

Society of Neurosurgical Anesthesia and Critical Care Newsletter

1995 ANNUAL MEETING

A vigorous SNACC organization held its 23rd annual meeting in Atlanta, Georgia, on October 20, 1995. The meeting was very well attended and well received. Secretary/Treasurer, Arthur M. Lam, M.D. organized the program and made several innovations. Dr. Rune Aaslid of the University of Washington spoke on Transcranial Doppler Ultrasonography for Monitoring of Intracranial Pressure and Cerebrovascular Tone. Dr. Lawrence Litt of the University of California, San Francisco, discussed Physiologic MRI: Functional Imaging of the Brain as part of a general educational theme, "New Vistas on Functional Brain Imaging." In the afternoon, Postoperative Hyperperfusion Syndromes were described. Dr. William L. Lanier of the Mayo Medical School, discussed Carotid Endarterectomy while Dr. William Young of Columbia University discussed Arteriovenous Malformations. Following a new format of Walk Around Poster Discussions with Group Leaders, a lively debate on "The New Inhalational Anesthetics Desflurane and Sevoflurane as Valuable Additions to the Practice of Neuroanesthesia" ensued. Dr. Kristy Z. Baker of Columbia University supported the use of these new agents, while Dr. Rene Tempelhoff of Washington University presented an opposing and witty view. Additionally, the afternoon session included a discussion of neuroanesthesia and the information super highway illustrated by Dr. Keith Ruskin of Yale University School of Medicine with a computerized presentation. The topics of bulletin boards, gopher, world wide web, etc. were presented by Dr. Ira J. Rampil of the University of California, administrator of the SNACC Bulletin Board. The Society is very much indebted to the fine speakers who made excellent presentations during the meeting. In addition, many other members volunteered their time as poster discussants or moderators to contribute to the success of the meeting. Unrestricted education grants in support of the meeting were donated by

Augustine Medical and the Glaxo Company. Additionally, SNACC sponsored a dinner symposium on the evening preceding the annual meeting entitled "Subarachnoid Hemorrhage-Innovations in Blood Pressure Management." The Society is especially indebted to Dr. Marc J. Bloom of the University of Pittsburgh for securing an unrestricted education grant from Wyeth-Ayerst through MedicoAlliance in support of this symposium.

OFFICERS OF THE SOCIETY OF NEUROSURGICAL SOCIETY AND CRITICAL CARE

The following officers of the Society were elected for one year terms. President, Adrian W. Gelb, M.D., Professor and Chairman, Department of Anesthesia, University of Western Ontario; Past President, David S. Warner, M.D., Professor, Department of Anesthesiology, Duke University; President Elect, William L. Young, M.D., Associate Professor, Department of Anesthesiology, Columbia University; Vice President, Arthur M. Lam, M.D., Professor, Department of Anesthesiology, University of Washington; Secretary/Treasurer, Patricia H. Petrozza, M.D., Associate Professor, Department of Anesthesia, Bowman Gray School of Medicine. Dr. Petrozza was nominated by the nominating committee consisting of the Vice President, Secretary/Treasurer, and two members at large. The two members at large elected at the 1994 Business Meeting to serve two-year terms are Dr. Andrew Kofke, M.D., Associate Professor, Department of Anesthesiology, University of Pittsburgh, and Dr. Tod Sloan, M.D., Associate Professor of Anesthesiology, Department of Anesthesiology, University of Texas at San Antonio. The nominating committee will be responsible for nominating the candidates for the position of Secretary/Treasurer for 1996. These nominations will be publicized well in advance of the annual meeting. The Society

agreed to fill the positions of President, President Elect, Past President and Vice President by acclamation with ascension through the ranks.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

In Atlanta, the Board of Directors held two lengthy meetings to establish a firm foundation for the SNACC organization in the coming year. Dr. David S. Warner noted that the Society is solvent, although final figures for a 1996 budget will await compilation of the registration and expenses from the 1995 annual meeting. It was agreed to formalize the relationship with the Ruggles Corporation as the management entity for SNACC. Dr. Warner noted that he is particularly indebted to those members of SNACC, including past officers, who gave advice and counsel during the difficult transition from management by the defunct Phenix Corporation. In response to members' desire for more participation within SNACC, the Board of Directors, at Dr. Warner's suggestion, reorganized several of the duties of the officers. SNACC members will be recruited to serve on membership, finance, education, and communication committees. Dr. Warner will head the finance committee charged with increasing SNACC's financial resources for its educational mission. Dr. Young will head the membership committee charged with developing a new recruitment brochure and Dr. Lam will once again plan the annual meeting and assume responsibility for the SNACC Breakfast Panel. Dr. Petrozza will supervise communications, including planning for the 1996 bibliography, maintenance of the SNACC bulletin board on the Internet, Newsletters, and secretarial and treasurer duties. Members wishing to participate in any of the foregoing committees should forward a brief note to Dr. Adrian Gelb mentioning their interest. Any questions or additional suggestions can be forwarded to the appropriate member of the Board.

APPRECIATION

The Society is deeply indebted to outgoing Past President, William L. Lanier, M.D.. Dr. Lanier served SNACC as alternate delegate and then delegate to the American Society of Anesthesiologists

as well as liaison to the Mayo Foundation for securing CME credits for each meeting. In addition, Dr. Lanier served with distinction on the Board of Directors for a number of years and his counsel was very much appreciated. Sincere thanks are also due to Dr. David S. Warner, president of SNACC during the 1994-1995 year. Those members who have consistently read the Newsletters are aware of the organizational and financial consequences to SNACC due to the collapse of the Phenix Corporation. Dr. Warner is to be commended for his outstanding leadership during this period. He was able to effectively mobilize the resources and loyalty of the membership to overcome this difficult period.

NEW INVESTIGATORS AWARD

Congratulations to Dr. Kiichiro Taga of the Department of Anesthesiology, VA Medical Center and University of California, San Diego, California, who won the SNACC New Investigators Award. Dr. Taga's presentation was entitled "Cortical Spreading Depression Induces Ischemic Tolerance in Rats." His co-authors were Drs. PM Patel, JC Drummond, and DJ Cole. The New Investigators Award consists of a cash prize as well as a text in Neuroanesthesia. Texts are awarded to all entrants for the competition to encourage presentation of work by promising young scientists.

SNACC BREAKFAST PANEL

On Monday, October 23, 1995, SNACC presented a successful breakfast panel entitled "Neurosurgical Monitoring; New Modalities and Applications." Dr. Cor J. Kalkman of the University of Amsterdam addressed Motor Evoked Potentials, Dr. W. Andrew Kofke of the University of Pittsburgh addressed Transcranial Doppler Monitoring, and Dr. Teresa S. Mayberg of the University of Washington discussed Jugular Venous Oxygen Saturation Measurement. Comments during and after the panel indicated that the audience was attentive and very interested in this presentation, which was organized by Dr. Patricia H. Petrozza as Moderator. SNACC is grateful to the ASA for partial support of Dr. Kalkman as a panelist.

SNAAC BIBLIOGRAPHY

Dr. Jeffrey R. Kirsch, Associate Professor, Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine has agreed to serve as editor for the 1996 SNACC selected references in Neurosurgical Anesthesia and Critical Care. Due to increased interest by the membership and financial constraint, it is anticipated that this edition will appear in an electronic text form. Dr. Kirsch will be soliciting contributors for the bibliography and can be reached at his E-mail address: jkirsch@welchlink.welch.jhu.edu. Dr. Petrozza will be assisting Dr. Kirsch and can be reached at: petrozza@isnet.is.wfu.edu. Anyone interested with helping in this endeavor is urged to contact either Dr. Petrozza or Dr. Kirsch.

NEUROANESTHESIA BULLETIN BOARD

As a reminder, SNACC has a neuroanesthesia Bulletin Board. The Administrator of the Bulletin Board is Dr. Ira Rampil of the University of California at San Francisco. Members of the Society who wish to subscribe to the Bulletin Board should send their request to Dr. Rampil at ira_rampil.UCSFA@quickmail.ucsf.edu. Dr. Andy Kofke has agreed to provide topics at regular intervals to the Bulletin Board for discussion and debate. Dr. Kofke can be reached at: wak@med.pitt.edu. For information please contact: Patricia H. Petrozza, M.D., Secretary/Treasurer, SNACC, Department of Anesthesiology, Bowman Gray School of Medicine, Medical Center Boulevard, Winston-Salem, NC 27157-1009.

MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

SNACC is dedicated to improving the perioperative care of the neurosurgical patient and to providing a forum for exchange of ideas and presentation of research in both the clinical and basic science areas. The society is the official sponsor of *Journal of Neurosurgical Anesthesiology* published by Lippincott-Raven Publishers. Although SNACC is a component society of the American Society of Anesthesiologists, the Society actively encouraged international liaison and participation. Full members can participate in all facets of the Society, including running for office, and do not need to be active members of ASA. In order to make this information more readily available to all interested, SNACC has both a Resident membership and Emeritus membership. To qualify for emeritus status, one must be a member of SNACC in good standing and must be retired from active practice. Both of these membership categories are \$100.00 per year which includes a discounted subscription for *Journal of Neurosurgical Anesthesiology*, or \$25.00 without the Journal. All membership categories entitle the member to access to the SNACC network of over 500 professionals specializing in neurosurgical anesthesia, receipt of the Selected References in Neurosurgical Anesthesia and Critical Care compiled by today's experts in the field, reduced subscription price to the *Journal of Neurosurgical Anesthesiology*, and discounted annual meeting registration fees. For information concerning membership contact the SNACC Headquarters Office at 1910 Byrd Avenue, Suite 10, P.O. Box 11086, Richmond, VA 23230-1086, U.S.A., Telephone: (804) 673-9037, (804) 282-0090, E-mail: 75112.2053@compuserve.com.