

REPORT OF THE GI SECTION OF APS

At the 25th Annual Meeting of the Gastrointestinal Section of the American Physiological Society held during the Federation Meetings in 1975, Dr. Charles F. Code presented the annual lecture which was titled, "After 25 Years—What Does the Future Hold." He challenged the group to make the Section more responsive to the needs and goals of those interested in the physiology of the gastrointestinal tract. His lecture was published in the *Physiologist*, Vol. 18, No. 4, 1975.

The G.I. Section of the American Physiological Society has met in conjunction with the Federation Meetings since 1950. The meeting served as a focal point for established investigators, students and clinicians whose research interests were primarily in gastrointestinal physiology. Over the years, the activities of the section were run rather informally by a steering committee which included a Chairman, a Secretary-Treasurer who served for three years and two additional members. The membership was comprised of persons stating a desire to be placed on the G.I. Section mailing list. The section was put on a sound financial basis through the efforts of Dr. David Brody who obtained contributions primarily from the pharmaceutical industry. This enabled them to support invited speakers from the United States and from foreign countries. The section remains financially sound.

Since the challenge offered by Dr. Code at the 1975 meeting, several positive steps have been taken by the steering committee to make the section more responsive to those interested in G.I. Physiology. It asked that the Federation schedule the G.I. papers for presentation within two or three consecutive days. Dr. Leonard Johnson, a steering committee member, accomplished this at the 1976 Federation meeting through his participation on the American Physiological Society Program Committee. In addition a G.I. symposium, organized and chaired by Dr. Johnson, was presented during the Federation Meeting of 1976. The section plans to present an annual symposium on some topic of high interest.

Finally the GI Section established a more formal structure within the American Physiological Society. Dr. Kenneth Hubel, steering committee chairman during 1975-76, prepared a "Statement of Organization and Procedures," which defines the purpose of the section and specifies procedures concerning membership and election of officers. That statement was formally accepted by the APS Council on April 15, 1976 and is printed elsewhere in this issue of The Physiologist. The views of the Gastrointestinal Section will be reflected in the activities of APS chiefly by its Program Advisory Committee representative (see "Specialty Groups to be Represented on New Program Committees" in this issue of The Physiologist) an officer elected by the membership for a term of three years.

A Regular Membership in the Section is open to any member of the American Physiological Society who signs a statement declaring the wish to be a member. An Intersociety Membership is open to those who have an interest in gastrointestinal physiology but who are not members of the American Physiological Society. The GI Section hopes to make the organization responsive to the wishes of its members in order to provide scientific programs of high quality and broad interest.

The activities of the Section are underway for the 1977 annual meeting. The ten-minute papers and the poster sessions have been scheduled to fall within a three-day period (April 3, 4, and 5) at the Federation Meetings to be held in Chicago. A symposium has been organized and is scheduled for Monday,

April 4, 1977. The annual dinner meeting will take place on Tuesday evening, April 5, 1977 at 6:00 PM in the Beverly Room of the Conrad Hilton Hotel, when the first annual Hoffman LaRoche Prize in Gastrointestinal Physiology will be presented to the speaker.

The GI Section of the American Physiological Society has been in existence for a long time. The recently introduced procedures should insure a continued life for the section and increase the participation in the American Physiological Society of those interested in gastrointestinal physiology.

The 1976-1977 Officers of the GI Section are:

Paul D. Webster, Chairman
Leonard R. Johnson, Chairman-Elect
James F. Long, Secretary-Treasurer
Henry Binder, Councillor

APPOINTMENTS

Dr. Ewald E. Selkurt, President of APS, and chairman of the Department of Physiology at Indiana University School of Medicine, has been named Distinguished Professor of Physiology. The Distinguished Professorship is the highest honor the University can bestow.

Dr. Daniel C. Tosteson, President of APS in 1973, has been appointed dean of the Harvard Medical School, effective next July. Dr. Tosteson is now vice president for the medical center and dean of the Division of Biological Sciences and the Pritzker School of Medicine, University of Chicago. He received his M.D. degree from the Harvard Medical School in 1949 and was chairman of the Department of Physiology and Pharmacology at Duke University School of Medicine from 1961 to 1975. Dr. Tosteson will succeed Dr. Robert H. Ebert who is retiring after 12 years as dean.

Dr. Francis J. Haddy, a member of the Council of APS, recently left Michigan State University to take up duties as the chairman of the Physiology Department of the new Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences in Bethesda, Maryland. The University, whose aim is to generate physicians for the Armed Forces and the Public Health Service started its first class of 32 students on November 15, 1976. Dr. and Mrs. Haddy have taken up residence in Chevy Chase, Maryland.

COURSE IN DESIGN AND ANALYSIS OF SCIENTIFIC EXPERIMENTS

Massachusetts Institute of Technology will offer a two-week elementary course in Design and Analysis of Scientific Experiments, June 20-July 1, 1977. Applications will be made to the physical, chemical, biological, medical, engineering, industrial and social sciences. The course will be taught by Professors Harold Freeman and Paul Berger. Further particulars may be obtained by writing to the Director of the Summer Session, Room E19-356, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge, Massachusetts 02139.