta, Edmonton, Alberta T6G 2B7.

The **American Epilepsy Society** will meet jointly with the **American EEG Society** in Seattle, Washington on November 18-20, 1985 at the Seattle Sheraton Hotel. Four major symposia will address: basic mechanisms of antiepileptic drug action; sleep and seizure disorders; applications of evoked potentials; and surgery of corpus callosum. Also over 300 free communications and invited papers are planned. Program Coordinator: Ronald P. Lesser, M.D. Courses will precede the symposia on November 15-17: two days of EEG and one day of epilepsy. An Investigators Workshop, "Debates on Controversial Issues", is also scheduled for November 17. Satellite meetings include the sixth annual Merritt-Putnam Symposium on Friday, November 21 entitled "Pediatric Epileptology" and an American Epilepsy Society Symposium on Saturday, November 22, entitled "Epilepsy and Behaviour". The meeting is designed to update the academic neuroscientist and neurologist, practising neurologist, neurosurgeon, internist and pediatrician. Special hotel room rates and air fare will be available to all attending. Contact: American Epilepsy Society, 179 Allyn Street, Hartford, CT 06103, tel (203) 246-6566; or American EEG Society, 2579 Melinda Drive, N.E., Atlanta, GA 30345, tel (404) 320-1746.

XXI Canadian Congress of Neurological Sciences

The XXI CCNS in London, Ontario, was a celebration of the careers of G.D. Drake and H.J.M. Barnett who have elevated

the Faculty of Medicine in the University of Western Ontario to its present lofty position in world neuroscience.

A notable feature of the meeting was the outstanding quality of the two prizewinning papers by residents for the K.G. McKenzie and Francis McNaughton awards. James T. Rutka reported the "Effects of Extracellular Matrix Proteins on the Growth and Differentiation of an Anaplastic Glioma Cell Line". Jack H. Jhamandas, the winner of the McNaughton prize, gave a paper on "The Neurophysiological Basis for Baroreceptor Control of Vasopressin Secretion". Except for these two papers, titles and abstracts of all other communications were published in the last issue of the Journal.

Canadian Association of Neuroscience Nurses

The character of the papers offered at the CANN meeting changes with the times. There will always be a need for "medical" papers to keep the profession up to date in advances in medical practice and discovery. But there were also contributions to patient care of immediate interest to doctors. Marilyn E. Dewis on "Responses of spinal cord injured young people to body changes"; Margaret Powell on "Stress on the adult and paediatric intensive care unit nurse in caring for patients with increased intracranial pressure"; Debbie Selkirk on "Family violence"; Richard Boorz-marx on "Expanded Role Nurse in neurosurgery"; Lydia Martens on "A board game for neuro nurses"; to mention a few items from the thirty-six papers in the programme.

After many decades of groping for renewed professional self-identification and liberation from an accessory role (ambitions largely satisfied for neuroscience nurses by the activities of CANN) the nursing profession is promoting with vigor its own diagnostic categories, as described by Gloria Fuller-Bay on "Nursing diagnosis in neuroscience practice". The abstract states the paper "provides neurological staff nurses and managers with an understanding of nursing diagnosis in order to sharpen nursing's focus in practice. Key concepts include nursing versus medical diagnosis . . ." The one other paper on the same topic was Pauline Weldon on "Neurological Diagnosis in Nursing", a paper "designed to give nurses a tool to use in making nursing diagnoses and preparing care plans".

T.P. Morley, M.D. received an honorary membership in CANN, the second to be awarded. Jessie Young, RN, the founding President, was the first.

Congress Sporting Note: Some twenty canoes entered the annual race. 1st place: Boyd and McDermott; 2nd: Feasby and Lee; 3rd: Novak and Gomori. The prize for last place went to Doig and Weber.

Vladimir Hachinski, director of the Investigative Stroke Unit at University Hospital in London, has been appointed chairman of the scientific program committee for the International Joint Conference on Stroke and Cerebral Circulation.

We regret to record the death of Dr. J.C. Richardson, Toronto.