

American College of Neuropsychopharmacology

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Secretary's Report

he Secretariat has pretty much settled into its new quarters at Suite 320 Centre Building on the edge of the Vanderbilt campus. Please remember that the Secretariat exists to provide services to the members of the College. If you need or want our help, please call—we will do everything we can to be of assistance.

The newest activity of the Secretariat is the publication of the ACNP newsletter—ACNP Quarterly. During Tom Detre's term as President (1994), one of his themes was to make the College more active on a year-round basis, rather than focusing solely on the Annual Meetings. Suggestions you have toward developing an active year-round College would be greatly appreciated by Council. Several actions have already been initiated toward this end, one of which was the development of an ACNP newsletter.

The idea for a newsletter was actually first introduced by the Publications Committee, chaired (1993-95) by Henry Nasrallah, in a 1993 recommendation to Council. The concept was then reinforced by the report from the focus groups which met at the 1993 Annual Meeting in Hawaii. As can be seen by the time gap, there were a few birthing problems, but all of the College owes Henry and the Publications Committee a vote of thanks for the original recommendation that a newsletter be started.

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Limitation On New Members

The ACNP Is Not Like Topsy

Oakley Ray, Executive Secretary

ou were mailed a brief note in early April informing you that the By-Laws change regarding the limitation on new members had passed by a large majority. The College has always had a limit on membership, and that has been both our strength and an ongoing point of discussion.

Change in the number of new members to be admitted each year has not come easy to the ACNP. Although the College was founded in 1961, the first published By-Laws, 1963, limited the total number of regular scientific members to 160. In the early years, Life Fellows were not included in the count of members, but the College was so young that only one or two individuals a year were elected into Life Fellow status. One of those was the President, who becomes a Life Fellow at the end of his or her year as President.

As the field of Neuropsychopharmacology grew, and broadened into some nearby parts of the neurosciences, the limit on scientific members was increased regularly. In 1971, the membership was not to exceed 185; in 1975, 200 was the limit. That limit

was increased to 225 in 1980.

The folly of raising the membership limit every year or so became apparent, and in 1982 the By-Laws were changed so that, "The number of Fellows and Members of the College shall not be increased in any calendar year after 1981 by the addition of more than fifteen individuals." That worked for a good while, but in 1989, the following amendment was approved:

"The number of Fellows and Members of the College shall not be increased in any calendar year after 1988 by the addition of more than twenty individuals. Any alteration in the status of current Fellows and Members shall not affect this limit. There shall be no numerical limitation on the addition of Life Fellows, Life Members, Honorary Fellows, Administrative Members and Supporting Organization Representatives."

As the 90's moved ahead, Council held a retreat to discuss who we were and what we were to become. The rapidly expanding field and new technologies had increased pressure on the Credentials Committee to add more individuals to the College, so that the College membership demographics would reasonably match our interests and include the scientists doing research of interest to us.

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main objective of the newsletter is to involve the entire membership in the activities of the College throughout the year. We will do this by providing information about committee and task force activities, reports from Council, as well as general ACNP news.

Bottom line is, we hope the ACNP Quarterly will keep you aware of, and involved in, the various actions and projects of the College.

Part of the thrust to move to a more active year-round College is shown in the expansion and redefinition of both the Committee on Relationships with Advocacy Groups and the Committee on Problems of Public Concern. A report on the actions of the Committee on Relationships with Advocacy Groups, written by Chair Bob Hirschfeld, appeared in the first issue of ACNP Quarterly. Tom Detre and Jan Fawcett, chairs of the Committee on Problems of Public Concern, will prepare a report on the evolving role and activities of that committee for a future issue. This issue of the newsletter contains an article by the Co-Chairs of the Task Force on History. We—the ACNP members need to do all we can to ensure that information known only to a few does not get lost to the field. Most of the early

movers-and-shakers in neuropsychopharmacology are now Life Fellows in the College. The article on the Task Force on History contains our best efforts to record and save the story of the early and developing years of our field.

We in the Secretariat are all very pleased with the positive response we have received about *ACNP Quarterly*. We look forward to your continued comments and recommendations so the newsletter can improve with each issue. We have three-hole-punched it in the hope that you will find it worthy to file

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The 1993 focus groups recommended a three year experiment of no limit on new members. Council approved the proposal, but in a 1994 vote by the members, it narrowly missed passing (64% approved, 66.6% needed).

The pendulum swung back, and the proposal which was approved in April 1995 provides a structure for determining the number of new members which can be admitted. This amendment seems so sensible that it may well meet the College's needs for at least the next 10 years.

"The number of Fellows and Members of the College shall not be increased in any calendar year after 1994 by the addition of more than twenty individuals, plus (from the previous calendar year): (1) the number promoted to Life Member or Life Fellow status, (2) the number elected to Emeritus status, and (3) the number of Fellows, Life Fellows, Members, or Life Members who have died. Living individuals will not be counted twice, so that once promoted to Life Member or Life Fellow status they will not be counted if they are elected

to Emeritus status. There shall be no numerical limitation on the addition of Life Fellows, Life Members, Honorary Fellows, Administrative Members and Supporting Organization Representatives."

Using the new By-Law, 36 new members can be admitted to the College this year. This number of new members does not have to be admitted, however, and in some years the Credentials Committee has not filled all of the available slots.

One thing on which both the Credentials Committee and Council have agreed is that the standards for admission to membership should remain as high as they have been in the past. Remember that the Credentials Committee can only evaluate those individuals which Members, Life Members, Fellows and Life Fellows nominate—the process starts with you. Please identify and nominate those individuals whom you believe deserve to be in the College because of their scientific excellence, and who will contribute to the College by participating in our

Annual Meeting and other activities.

In reviewing the history of the Credentials Committee, we have identified the following individuals who have served as Chair:

	1973-75	Fridolin Sulser
•	1980	Nancy Mello & John Davis
	1981	Arthur Prange
	1982	Charles Schuster
	1983	Joseph Brady
	1984	David Kupfer
	1986	Kenneth Moore
į	1987-88	Dennis Murphy
	1989	Saul Schanberg
•	1990-91	Stephen Koslow
•	1992	Alan Frazer
	1993	Louis Lemberger
•	1994	Herbert Kleber
	1995	Paula Clayton
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The files of the Secretariat do not include the Chairs of the Credentials Committee for the years not listed. If you know who the Chairs were for the missing years, 1961-72 and 1976-79, please fax us; this information would be most helpful in completing our records.





Calendar of Events

1995 ACNP Calendar

Iune: 1995 Annual Meeting registration forms and hotel information to be mailed.

June 1: Panel and study group proposal deadline for 1995 Annual Meeting.

June 23: Deadline for Officer and Council election ballots.

September 15: Poster abstract deadline for 1995 Annual Meeting.

November 1: Early registration deadline for 1995 Annual Meeting. After this date, rates increase \$50 for each registration category.

1995 Meetings

June 4-7: 18th Annual Meeting of the CCNP-in Vancouver, Canada For information: Dr. H.C. Fibiger

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June 10-14: CINP Regional Congress—in Vienna, Austria and Prague, Czech Republic

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June 10-15: CPDD 57th Annual Scientific Meeting—in Scottsdale, Arizona For information:

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Philadelphia, PA 19140 Fax: (215) 707-1904

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Information Requested

Dr. Julian Villarreal died on January 17, 1995. He had been a Foreign Corresponding Member since 1980. The Secretariat would like to publish his obituary in Neuropsychopharmacology. We have tried to obtain information about his career from his office, but

have not received any response. Our records do not show who nominated Dr. Villarreal for foreign corresponding membership. If you have information that would help us write an obituary, or if you would be willing to do that, please call the Secretariat. Thank you.

ACNP Task Force on History

The Early Days of Psychopharmacology

Leonard Cook and Leo Hollister, Co-Chairs

he History Task Force, co-chaired by Leonard Cook and Leo Hollister with Frank Ayd, Joseph Brady, Jonathan Cole, Erminio Costa, Murray Jarvik, Donald Klein, Heinz Lehmann and Larry Stein as members, continues to collect information about the early days of psychopharmacology with emphasis on the 1950s. Several approaches are being implemented:

1. Taped interviews. We completed 11 interviews at the 1994 annual meeting, several with members of the task force.

We will try to do more than 11

interviews at the 1995 meeting. If you have more than 30 years experience in the field and would

like to be interviewed. let the Secretariat know so an interview time can be scheduled for you. Even with more than 15-20 interviews annually, our progress will be too slow, as the sands of time keep running (one 1994 interviewee has since died).

2. Written reminiscences. We already have three such pieces, derived from plenary sessions at the annual meeting. We would like to have more, and you are welcome to put in writing your early experiences in the field: topics of interest, drugs studied, colleagues and mentors, etc. The goal would be to collect these for a monograph. If you are interested in writing, please contact us through the Secretariat.

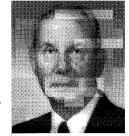
3. Reviews of past ACNP programs. The CINP published a monograph recording the comments of the past

presidents on the program of their years.

We might have comments not only by the then-presidents (some of whom are no longer with us), but also by partici-

pants in the program. Perhaps doing this with the first 5 to 10 meetings would suffice.

4. Collectibles. If you have any memorabilia from previous meetings, such as photographs, programs, etc. that you would be willing to part Leo Hollister, Co-Chair with, send them in for



the ACNP archives. If you wish to send reprints of early work, these would also be welcome.

If any of you have other suggestions as to how the Task Force can accomplish its goals, they would be greatly appreciated. What we are dealing with is perishable, so time is important.





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September 11-15: ISPNE XXVI Congress—in Munich, Germany *For information:*

ISPNÉ '95

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Max-Planck-Institute for Psychiatry Kraepelinstrasse 10

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Sept. 30th-Oct. 4th: 8th Annual Congress of the ECNP—in Venice, Italy

Italy

For information: C.M.O. S.r.l.

c/o Mr. Lorenzo Mori

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December 11th-15th: ACNP Annual Meeting—in San Juan,

Puerto Rico

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Electronic Mail Now Available

The Secretariat is pleased to announce its new electronic mail address through Vanderbilt University. Since the ACNP is not part of the university's computer system, the e-mail program will be accessed via modem on a regular basis, and responses, if needed, will be sent as soon as possible.

We believe that an e-mail address

will make it more convenient for the membership to contact the Secretariat for many purposes, such as submitting changes of address, providing general information, and asking questions. Mail may be sent to the Secretariat at acnp@ctrvax.vanderbilt.edu (Internet), acnp@vuctrvax (BITNET). We hope to hear from you soon!





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