

ACA PRESIDENT'S NEWSLETTER

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CONVENTION HIGHLIGHTS

Seldom has an American College of Allergists' Annual Meeting captured the imagination of ACA members as its 1983 Congress, Jan. 28-Feb. 2 in New Orleans. The meeting -- which attracted 1,128 people, including 548 physicians and 115 nurses and allergy assistants -- was labeled by many as one of the most successful conventions in College history.

ACA leaders had an idea of what to expect when the College received a record number of scientific abstracts. Unfortunately, they could not all be included in the program. The success of the meeting was confirmed by the participants' evaluations which showed that 98% of the physician respondents believed the subject material presented at the meeting will prove useful in their practice. And, on a rating scale of 1 to 10:



- 91% rated the overall meeting an 8, 9 or 10
- 87% rated the scientific sessions an 8, 9 or 10
- 85% rated the social events an 8, 9 or 10
- 84% rated the plenary session an 8, 9 or 10
- 79% rated the postgraduate session an 8, 9 or 10
- 68% rated the workshops an 8, 9 or 10

Dr. Rufus E. Lee, Jr. Just because you couldn't attend the meeting doesn't mean you have to miss out on the excellent papers presented. Enclosed is an order form for cassette recordings of the meeting.

Dr. John Leonardy Named ACA President-Elect

Dr. John G. Leonardy, 52, Atlanta, GA, was named president-elect of the College at ACA's Annual Business meeting, Feb. 1. Dr. Leonardy -- a diplomate of the ABAI -- is a clinical assistant professor at Emory University School of Medicine and a practicing physician in clinical allergy.



He received his medical degree from the Emory School of Medicine in 1955, interned at New York Hospital Cornell Medical Center, NYC, in 1955-56, and completed his residency at Grady Memorial Hospital, Atlanta. In his role as president-elect, he will serve as program chairman for the ACA's 40th Annual Meeting, April 7-11, 1984, in San Francisco. He is married and the father of two children.

Other officers elected include:

Dr. John Leonardy
President-Elect
1983-1984

- First Vice President-Dr. Lloyd Crawford, Memphis, TN
- Second Vice President-Dr. Harold Nelson, Aurora, CO
- Secretary-Dr. Joel Teigland, Des Moines, IA
- Board of Regents (3-year terms)-Drs. Robert J. Becker, Joliet, IL; Thornton L. Kidd, Pasadena, TX; and Gerald E. Vanderpool, Atlanta, GA.

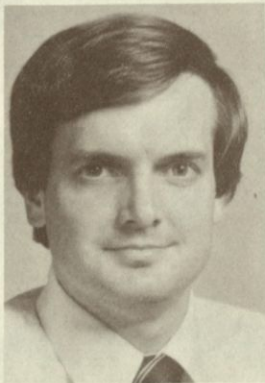
Drs. Dockhorn, Kniker Named Distinguished Fellows

The College bestowed its highest honor -- the prestigious "Fellow Distinguished" award -- on Drs. Robert Dockhorn, Prairie Village, KS and William T. Kniker, San Antonio, TX, at its 39th Annual Congress in New Orleans. They were honored for their contributions to the field of allergy and immunology.

Dr. Dockhorn, a past president of ACA, is a clinical professor of pediatrics and medicine at the University of Missouri and a practicing physician in clinical allergy. Dr. Kniker is a professor of pediatrics and microbiology and chief of the Division of Immunology and Allergy at the University of Texas Health Science Center in San Antonio.

Honor 4 Young MDs for Outstanding Papers

Four young allergists were honored for outstanding scientific papers at ACA's 39th Annual Congress. Among those honored by the ACA Auxiliary were:



Dr. C. H. Bowden Dr. A. G. Peerless

- Dr. Charles H. Bowden, Houston, TX, recipient of the \$1,500 First Place Bela Schick Award for his paper entitled "*Passive Immunotherapy of Neoplastic Disease with Monoclonal Antibodies: Problems and Prospects.*" The award is presented annually to an intern or resident of an accredited medical school or training facility submitting the best paper on any aspect of allergy/immunology or its related fields. Dr. Bowden is associated with the Baylor College of Medicine, Dept. of Pediatrics, Section of Allergy/Immunology.
- Dr. Allen G. Peerless, Los Angeles, CA, recipient of the \$1,500 First Place von Pirquet Award for his paper entitled "*Global Membrane Defect in Chronic Granulomatous Disease.*" The award is presented for the best paper on any aspect of allergy/immunology or related fields submitted by fellows-in-training in allergy/immunology. Dr. Peerless is associated with the UCLA School of Medicine, Division of Immunology/Allergy, Los Angeles, CA.
- Dr. T. Ray Vaughn of the William Beaumont Army Medical Center, El Paso, TX, recipient of the \$1,000 Second Place Bela Schick Award for his paper "*The Value of Cutaneous Testing for Food Allergy in the Diagnostic Evaluation of Migraine Headache.*"
- Dr. Gary A. Cohen, UCSD University School of Medicine, University of California, LaJolla, CA, recipient of the \$1,000 Second Place von Pirquet Award for his paper "*Safety and Efficacy of Human IgE Pentapeptide.*" Dr. Cohen also was named recipient of the 1983 Leon Unger Award.

20 Fellows in Training Receive Travel Grants

Twenty fellows-in-training from throughout the country participated in ACA's 39th Annual Meeting as travel grant recipients. Dr. Gary A. Cohen, La Jolla, CA, received the Leon Unger Memorial Scholarship Travel Grant, while the others were recipients of Parke-Davis grants. Parke Davis, which hosted a private reception in honor of the recipients, awarded grants to:

Drs. Michael Ackerman, Pittsburgh, PA; David M. Buhner, Houston, TX; Terance L. Carey, Rochester, MN; Peter S. Creticos, Baltimore, MD; Rand Elliot Dankner, St. Louis, MO; Scott H. Davis, San Antonio, TX; Kristjan Erlendsson, Cromwell, CT; Henry J. Fishman, Washington, DC; David F. Graft, Cockeysville, MD; Herald A. Habenicht, Ann Arbor, MI; Stephen J. Klemawesch, Durham, NC; Russell E. Leong, Los Angeles, CA; Joel E. Lewis, Alhambra, CA; Steven J. Louie, Tampa, FL; Allen Gerson Peerless, Los Angeles, CA; William E. Stricker, Rochester, MN; Martha C. Vetter, Santa Monica, CA; James Allen Wille, Prairie Village, KS; and Michael C. Young, Wellesley, MA.

Award of Merit Presented to 29 ACA Members

Twenty-nine ACA members received the College's Award of Merit at the 1983 Annual Meeting. Among the recipients were the late Drs. Richard A. Cunningham and Ira Wickner, who passed away last year.

To qualify for the award, candidates must have demonstrated outstanding performance in the field of clinical allergy and immunology, be Fellows of recognized national organizations of allergy and immunology, reached the age of 70 and have practiced in the field for at least 25 years.

An exception to these rules was Mr. J. George Center, who became the only layman ever to receive the award. Mr. Center -- a scientific fellow of the College since 1963 -- is the founder of Center Laboratories. He introduced CO₂ in the preparation of allergens in 1977.

Also receiving the Award of Merit were: Drs. Joseph B. Biederman, Cincinnati, OH; Gerard F. Carter, Miami, FL; Clarence C. Cohrs, Moberly, MO; Douglas O. Cross, Sydney Australia; Jose Federico Dumm, La Plata, Argentina; Bernard T. Fein, San Antonio, TX; Andrew Foldes, Fort Lee, NJ; Herbert L. Franklin, Bronx, NY; Vida Gordon, Little Rock, AR; Jose B. Greco, Belo Horizonte, Brazil; Sim Hulsey, Ft. Worth, TX; Joseph R. Jehl, Clifton, NJ; Percy H. Jennings, Albany, CA; Paul Kallos, Helsingborg, Sweden; Fannie Lou Leney-Hayward, Tulsa, OK; Roger Lipton, Boca Raton, FL; Lawrence Maslansky, White Plains, NY; Tatsuo Matsumura, Maebashi, Funma, Japan; Ben N. Miller, Columbia, SC; Jerome Miller, Bala Cynwyd, PA; Edwin P. Preston, Coral Gables, FL; Paul Receptuto, Bedford, MA; Seymour H. Schwartzberg, Syracuse, NY; Umberto Serafini, Rome, Italy; Francis G. Velardi, Brooklyn, NY; and Manfred Weichsel, Floral Park, NY.

HIGHLIGHTS...

of the '83 ACA Convention



ACA's new president, **Dr. Rufus E. Lee, Jr.**, and his wife, **Mary Julia**, greeted guests at the College's Grand Reception.



Outgoing President **Dr. Gilbert D. Barkin** and his family join in a musical skit at the President's Dinner Dance.



The College was presented with a \$20,000 Fellowship grant from Geigy Pharmaceutical's Vice President of Marketing, **Dan Leach**, at the Past President's Luncheon. (Story on page 7).



The College bestowed its highest honor—the prestigious "Fellow Distinguished" award—on **Dr. William T. Kniker**, left, San Antonio, TX and **Robert Dockhorn**, Prairie Village, KS.



Dr. T. Ray Vaughn, El Paso, TX—winner of the Second Place Bela Schick Award—presents his award-winning paper at one of the many concurrent sessions.



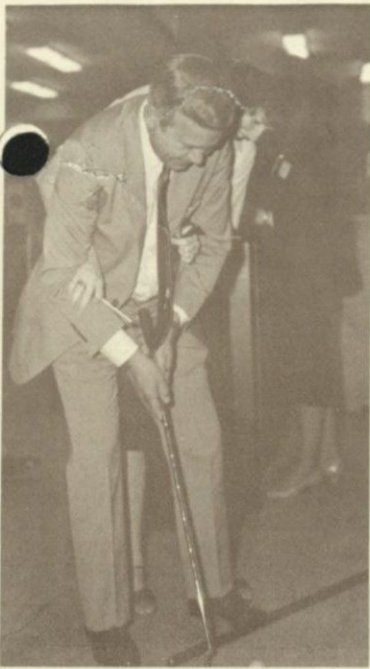
Auxiliary President **Mrs. Annice Miller** presents **Dr. Gary Cohen**, LaJolla, CA with the Second Place von Pirquet Award.



Dr. and Mrs. William E. Berger, left, Irvine, CA, and **Dr. and Mrs. Edward J. O'Connell**, Rochester, MN, enjoy one of the many social events at the 39th Annual Congress.



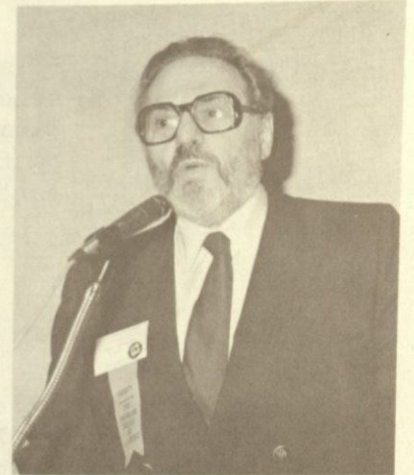
Tweedy Radford, R.N., demonstrates the role of the nurse in allergic emergencies at the Third Annual Special Course for Nurses and Allergy Assistants.



ACA Past President **Dr. Bernard Berman** receives some welcome golf tips at one of the 80 exhibits.



The Past Presidents' Luncheon attracted more than 500 registrants.



ACA Regent **Dr. Robert Becker** addressed a workshop on Practice Management.



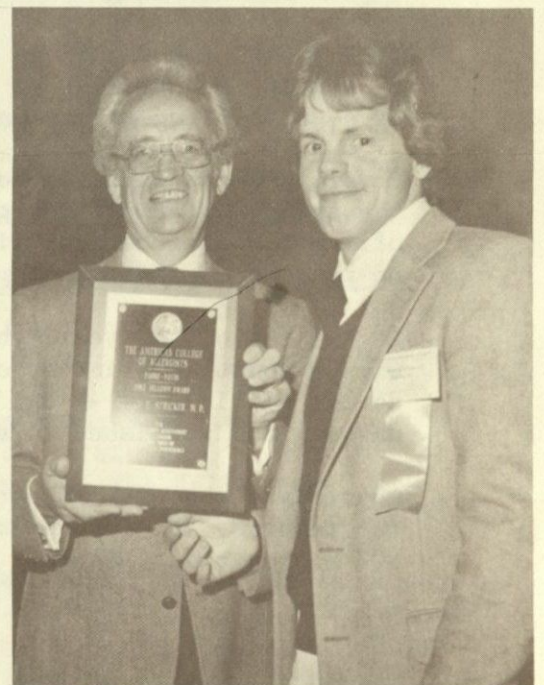
Dr. Robert Burford, Director of Scientific Affairs for Searle Pharmaceuticals, accepts a plaque from **Dr. Gilbert D. Barkin** in appreciation for Searle's support of the College during the past year. Dr. Burford then presented ACA with a \$15,000 grant from Searle.



Ninety-six percent of the physicians submitting evaluations found the exhibits of interest.



Dr. Joseph Bellanti conducts a luncheon seminar.



Dr. William E. Stricker, right, Rochester, MN received a Travel Grant plaque from **Joseph Dilges**, Director of Professional and Trade Relations for Parke-Davis.

PLAN ACA'S 1984 MEETING

Plan now to attend the College's 40th Annual meeting scheduled April 7-11, 1984, at the Hyatt Regency Embarcadero in San Francisco. A preliminary program on the meeting will be mailed to the membership in early fall.

203 New Members Joined College in 1982

The American College of Allergists completed its most successful recruitment drive in history last year when 203 physicians -- including 33 Fellows-in-Training -- joined the membership ranks.

Membership Recruitment Co-Chairmen Drs. Charles H. Banov and Edward J. O'Connell reported that the recruitment efforts increased ACA ranks by 126 members, 72 Fellows, 4 scientific members and one scientific Fellow.

The average age of the new members is 39.6. Their median age is 36.7. The new members are from 38 states and 14 countries, with the largest numbers from California (27); New York (17); Texas (16); Louisiana (9); Pennsylvania (8); and Illinois (8).

462 ACA Members Register for New CME Program

ACA's new Continuing Medical Education Program -- introduced by the *Annals of Allergy* in its January, 1983, edition -- may well be the most popular program ever initiated by the College.

To date, some 462 physicians -- including eight non-members -- have registered for the program, which can provide physicians with 24 hours of Category 1 credit over the course of a year...without leaving their home or office.

Each month, the *Annals of Allergy* will publish a review article written by leading authorities in the field of allergy and immunology...followed by a group of questions and a test form.

Physicians can earn two hours of Category 1 credit each month by reading the article...completing the test form...and submitting it to the College office. While the test will be scored and returned to the physician, no records of individual performance will be maintained.

At the end of the year, the College will provide participating physicians with a computer printout of the CME credits they earned. For those who do not participate -- but would like the answers to the test -- the answers are published in subsequent issues of the *Annals*.

Physicians who wish to enroll in the program should send a check -- \$25 for members, \$50 for non-members -- to the American College of Allergists, 800 E. Northwest Highway, Suite 101, Mt. Prospect, IL 60056.

College Named Recipient of \$20,000 Geigy Grant

ACA has been named recipient of an annual \$20,000 fellowship sponsored by Geigy Pharmaceuticals.

The fellowship -- presented to the College by Geigy Pharmaceutical Vice President Dan Leach during the 39th Annual Congress -- was established to support advanced training and investigation into allergic diseases, such as asthma.

Sometime this spring, the College will present \$5,000 grants to four fellows-in-training who demonstrate the promise of significant contributions in their chosen areas of investigation, but find it difficult to continue their academic careers because of funding problems. Details regarding applications for the grant will be mailed to all program directors and fellows-in-training.

Endorse 4 Insurance Programs for Members

The ACA Board of Regents, which met during the 39th Annual Congress in New Orleans, reaffirmed its endorsement of four College-sponsored insurance plans for ACA members and their full-time employees. The programs -- updated this year with increased maximum benefits -- include:

- Disability Income -- Provides benefits to a physician who is totally disabled as a result of an accident or sickness in specific amounts as selected by the physician. Benefits range from \$100 to \$600 per week.
- Business Overhead Expense Protection -- Provides a benefit up to \$2,000 per month, but not to exceed 80% of actual monthly office expenses if the physician is totally disabled as a result of an accident or sickness. Benefits range from \$500 to \$3,000 per month.
- Group Term Life -- Provides benefits ranging from \$10,000 to \$250,000. If you become totally and permanently disabled before age 60, your premiums will be waived after six months of disability...and you will continue to be waived while you are disabled up to age 70. Coverage will continue during this time.
- Hospital Indemnity and Accidental Death and Dismemberment -- This is a combination plan providing for the payment of either \$50 or \$125 per day while hospitalized as a result of an accident or sickness. Benefits are paid from the first day of hospitalization for up to one year. If an insured dies as a result of an accident, his beneficiary or estate will receive \$50,000 or \$125,000 depending upon the level of the daily hospital benefits selected.

The program is underwritten by Combined Insurance of America and is administered by Ralph H. Jensen Associates, Rolling Meadows, IL. College members interested in more information about these plans may write or call the Executive office of the American College of Allergists, 800 E. Northwest Highway, Suite 101, Mt. Prospect, IL 60056. (Phone 312-255-0380)

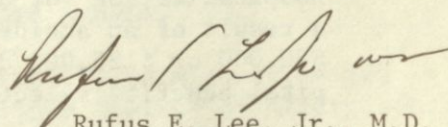
News From the Board of Regents

The ACA Board of Regents met in conjunction with the 39th Annual Congress in New Orleans...and held a telephone conference call on March 1. Following are some of the highlights of those meetings:

- The College goes computer! The ACA Board of Regents approved purchase of a computer, word processor, matrix and letter quality printer to facilitate work in the College's executive office. Cost of the equipment will be in excess of \$20,000. The need for the new equipment became evident last fall when ACA's growing membership and programs became somewhat unwieldy.
- Delphi Session a success. More than 30 ACA leaders participated in the Board of Regents' Second Delphi Session, Jan. 27, in New Orleans. Participants were divided into three groups for the purpose of developing goals and objectives...and suggesting mechanisms for achieving them. Result? A number of excellent ideas which the Board plans to implement in the coming months.
- Local, state and regional allergy societies. ACA officers plan to develop a quarterly newsletter for local, state and regional allergy societies this spring.
- Pharmaceutical Company Grants. Searle Pharmaceuticals, Inc. presented the College with a \$15,000 unrestricted grant at the ACA's Past President's Luncheon, Jan. 30, in New Orleans. Following the meeting, Pharmacia Diagnostics made a \$4,995 unrestricted grant to the College. The Board extends its appreciation for their support.

Auxiliary Elects 3 New Governors

The Auxiliary of the American College of Allergists elected three new members to its Board of Governors. The new members, who will serve until the 1986 Annual Meeting, are: Mrs. John Argabrite, Watertown, SD; Mrs. Irvin Caplin, Palm Springs, CA; and Mrs. Burton M. Rudolph, Naples, FL.


Rufus E. Lee, Jr., M.D.
President