

## TRANSFERS TO RETIRED MEMBER

It is apparent from correspondence received in the Bethesda Office that there is general unfamiliarity with the procedures that should be followed in requesting transfer from an active membership category to Retired Member. Article III, Section 6 of the Society Bylaws states: "A Regular or Associate Member who has reached the age of 65 years and/or is retired from regular employment may, upon application to Council, be granted retired member status."

Normally, a member requesting transfer to retired status should be in good standing, having paid all current dues at the time application for the transfer is made. Since dues are payable in advance of July 1, most requests for retirement should occur before the start of the new dues year, prior to Council's Spring meeting and the transfer would become effective with the beginning of the next dues year that starts on July 1. However, on occasion, requests for transfer are received shortly after the start of the dues year on July 1. In these latter cases, the requestor is normally asked to pay one half the current year's dues to compensate the Society for charges and assessments made for each active member on July 1. The subsequent transfer to Retired Member then becomes effective following Council's Fall Meeting, on January 1.

Members must make specific application in writing to request transfer to retired status. Merely requesting a change of address to a new title such as Professor Emeritus does not meet the Bylaw requirement for an application to Council for retired member status.

As a Retired Member, individuals are exempt from the payment of dues and may participate in Society business without vote; contribute or sponsor papers at the Spring and Fall Meetings of the Society; receive *The Physiologist* and, if specifically requested, the annual Directory of Members; subscribe to Society journals and *Federation Proceedings* at member rates; and, attend the annual Federation Meeting and the Society Fall Meeting at special registration rates.

Any questions regarding transfer to retired status should be directed by phone or in writing to the Office of the Executive Secretary. The telephone number is (301) 530-7164.

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## NOTICE CONCERNING TRAVEL TO THE INTERNATIONAL PHYSIOLOGICAL CONGRESS

Based on approval expressed at the 116th Business Meeting of the Society, August 18, 1976, Council decided that a voluntary assessment of \$2.00 would be included in the annual dues for three years to provide additional funds for support of travel grants for North American physiologists to attend the International Physiological Congress to be held in Budapest in 1980.

This program has been quite successful with approximately three fourths of the members responding. If this extent of subscription continues, about \$15,000 should be available to add to the approximately equal amount arising from interest on U.S. National Committee funds. In addition, government and private funding organizations will be solicited for grant and contract support for Congress travel.

As in the past, the U.S. National Committee for the IUPS of the National Research Council will publicize the call for applications for travel to the 1980 Congress approximately one year in advance (Summer or Fall 1979) and will establish mechanisms for evaluation of applications.

## THE UNIVERSITY-NATIONAL OCEANOGRAPHIC LABORATORY SYSTEM (UNOLS) OPPORTUNITIES FOR BIOLOGICAL RESEARCH ON THE RESEARCH VESSEL ALPHA HELIX

UNOLS is an association of Institutions for the coordination and support of university oceanographic facilities. Research Vessel ALPHA HELIX has been designated as a UNOLS National Oceanographic Facility and is available for use by any qualified scientist or investigator. The vessel was designed and equipped to carry on experimental biological and biochemical research in areas where research facilities are not readily available. In addition, hydrographic and trawl winches provide basic oceanographic capability.

ALPHA HELIX built in 1966 under a grant from the National Science Foundation, is operated by Scripps Institution of Oceanography. It is 133 ft. long with living quarters for a scientific party of 12, which includes a resident technician, at least one visiting scientist designated by the host country in whose waters the ship is operating, and 9-10 U.S. sponsored investigators.

Use of ALPHA HELIX is available to the scientific community in accordance with guidelines set forth by the ALPHA HELIX Review Committee. A potential user must submit a proposal for shiptime to the Committee at least two years in advance of the desired cruise time. In addition, he or she must simultaneously submit a proposal to NSF or other funding agency to obtain support for the research program. Non-funded research projects may be accommodated only on a space-available, non-interference basis.

A successful ALPHA HELIX cruise requires substantial advance planning. Participants must work closely with the HELIX Review Committee, the HELIX Program Office at Scripps, and the research funding agency. Where necessary, they must arrange advance visits to planned work areas to assure that local permissions and arrangements for scientific work are in order. Also, Scripps must obtain ship clearances for all work in foreign waters. These negotiations are necessarily involved and time consuming.

The Review Committee meets annually to consider proposals for ALPHA HELIX use. *The next deadline for receipt of ship use proposals is 1 March 1979.* Proposal instructions and further information should be requested from: UNOLS Office, Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution.

General research areas are selected and announced well in advance on the basis of interest expressed by the scientific community and anticipated success in obtaining research support by potential participants.

1979-1980 ALPHA HELIX is scheduled to conduct programs in the south Equatorial Pacific. The Committee seeks additional proposals for work in the area during 1980. Some ancillary programs may also be accommodated in 1979.

1980-1981 (Tentative) After a transit from Australia, the vessel may spend the austral summer working in the Antarctic area. Additional proposals for work in this area are also sought by the Committee.

1981 and Beyond (Tentative) The ship will leave the high Southern Latitudes in early 1981. Expression of interest in general research areas for this period are welcome to help determine the areas to be visited.

For further information call the UNOLS office, (617) 548-1400, extension 352, or write to: UNOLS Office, c/o Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution, Woods Hole, MA 02543.