1978 SOAP MEETING

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"What's New"

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SOAP NOTES

J. Roger Bullard, M.D., Assistant Professor and Section Head of Obstetrical Anesthesia of the Medical University of South Carolina, has received notification that the United States Patent for his Fiber Optic Laryngoscope Blade has been approved. Patent is pending in Germany, Canada and Great Britain. Manufacturing arrangements are with the Karl Storz Company. The Fiber Optic Laryngoscope Blade should be available in 1978. Congratulations, Roger!

REMEMBER THE COLLABORATIVE PERINATAL STUDY?

Help! To assist in the analysis of NINCDS's Collaborative Perinatal Study data (collected between 1959 and 1966), we are trying to find out whether lidocaine was more frequently used with or without epinephrine in conduction anesthesia (mostly spinal and pudendals). If you were giving anesthesia or delivering babies at any one of the collaborating hospitals during those years and recall whether lidocaine was typically administered with or without epinephrine, please drop us a line. We'd be most grateful. (Sarah H. Broman, Ph.D. and Yvonne Brackbill, Ph.D.)

The collaborating hospitals were: Johns Hopkins Hospital, Baltimore, Maryland; Boston Lying-In Hospital, Boston, Massachusetts; Children's Hospital, University of Buffalo, Buffalo, New York; University of Tennessee, Gailor Hospital, Memphis, Tennessee; University of Minnesota, Mayo Memorial Hospital, Minneapolis, Minnesota; Charity Hospital of Louisiana, New Orleans, Louisiana; Pennsylvania Hospital, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; University of Oregon Medical School, Portland, Oregon; Child Study Center, Brown University, Providence, Rhode Island; Medical College of Virginia, Richmond, Virginia; New York Medical
College, New York City; Columbia University, New York City.

(Editor's Note: I did my medical school obstetric rotation at the Pennsylvania Hospital, Lying-In Division, in the mid 60's. Epinephrine was NOT used in spinal or pudendal anesthesia at that time at that institution. Please send your recollections to Yvonne Brackbill, Ph.D., Department of Health, Education and Welfare, Public Health Service, National Institutes of Health, Bethesda, Maryland 20014. Thanks!)

1978 SOAP BUSINESS MEETING

Due to our increasing membership, the Board of Directors has been forced to consider a number of problems, including our status with the Internal Revenue Service. The Constitution states:

"The Board of Directors shall act with the host of the annual meeting in planning the annual meeting. The Board shall have authority to act for the Society in the interim between annual meetings. All actions of the Board are binding only until the next annual meeting and must be formally ratified or rejected by simple majority vote of the active members present and voting. The Board shall establish limits of authorization for indebtedness upon the Secretary. It shall hold first hearings on expulsion proceedings against members. It may substitute hosts for the annual meetings, should unforeseen circumstances arise."

If the Board of Directors is to act in the best interests of SOAP, some of its actions may have to be executed before they can be ratified or rejected by the active membership at the next Annual Meeting. Therefore, changes in our Bylaws are necessary to allow the Board of Directors to react effectively.

I have had several ideas from members on different mechanisms; however, our "Amendments" section is too unwieldy to allow us to make any rapid change. One possible mechanism is to have a "Constitutional Convention" at the 1978 Meeting. This procedure can be initiated by vote of the active membership at the Business Meeting.

Suggested plan of action: At the opening session of the 1978 Annual Meeting, the Business Meeting will be called to order to decide whether a Constitutional Convention is necessary. If the vote is yes, the Board of Directors will appoint various committees to consider our problems and report back to the membership concerning Constitutional changes when our Business Meeting is reconvened at its usual time. John Morrison and David Ralston would appreciate your suggestions. John will send our Constitution and Bylaws to the entire membership with his Annual Meeting mailing in January.

SOCIAL HIGHLIGHTS OF THE 1978 ANNUAL MEETING

1. Thursday, March 30, evening: Welcoming Cocktail Party
2. Friday, March 31, afternoon: The Memphis Mini-Marathon
3. Friday, March 31, evening: Mississippi River Boat Ride which will include music by a Dixieland Band followed by a visit to Overton Square (Memphis's answer to underground Atlanta).
4. Saturday, April 1, evening: Wine and Cheese Tasting
5. Tours of Southern mansions, gardens and museums will be available.
ASA ANNUAL MEETING

The Annual Meeting of the American Society of Anesthesiologists will be held at the Fairmont, Marriott and Hilton Hotels, Rivergate Convention Center, New Orleans, Louisiana, October 15-19, 1977.

SOAP will conduct a breakfast panel discussion entitled "Questions and Answers About Obstetric Anesthesia and Perinatology" on Tuesday, October 18, 1977 at 7:00 a.m. in the Mardi Gras Ballroom E-H of the Marriott. David Ralston will be the moderator and the panel members are John Bonica, Mike Finster, George Gregory and Sol Shnider.

The following SOAP members will present Refresher Course Lectures on Saturday and Sunday, October 15 and 16, 1977.

- Ben Covino: Pharmacology, Pharmacokinetics and Metabolism of Local Anesthetics
- Phil Bromage: Epidural Anesthesia: Indications, Contraindications and Complications
- George Gregory: The Neonate: Preparation for Anesthesia and Surgery
- Mike Broennle: The Neonate: Intraoperative Management
- Dave Todres: Pediatrics: Critical Care
- Jack Downes: Ventilatory Support for the Pediatric Patient
- David Ralston: Physiological Changes During Pregnancy and Parturition: Clinical Implications
- Mike Finster: Perinatal Pharmacology
- Brett Gutsche: Anesthesia for Vaginal Delivery
- Sol Shnider: Anesthesia for Cesarean Section
- Gertie Marx: Anesthetic Considerations in Complications of Pregnancy
- Milt Alper: Evaluation and Care of the Newborn

The following scientific papers will be presented during the meeting by SOAP members or are of interest to our members:

Monday, October 17
2:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Rivergate - Room 6

Maternal Administration of Ephedrine Increases Fetal Heart Rate and Variability. Richard G. Wright, et al., University of California, San Francisco, California.

Evaluation of Education Concerning Pain Relief for Childbirth. Ann Lovitt, et al., Case Western Reserve University School of Medicine, Cleveland, Ohio.

Tuesday, October 18
9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
Rivergate - Room 7

The Effects of Maternal-Fetal pH Changes on Fetal Uptake of Bupivacaine. R.L.
Kennedy, et al., University of Iowa Hospitals, Iowa City, Iowa.

Epidural Anesthesia and Cesarean Section: Maternal and Neonatal Acid-Base Status and Bupivacaine Concentrations. Sanjay Datta, et al., Boston Hospital for Women and Harvard Medical School, Boston, Massachusetts.

A Comparison of Neonatal Neurobehavioral Effects of Bupivacaine, Mepivacaine, and 2-Chloroprocaine Following Pudendal Block. Alan J. Merkow, et al., University of Iowa College of Medicine, Iowa City, Iowa.


Comparison of Clinical Efficacy of a Chloroprocaine-Bupivacaine Mixture with Chloroprocaine and Bupivacaine Used Individually for Obstetrical Epidural Analgesia. Sheila Cohen and Alexander Thurlow, Stanford University School of Medicine, Stanford, California, and St. Georges Hospital, London, England.


Lidocaine, Monoethylglycinexylidide and Isolated Human Uterine Muscle. Edwin S. Munson and William J. Embro, University of Florida College of Medicine, J. Hillis Miller Health Center, Gainesville, Florida.

Role of Albumin Administration in Prevention of Spinal Hypotension During Cesarean Section. M. Mathrubhutham, et al., Cook County Hospital, Chicago, Illinois.

Postpartum Uterine Pressures with Different Doses of Ketamine. Gertie F. Marx, et al., Albert Einstein College of Medicine, Bronx, New York.

Placental, Foetal and Maternal Cortisol and Thyroid Hormone Concentrations at Term; Their Relationship with Foetal Glucose and Body Weight. R.R. Attia, et al., Massachusetts General Hospital, Boston, Massachusetts, Lynn Hospital, Lynn, Massachusetts, and Harvard Medical School.

Comparison Between Serum L-3,3', 5-Triiodothyronine (T3) and L-3,3', 5-Triiodothyronine (reverse T3, rT3) Changes Following General and Regional Anesthesia. Simon Halevy, et al., State University of New York at Stony Brook School of Medicine, Nassau County Medical Center, East Meadow, New York.

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Effect of Bicarbonate Administration on Left Ventricular Function in Newborn Lambs with Metabolic Acidosis. Bradley E. Smith and Darel P. Hess, Vanderbilt
University School of Medicine, Nashville, Tennessee.

Treatment of Spinal Hypotension with Dopamine in the Pregnant Ewe. Stephen H. Rolbin, et al., University of California, San Francisco, California.

The Effects of Dopamine and Other Catecholamines on Uterine Blood Flow in Pregnant Ewes. Bradley E. Smith and Darel G. Hess, Vanderbilt University School of Medicine, Nashville, Tennessee.

Fetal Regional Cerebral Blood Flow Following In Utero Asphyxia. Gary N. Johnson, et al., University of Manitoba Health Sciences Centre, Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada.

Sequential Lung Function in Infants with Diaphragmatic Hernia. George A. Gregory, University of California School of Medicine, San Francisco, California.

Non-Invasive Cardiac Monitoring of the Healthy Newborn. David Katz, Dominguez Valley Hospital, Compton, California, and University of Southern California School of Medicine, Los Angeles, California.

Newborn Temperature Following Elective, Repeat Cesarean Section. Walter U. Brown, Jr. and Sanjay Datta, Boston Hospital for Women and Harvard Medical School, Boston, Massachusetts.


Permeability of the Maternal and Fetal Blood-Brain Barrier to Morphine and Naloxone. Hideo Nagashima, et al., Montefiore Hospital and Medical Center, Albert Einstein College of Medicine, Bronx, New York.

Subdural Hematoma - An Unusual Post Lumbar Epidural, Post Puncture Complication. John S. McDonald, University of Colorado Medical Center, Denver, Colorado.

Fetal Heart Rate Variability and Periodic Rate Changes Associated with Lumbar Epidural Analgesia for Labor. Walter Schumacher, et al., University of Colorado Medical Center, Denver, Colorado.

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September 27, 1977: Bert B. Hershenson Memorial Lecture. "The Obstetric Anesthesiologist: Contribution to the Safety of Mother and Child." Guest lecturer: Dr. Gertie F. Marx. For more information, contact Milton H. Alper, M.D., Department of Anesthesia, Boston Hospital for Women, 221 Longwood Avenue, Boston, Massachusetts 02115.

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have become irresistible to many authors who wish to present the most up-to-date work in the perinatal field while waiting out the 6-12 month lag in our most prestigious journals for their own or another's work to be published. I have been amused and appalled at what SOAP has been called in print. The most common error is Society of Obstetrical Anesthesia and Perinatology. (See 1977 ASA Annual Meeting Program!) Dr. Nicholas Greene, former Editor of Anesthesiology and current Editor of Anesthesia and Analgesia-Current Researches, has been consulted on the CORRECT format for listing SOAP abstracts - if it must be done at all.


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ANNUAL MEETING

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Program Review

1. Fifty works-in-progress were submitted for presentation.

2. "What's New" reports were given by Gershon Levinson (Anesthesia), Kent Ueland (Obstetrics), and David Woodrum (Perinatology).

3. The Annual Banquet was held at the Tillicum Village. This was followed by an interesting tour of the Seattle Harbor.

4. Minutes of the meeting of the Board of Directors and the general business meeting of SOAP are enclosed.

5. The 1978 SOAP Meeting will be held March 30-April 2 at the Hyatt Regency Memphis, Memphis, Tennessee. Abstracts will be requested in the December Newsletter and registration material will be sent to you from John Morrison in January, 1978. In keeping with SOAP tradition, John is planning an extravaganza on Saturday night. Present rumors are: (a) re-creation of the Battle of Vicksburg with SOAP attendees equally divided between the North and the South armed with Iowa trumpets and appropriately sized needles; (b) tour of Elvis Presley's mansion with tour guides gyrating to "Hound Dog" and "Blue Suede Shoes"; (c) free tickets to the Liberty Bowl for April 1 (unfortunately, the Liberty Bowl game is held in December!).

6. The 1979 SOAP Meeting will be held in Winston-Salem, North Carolina, hosted by Frank James and John Fishburne and the Bowman Gray School of Medicine.

7. The membership of SOAP extends its sincere thanks and deep appreciation to David Ralston for hosting a superb meeting. He was ably assisted by Barbara Buck, Louisa Jones, and Karen Gould.

8. Kudos to Charlie Gibbs, our outgoing President, for his leadership over the past year, especially for organizing a superb SOAP breakfast panel at the ASA Annual Meeting in San Francisco.

Minutes of the SOAP Board of Directors Meeting, Friday, April 16, 1977

1. The minutes from the April 9, 1976 meeting were accepted as written.

2. The Treasurer's Report was distributed, reviewed, and accepted as written.

3. Old Business - none
4. New Business

A. Interrelationship with the Three Specialties

1) Liaison to Anesthesia

   a. ASA Breakfast Meeting. It was a great success at the 1976 meeting in San Francisco and we have been asked to continue this format at the 1977 meeting in New Orleans. Dave Ralston will be in charge of the program. The person responsible for this meeting will be the President of SOAP (or an anesthesiologist designated by the Board of Directors if the President is not an anesthesiologist).

   b. Scientific Session of SOAP at the ASA Annual Meeting. This proposal was again rejected because it would have minimal support and input from Pediatrics and Obstetrics and would not further the objectives of our Society.

2) Liaison to Obstetrics. Brett Gutsche has been our representative on the Special Interest Committee on Maternal-Fetal Welfare for the past two years. He reported that the relationship has been rather inactive, perhaps due to the restructuring of ACOG administrative committees. Dave Ralston will contact the Executive Director of ACOG to assess their position on future relationships with SOAP.

3) Liaison to Pediatrics. The goal of this relationship is to involve more pediatricians in SOAP. Dr. Scanlon, our representative, will contact the members of the Committee on Fetus and Newborn of the American Academy of Pediatrics. He will reemphasize that SOAP, which is an interdisciplinary forum for exchange of information, remains ready to function as an intermediary for dissemination of information to anesthesiologists and obstetricians interested in Perinatal Medicine.

B. Subspecialty Board of Obstetrical Anesthesia. The Board of Directors approved the recommendation that Dr. Alper obtain information from the ASA Committee on Subspecialties and review the subject at the next Board of Directors Meeting. SOAP is an interdisciplinary forum for open communication between the three specialties and should not become involved in the establishment of a subspecialty board. SOAP will remain available for advice and counsel as needed.

C. Federal Involvement in Perinatal Health Care. Dr. Ralston will write to President Carter emphasizing the need for national awareness of and involvement in perinatal health care programs. This letter is intended to support the position of several national organizations, such as the AMA, National Foundation-March of Dimes, ACOG, ASA, AAP, and APCO.

D. Continuing Medical Education Credits. The Board of Directors again voted not to formally apply for these credits but to give document of attendance which, along with program contents, are usually accepted by most national organizations as continuing education credits on an individual basis.

E. Publication of Scientific Sessions of SOAP.

1) The annual report of the Scientific Sessions of SOAP.
The annual report of the Scientific Sessions of SOAP will be forwarded by the Editor of the Newsletter and the President of SOAP to the Editor of Anesthesiology for publication.

2) Citing of Abstracts. SOAP discourages the citing of abstracts presented at the Annual Meeting since they represent work in progress. However, realizing that we have no control over this practice, an official format for referencing individual papers will be listed in the next Newsletter.

F. Newsletter. Dr. Ostheimer reported on the administrative and financial aspects of the Newsletter. Having been Editor of this communication for several years, he will retire at the next Annual Meeting. Members of SOAP interested in this position are encouraged to contact Dr. Ostheimer and a new Editor will be chosen by the Board of Directors at its next meeting.

The problems facing the Newsletter are largely financial (present annual cost - $1200) and are caused by our increasing membership as well as the inflation in postage rates. As of the next issue (June, 1977), only members who attended the Philadelphia, Orlando, or Seattle meetings will receive the Newsletter unless they notify Karen Gould of their desire to stay on the mailing list. As in the past, the Newsletter is supported by a portion of the registration fee and in part by the department in which the Editor resides. In order to make the Newsletter self-sufficient, the Board of Directors voted to increase the registration fee at the Annual Meeting.

G. Election of Officers. The Board of Directors thanks Drs. Dilts, Scanlon, and Finster for their contribution to SOAP as the At-Large Members for Obstetrics, Pediatrics, and Anesthesia, respectively. Dr. Finster will continue for the second year of his term. Dr. Dilts and Dr. Scanlon are finishing their terms in office and the election of delegates to these two vacancies will be held at the business meeting. The other remaining office open to election, that of Vice President, will be filled by the selection of the host city for the 1979 meeting.

H. Annual Clinical Meeting Site.

1) The 1978 meeting will be held at The Hyatt Regency Memphis, Memphis, Tennessee, March 30 through April 2.

2) Due to the difficulty in obtaining adequate accommodations with only a two year lead time, the Board of Directors approved the concept of selecting meeting sites three (3) years in advance. Therefore, at the business meeting, two cities will be selected, one for 1979 and one for 1980. This is in accordance with the SOAP Bylaws.

Minutes of the SOAP Business Meeting, Saturday, April 17, 1977

The business meeting was opened by Dr. Charles Gibbs, President. Dr. David Ralston, Secretary, read the minutes of the 1976 business meeting. The minutes were accepted as written without discussion.

Dr. Gibbs introduced Dr. John Morrison, Vice President, who read the minutes of the 1977 Board of Directors Meeting.

Discussion: Dr. Gibbs corrected the minutes stating that the Presi-
dent would be responsible for the ASA Breakfast Meeting each year (or his designated representative if the President is not an anesthesiologist).

There was discussion from the floor concerning these minutes in which Dr. Marx suggested that a charge for the Newsletter be levied rather than raising the registration fee. Dr. Ostheimer commented for the Board of Directors stating that one must be legally incorporated to charge for a Newsletter. The Bylaws state that we shall not be or seek to be incorporated.

Dr. Angiulo raised the point that many members who would like to host the 1980 Annual Meeting might not be prepared and/or might not have the authority to represent their University in this matter, since it was not announced previously. After some discussion, Dr. Dilts made the motion that the 1980 meeting be selected now. After being seconded, the motion carried by a majority vote.

Old Business - none.

New Business: Dr. Dilts moved for a vote of appreciation to Dr. Ralston for a fine meeting in Seattle this year. The motion carried unanimously.

The selection of the 1979 meeting was held. Boston was nominated by Dr. Ostheimer and Winston-Salem by Dr. Fishburne. Dr. Hall nominated Salt Lake City and Dr. Plumer, San Diego. On the first vote, Salt Lake City and San Diego were eliminated. In the run-off election, Winston-Salem carried the vote 26 to 22.

For the 1980 meeting, Chicago was nominated by Dr. Sherline; Boston by Dr. Shnider; Cairo, Egypt, by Dr. Abouleish; Honolulu by Dr. Akamatsu; and San Diego by Dr. Plumer. On the first ballot, Boston became the host of the 1980 meeting by a vote of 26 to 16.

Next, the elections for the two vacancies on the Board of Directors, that of the At-Large Member for Obstetrics (with Dr. Dilts retiring) and the At-Large Member for Pediatrics (with Dr. Scanlon retiring), were held. Dr. Scanlon was nominated by Dr. Dilts for another two-year term as the representative from Pediatrics and no other nominations were received. Dr. Scanlon was elected by acclamation. Dr. Dilts nominated Dr. Fishburne for the At-Large Member from Obstetrics and there were no other nominations. Dr. Fishburne was elected by acclamation.

Dr. Gibbs then turned the meeting over to the new President of SOAP, Dr. Ralston. Dr. Ralston closed the business meeting for 1977.

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September 27, 1977: Bert B. Hershenson Memorial Lecture. Boston Hospital for Women, Boston, Massachusetts. Guest lecturer: Dr. Gertie Marx. For more information, contact Milton H. Alper, M.D., Department of Anesthesia, Boston Hospital for Women, 221 Longwood Avenue, Boston, Massachusetts 02115.


November 4-6, 1977: Paediatric Anaesthesia-Update 1977. The Hospital for Sick Children, Toronto, Ontario, Canada. Speakers include: Berry, Conn, Britt, Furman, Rees, and Steward. For more information, contact Paediatric Anaesthesia Conference, Room 2303, The Hospital for Sick Children, 555 University Avenue, Toronto, Ontario, Canada M5G 1X8.

November 6-9, 1977: Parent to Infant Attachment: Strengthening the Family in the Perinatal Period. Bond Court Hotel, Cleveland. Speakers include: Brazelton, Franklin, Frieberg, Furman, Parke and Rosenblatt. For more information, contact John H. Kennell, M.D. and Marshall Klaus, M.D., 2101 Adelbert Road, Cleveland, Ohio 44106.


March 18-19, 1978: Third Annual Meeting, American Society of Regional Anes-
INDIAN SOCIETY OF OBSTETRIC ANESTHESIA

Dr. N.P. Singh has announced the intention of forming an Indian Society of Obstetric Anesthesia (similar to SOAP) in the near future. Suggestions and requests for membership should be forwarded to Dr. N.P. Singh, Department of Anaesthesiology and Resuscitation, GOA Medical College, Panaji - 403 001 - GOA India.

OBSTETRIC ANAESTHETISTS ASSOCIATION

Keith Budd has taken over as Minute Secretary and overseas correspondent for the O.A.A. Our thanks to Derrick Holdsworth for his fine communications over the years. Inquiries about memberships (cost - £1) should be directed to Keith Budd, M.B., Consultant Anaesthetist, Bradford Royal Infirmary, Duckworth Lane, Bradford, West Yorkshire BD9 6RJ England.

NEW ENGLAND PERINATOLOGY SOCIETY

The second meeting of the New England Perinatology Society was held at the delightful Wychmere Harbor Club in Harwichport, Massachusetts, on May 20-21, 1977. It opened with a cocktail party, courtesy of Ross Laboratories, followed by a dinner dance. The next morning, the scientific session featured Dr. Roger K. Freeman (UCLA, Irvine, Long Beach, California), who pointed out some of the iatrogenic and artifactual difficulties in the use of fetal monitoring and how to overcome them. The business meeting followed and was chaired by the President, Curt Cetrulo. A ski conference, probably in New Hampshire, is planned for February, 1978. It was emphasized again that this
Society was to remain informal but hopefully would have the active participation of everyone interested in perinatal medicine. A larger mailing list to include and urge nursing attendance is needed. This highly successful conference followed a session on the high-risk pregnancy under the direction of Curt Cetrulo and sponsored by Tufts University, May 18-20. (J.S. Crocker)

OFFICIAL LISTING FOR SOAP ABSTRACTS

It has been stressed repeatedly that SOAP is a forum for work-in-progress in order to receive friendly criticism and suggestions for improvement of ongoing studies. However, new ideas, preliminary data and tentative conclusions have become irresistible to many authors who wish to present the most up-to-date work in the perinatal field while waiting out the 6-12 month lag in our most prestigious journals for their own or another's work to be published. I have been amused and appalled at what SOAP has been called in print. The most common error is Society of Obstetrical Anesthesia and Perinatology. Dr. Nicholas Greene, former Editor of Anesthesiology and current Editor of Anesthesia and Analgesia-Current Researches, has been consulted on the CORRECT format for listing SOAP abstracts - if it must be done at all.


Your attention to this detail will be appreciated. Thank you.

FIRST ANNUAL SOAP ROAD RACE

Attendees at the Annual SOAP Meeting during the last few years have noticed several grown men in shorts and running shoes sneaking out of the host hotel in the early A.M. for their daily run. (You will notice I did not say jog. All joggers are runners. The big decision comes when runners decide to race.) Well, SOAP runners, the time has come! Tom Shier and John Morrison have been conned into organizing the First Annual SOAP Road Race through scenic Memphis. The course will be somewhere between 5 and 10 miles, probably around 7 miles or so. All are invited to run, no AAU numbers needed. Official entry blanks will be sent out with the January mailing. Official times will be recorded and certificates will be distributed. We are hopeful that we will get a few trophies donated and, maybe, a surprise for all finishers! More on this in a later issue. So get your physicals, stress tests (not OCTs) and running shoes and start training for the "Memphis" (not to be confused with the "Boston")!

WANTED: A COORDINATOR OF NURSING EDUCATION IN PERINATOLOGY

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PERINATAL PRESS

The Perinatal Press is a significant advance in communication among those interested in perinatology. Its newsletter format makes for easy reading and it allows feedback to the editorial staff on good, bad or indifferent articles. Many of you received the Sample Newsletters sent out last year and may have forgotten to subscribe. It is a sound investment to keep abreast of the advances in the field. Its subtitle tells it all - "For persons dedicated to improving the health care of the pregnant woman, fetus and newborn."

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FINAL PLANS - 1977 ANNUAL MEETING

David Ralston has announced the final schedule for the 1977 SOAP Meeting to be held at the Edgewater Inn, Seattle, Washington, April 14-17, 1977.

| Thursday  April 14 | 4:00-8:00 p.m. | Registration
|                  | 7:00-8:30 p.m. | Welcome Hour
| Friday        April 15 | 8:00-10:00 a.m. | Scientific Session
|                | 10:00-10:30 a.m. | Break
|                | 10:30-11:15 a.m. | What's New: Obstetrics
|                | 11:15-12:30 p.m. | Scientific Session
|                | Afternoon | Free
| Saturday      April 16 | 8:00-10:00 a.m. | Scientific Session
|                | 10:00-10:30 a.m. | Break
|                | 10:30-11:15 a.m. | What's New: Anesthesia
|                | 11:15-12:15 p.m. | Scientific Session
|                | 12:15-1:30 p.m. | Luncheon
|                | 1:30-2:15 p.m. | What's New: Pediatrics
|                | 2:15-3:45 p.m. | Scientific Session
|                | 3:45-4:00 p.m. | Break
|                | 4:00-5:00 p.m. | Business Meeting
|                | 5:30 p.m. | Tillicum Village Departure
|                        | (Excursion includes Seattle Harbor tour, boat trip to Blake Island State Park and a salmon dinner)
| Sunday        April 17 | 8:00-10:00 a.m. | Scientific Session
|                | 10:00-10:30 a.m. | Break
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|                | 12:30 p.m. | Adjournment

Abstracts

Again we have received more abstracts than we have time to present. David's selection committee is hard at work selecting representative abstracts of current investigational trends. The authors of abstracts selected for presentation will be notified by David directly. As in past years, all abstracts submitted will be published in the booklet of abstracts. Presentation at the SOAP Meeting does NOT preclude further presentations at subsequent scientific meetings because these papers are considered "works in progress." The following abstracts were submitted:

Abouleish, Van der Donck, Meeuwis, Taylor: Effect of obstetric anesthesia and analgesia on the neonatal growth during the first week of life. Magee Women's Hospital, Pittsburgh.

Biehl, Parer, Shnider, Johnson, Jones, Wright, Rolbin, Levinson: Pharmaco-

Bond, Ragan: Maternal mortality in Indiana as related to anesthesia. Indiana University School of Medicine.

Brown: Newborn temperature following elective, repeat cesarean section. Harvard Medical School and Boston Hospital for Women.

Bullard, Houghton: Hyperbaric bupivacaine peridural anesthesia in obstetrics. Medical University of South Carolina.


Collea, Evertson, Gauthier, Huey, Paul: Fetal demise following a negative contraction stress test. University of Southern California, Los Angeles.


Datta, Brown: Uterine incision-delivery interval and neonatal outcome. Harvard Medical School and Boston Hospital for Women.

DeVore: Is pretreatment with atropine of any value in C-section under epidural anesthesia? Northwestern University Medical School.

Erenberg, Frank, Rhodes, Kennedy, Roberts: The relationship of thyroid hormones, fetal lung development and pulmonary superoxide dismutase (SOD) activity in the ovine fetus. University of Iowa.

Finucane, McCraney, Bush: A double blind comparison of lidocaine and etidocaine for vaginal delivery. Grady Memorial Hospital and Emory School of Medicine.

Fishburn, Hopkinson, Greiss: Responses of the gravid uterine vasculature to arterial levels of local anesthetic agents. Bowman Gray, Winston-Salem.


Greenberg: The role of the private sector in tertiary perinatal care. St. Francis Hospital, Tulsa, Oklahoma.

Grylack, Scanlon: Evaluation of historical parameters and laboratory screening procedures in newborn sepsis. Columbia Hospital for Women and Georgetown University School of Medicine.

Gutsche, Morishima, Keenaghan, Covino: The effect of maternal convulsions on the fetus following intravenous administration of lidocaine to the pregnant ewe. College of Physicians and Surgeons, Columbia University, and Research Department, Astra Pharmaceutical Products, Inc.
Harkavy, Scanlon: Neonatal hypernatremia: a cause of significant morbidity and mortality. Columbia Hospital for Women and Georgetown University School of Medicine.

Hodgkinson, Bhatt, Marx: Double blind assessment of the effect of the maternal administration of meperidine with and without naloxone on neonatal neurobehavior in the first 48 hours of life. University of Texas, San Antonio.


Horpaopan, Moulin, Ferguson, Tyree, Delivoria-Papadopoulos: Sequential blood volume studies following albumin infusion in newborn lambs with hypovolemic shock. University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine.

Joyce: Results of SOAP questionnaire on oral antacids. University of Cincinnati Medical Center.

Kehler, Baskett, Palahniuk: Leg and arm blood pressures at cesarean section. University of Manitoba.


Maduska, Hajghassemali: Arterial blood gases in mothers and infants with ketamine for vaginal delivery. University of Tennessee Center for the Health Sciences.

Maduska, Hajghassemali: Initial trials with butorphanol in labor. University of Tennessee Center for the Health Sciences.


Marks, Bullard: Effects of glycopyrrolate on gastric volume and pH in patients requiring cesarean section. Medical University of South Carolina.

Marx, Hwang: Postpartum uterine pressures with different doses of ketamine. Albert Einstein College of Medicine.

Meis, Reisner, Hobel, Payne: An evaluation of low dose bupivacaine paracervical block on the fetus and newborn. UCLA School of Medicine and Harbor General Hospital.


Morishima, Caritis, Yeh, James: Influence of maternal medication on fetal breathing movements in the baboon. College of Physicians and Surgeons, Columbia University.

Palahniuk: Prophylactic blood patch does not prevent spinal headache. University of Manitoba.

Parks, Douglas, Rawson: Renal effects of transplacentally acquired indomethacin. University of Mississippi Medical Center.

Perkins: The continuing need for extraperitoneal cesarean section. University of Colorado.


Pue, Plumer, Resnik, Brink: Effects of local anesthetics on uterine blood flow in pregnant sheep. University of California Medical Center, San Diego.


Sarkowski: Bupivacaine for cesarean section under epidural analgesia. Parkland Memorial Hospital and University of Texas Southwestern Medical School.

Scanlon, Nelson: Administrative changes in a neonatal intensive care unit associated with improved survival. Columbia Hospital for Women and Georgetown University School of Medicine.

Shuman, Field: Respiratory distress syndrome. Baystate Medical Center, Springfield, Massachusetts.

Smith, Hess: The effects of dopamine and other catecholamines on uterine blood flow in the pregnant sheep. Vanderbilt University School of Medicine, Nashville.

Tangoren: Cesarean section position and fetal outcome. Rockville, Maryland.

Tien: Effect of intrauterine exchange transfusion on fetal oxygenation. Boston Hospital for Women and Harvard Medical School.

Willock: Survey of SOAP membership re regional anesthesia by nurse anesthetists. Roosevelt Hospital, New York.

Wright, Rolbin, Shnider, Levinson, Parer: Increased fetal heart rate and variability following ephedrine administration. University of California, San Francisco.

Zavala, Erenberg, Rhodes: Pulmonary pathology in fetal lambs ventilated with 15% and 40% O2. University of Iowa.
EDITOR'S NOTE

REMEMBER THAT BEGINNING WITH THE JUNE 1977 NEWSLETTER, ONLY THOSE WHO HAVE ATTENDED THE PHILADELPHIA (1975) OR ORLANDO (1976) MEETINGS PLUS THE SEATTLE (1977) ATTENDEES OR THOSE INTERESTED IN OUR ACTIVITIES WILL RECEIVE THE NEWSLETTER. THOSE INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE INTERESTED IN SOAP BUT HAVE NOT OR CANNOT ATTEND A MEETING CAN CONTINUE TO RECEIVE THE NEWSLETTER BY SENDING A NOTE TO MS. KAREN GOULD, DEPARTMENT OF ANESTHESIA, BOSTON HOSPITAL FOR WOMEN, 221 LONGWOOD AVENUE, BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS 02115, STATING THEIR DESIRE. Our mailing list is over 800 and, for economic reasons, we must cull out those people who are not interested in the Society. If you have already contacted Karen, you need not do so again.

OTHER MEETINGS OF INTEREST

March 25-27, 1977: Virginia Apgar Seminars in Obstetric and Pediatric Anesthesia. Americana Hotel, Miami Beach, Florida. An outstanding faculty has been assembled by Frank Moya for this program in tribute to the memory of Virginia Apgar. For more information, contact Virginia Apgar Seminar, 1200 N.W. 10th Avenue, Miami, Florida 33136.

March 25-27, 1977: Symposium on Pediatric Respiratory Care. Cleveland, Ohio. Sponsored by Children's Lung Foundation. The symposium will be preceded on March 24 with two workshops, Neonatal Intensive Care at the Hollenden Hotel and Pulmonary Function at Rainbow Babies and Childrens Hospital. Write to Barbara Schiffhauer, Respiratory Therapy Department, Rainbow Babies and Childrens Hospital, 2101 Adelbert Road, Cleveland, Ohio 44106, for further information.

March 25-31, 1977: 6th Obstetric Anesthesia Conference. March 25-26 - Hyatt House Hotel, Los Angeles, California, and March 28-31 - Kuilima Hotel, Oahu, Hawaii. Speakers include: McDonald, Freeman, Bowes, Gibbs, Smith, Bonica, Clark, Schneider and Ueland. For more information, contact Obstetric Anesthesia, P.O. Box 7632, Fresno, California 93727. (209) 251-4833, ext. 2228.


March 31 and April 1, 1977: 5th Annual Conference on Perinatal Medicine. Callaway Gardens, Pine Mountain, Georgia. Speakers include: Avery, Mahan and Ostheimer. For more information, contact Micki L. Souma, M.D. and Louis L. Levy, M.D., Perinatology Department, The Medical Center, 710 Center Street, Columbus, Georgia 31902.


May 6-7, 1977: Colloquium in Maternal-Fetal Medicine. This Collo-
Quium is designed to provide current information on aspects of maternal-fetal medicine that are of concern and importance to the practicing physician, obstetrical nursing personnel, physicians engaged in obstetrical training, pediatricians and neonatologists. For information and registration, write to Federico G. Mariona, M.D., FACOG, FACS, Associate Professor, Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology, Director, Division of Human Parturition, Wayne State University School of Medicine, Hutzel Hospital, 4707 St. Antoine Boulevard, Detroit, Michigan 48201.

May 6-7, 1977: Obstetric Analgesia and Anesthesia: Review and Update on Obstetric Anesthetic Management. At The Hyatt Regency Cambridge under the direction of Drs. Ostheimer and Alper. For more information, contact Associate Dean, Department of Continuing Education, Harvard Medical School, 25 Shattuck Street, Boston, Massachusetts 02115.

May 20-21, 1977: Continuing Education in Obstetric Anesthesia. Sponsored by the Department of Anesthesiology, University of Arkansas for the Medical Sciences. Speakers include: Clark, Maduska, Marx, Finster, Smith and Arrington. For more information, contact Richard B. Clark, M.D., Department of Anesthesiology, University of Arkansas for the Medical Sciences, 4301 West Markham, Little Rock, Arkansas 72201.


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SOAP STRIDERS

All you lovers of fresh air and LSD, bring your warm-up suits and running shoes to the Annual Meeting! Tina Caruso assures us that there are
some excellent running/jogging trails within a reasonable distance of the Edgewater Inn. Eminent perinatal types, like Fishburne, James, Dilts, etc., need not sneak out in the early hours to activate their ETS$^2$! The Northwest is a hot-bed of outdoor activity and runners (although still attacked by dogs and cars) are not looked down upon as slightly crazy.

1LSD - Long Slow Distance
2ETS - Electron Transport System

HOME DELIVERIES

My request for a "pro and con" session on home deliveries at the Annual Meeting elicited ONE response from a vigorous campaigner AGAINST home deliveries (who shall remain anonymous). Therefore, I shall assume that the membership is AGAINST home deliveries and that the subject is not worth discussing. (GWO)