

Society for Neurosurgical Anesthesia and Critical Care Newsletter

20th Annual Meeting of the Society of Neurosurgical Anesthesia and Critical Care: SNACC will be celebrating its 20th anniversary on Oct 16, 1992 in New Orleans, Louisiana at the Hyatt Regency Hotel. In addition to juried abstract presentations (both platform presentations and a wine and cheese poster session), we are pleased to announce that a diverse group of topics of interest to neuroanesthesiologists and neurosurgeons will be presented by the original founders of the Society. Our own historian, Dr. Maurice Albin, will present "A History of the Society of Neuroanesthesia." Dr. John D. Michenfelder will serve as the Janssen Distinguished Lecturer speaking on "The Past, Present, and Future of Research in Neuroanesthesia." "Unsolved Problems in Neuroanesthesia and Critical Care" will be considered by Dr. Harvey Shapiro. None of these individuals needs an introduction because they are all well known as innovators and leaders in the neuroanesthesia community.

This year the tradition of a dinner following the meeting will be resumed. We are extremely fortunate to be able to announce that the dinner speech will be given by Thomas W. Langfitt, M.D. As some of you will recall, Dr. Langfitt, a founding member of SNACC, played a pioneering role in the development of clinical ICP monitoring. During his 25 years as a faculty member at the University of Pennsylvania, Dr. Langfitt maintained a neurosurgical practice, directed the Division of Neurosurgery, and later served as Vice President for Health Affairs. He then became Chief Executive Officer of the Glenmede Corporation and President of the Pew Memorial Trust. Dr. Langfitt is eminently qualified to discuss "The Responsibilities of a Reformed Health Care System." Please make plans to attend this meeting because it is going to be one of our best.

SNACC Breakfast Panel: SNACC will continue its tradition of providing a Breakfast Panel at the American Society of Anesthesiologists Annual Meeting this October in New Orleans. This has been a very well attended event and is designed to focus on clinical issues. The panel, to be moderated

by Adrian Gelb, M.D., will present three topics: Monitoring in the Neurosurgical Patient (Arthur Lam, M.D.), New Anesthetic Agents Used in Neurosurgical Patients (William Young, M.D.), and Management of the Head Injured Patient (Lawrence Pitts, M.D.). Registration for this event can be accomplished on the ASA registration form.

Selected References in Neurosurgical Anesthesia 1992: The team of contributors for the upcoming edition of this resource has almost completed the compilation of literature citations covering a broad spectrum of topics in neuroanesthesia and neurosurgery. The book will be distributed to all SNACC members. Attendees of the Annual Meeting will receive their copy in New Orleans. The remainder will be mailed. The electronic edition of the 1990 edition of Selected References was very popular and will be repeated. Specific details on how to obtain the electronic version will be presented in the next issue of the SNACC newsletter.

SNACC Newsletter: At the 1991 SNACC Annual Meeting, the membership voted to accept the invitation of the *Journal of Neurosurgical Anesthesiology* to publish the Society's Newsletter in that medium. This has at least one advantage. The cost of publishing the newsletter was eliminated from our budget. In return SNACC agreed to include an optional (negative check-off) subscription to the *Journal of Neurosurgical Anesthesiology*, at a reduced cost, in the SNACC membership dues statement. Also, SNACC will allow its name to be placed on the cover of the *Journal of Neurosurgical Anesthesiology* for a period of three years but assume no financial liability for the journal. Preliminary reports are that this has been very successful (approximately 72% of SNACC members have opted for the journal subscription).

With respect to the newsletter, one significant change has occurred. Because it is not possible to run a journal within a journal, *The Forum*, which provided an authoritative review of some aspect of neuroanesthesia, has been discontinued from the newsletter. The Society owes a hearty thank you to

Andrew Kofke, M.D. and Susan Porter, M.D. who managed this section for many years. Individuals who might have considered submitting similar reviews are encouraged to consider submitting them now to the *Journal of Neurosurgical Anesthesiology*. Finally, any SNACC member who has an item which they would like to have included in the newsletter (including a name for it) should submit such materials to the Secretary/Treasurer directly or to the SNACC Headquarters office. We are allotted two pages per issue of the *Journal of Neurosurgical Anesthesiology* and thus the newsletter will occur on a quarterly basis.

Membership Information: SNACC is dedicated to improving perioperative care of the neurosurgical patient. Membership is open to both M.D.'s and Ph.D.'s pursuing this goal through either clinical or research activities. SNACC holds annual meetings (on the day prior to the American Society of Anesthesiologists Annual Meeting). Advantages of membership include: (1) discounted annual meeting reg-

istration fees; (2) discounted subscription prices to the *Journal of Neurosurgical Anesthesiology*; (3) access to the SNACC network of over 500 professionals specializing in the field of neurosurgical anesthesia and critical care; and (4) receipt of the bi-annually published SNACC bibliography available as a book or in electronic form. For information concerning membership contact the SNACC Headquarters.

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