MINUTES

ANNUAL MEETING: THE SOCIETY FOR INVESTIGATIVE DERMATOLOGY, INC.

May 1-3, 1975, Atlantic City, New Jersey

FIRST EXECUTIVE SESSION

May 2, 1975

The 36th Annual Meeting of The Society for Investigative Dermatology, Inc. convened at the Haddon Hall Hotel in Atlantic City, N.J., on May 2, 1975. The meeting was called to order at 8:30 AM by the President, Clayton E. Wheeler, Jr., M.D., who reported that the minutes of the 35th Annual Meeting had been published in The Journal of Investigative Dermatology, Volume 63, pages 309-324, 1974.

Upon a motion duly made and seconded, it was voted unanimously to accept the minutes as published.

The report of the Committee on Nominations was read by Dr. J. Graham Smith, the Committee Chairman. The following slate of officers was proposed: President-Elect: Richard Dobson, M.D. Vice President: Adolph Rostenberg, M.D. Board of Directors: D. Martin Carter, M.D. Kirk D. Wuepper, M.D. Robert A. Briggaman, M.D. (to replace the unexpired term of Robert Crouse, M.D.) Barbara A. Gilchrest, M.D. (Resident-Fellow director)

Dr. Sams read the minutes of the Board of Directors meetings held since the last meeting.

MINUTES OF THE INTERIM MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

December 8, 1974, Palmer House Hotel, Chicago, Illinois

The Board of Directors convened Sunday, December 8, 1974, at 7:00 AM. All officers and members of the Board of Directors were present except for Dr. Ruth K. Freinkel.

Old Business

1. Number of Yearly Meetings. The Committee to consider this question, consisting of Leonard C. Harber and James H. Herndon and chaired by John A. Kenney, recommended that the Society should continue to meet in association with the spring meetings of the AFCR and the ASCI. In addition, they felt that the Society should hold an additional meeting each year, the time and place of which would be determined by the Board, but that when possible, it be associated with a clinical meeting. Last year Dr. Kenney had proposed to the Board of Directors of the American Academy of Dermatology that the SID sponsor a symposium. The American Academy of Dermatology referred this suggestion to a subcommittee. It was decided that the Secretary-Treasurer would again make a similar request for a symposium entitled “Clinical Relevance of Laboratory Investigation” and submit it to the Education Committee of the AAD. It would not be a meeting composed of refereed papers but would be a symposium composed of highly selected speakers who have the ability to summarize a relatively complex field and present it in a manner understandable to all interested individuals. The majority of these speakers are to be selected from those who present papers at the Annual Meetings of the SID, AFCR, and ASCI.

2. Joint Journal with the European Society for Dermatologic Research. The Ad Hoc Committee composed of Irwin M. Freedberg, Ruth K. Freinkel, Leonard C. Harber, Gerald D. Weinstein, and chaired by John S. Strauss has recommended that certain By-Law changes will need to be made before further negotiations may proceed with the ESDR. The Secretary-Treasurer will circulate the suggested changes to the entire membership at least 30 days prior to the next annual meeting. Drs. Strauss and Freedberg agreed to continue discussion of this with the European group in Amsterdam in June.

New Business

1. Request to Distribute Audio Tapes of Papers Presented at Meetings. A request has been received to offer for sale audio tapes of special lectures and refereed papers presented at the annual meetings of the Society. It was felt that this might cause the author to become stilted in his presentation, and that it might inhibit the freedom of discussers. It was also pointed out that distribution of tapes might infringe upon the rights of these individuals. It was moved and passed that permission be granted to offer for sale recordings of special lectures only, and then only after obtaining the approval of the lecturer.

2. Fellowship Committee. The Fellowship Committee recommended awarding a second-year fellowship to Dr. Frank Kern and this was approved unanimously by the Board. In addition, it was decided that a second fellowship would be offered...
if the Finance Committee felt that the Society could afford it during the 1975–76 fiscal year. The Secretary-Treasurer is to submit to the Finance Committee a complete accounting of estimated income and disbursements for the 18 months beginning January 1, 1975.

3. Stephen Rothman Award. An anonymous Committee has recommended that the Stephen Rothman Award for 1975 be awarded to Eugene J. Van Scott. This recommendation was approved unanimously by the Board.

4. Biomedical Research Impact Statement. Since no further information had been received at the time of the Board Meeting regarding the specific question of where solicited funds were going or their specific intention, this question was not considered further. The Secretary-Treasurer was instructed to contact Dr. William Epstein to determine if and when he will have a statement prepared. Legal counsel has ruled that solicitation of funds by letter would not jeopardize our tax-exempt status since this would not constitute “significant” lobbying.

5. National Society for Medical Research. It was voted to donate only $200.00 again this year because of increased commitments for fellowships, regional meetings, etc.

6. Resident–Fellow Forum. It was noted that the number of individuals attending the Resident–Fellow Forum has gradually decreased over the past three or four years and a serious question has arisen whether they should be continued or not. However, it was felt that the residents still represent a very important group for us to try to reach since they will make up the bulk of our membership and our contributors in the future. It was agreed that the Secretary-Treasurer would send a letter to all Chiefs of Dermatology Programs requesting that they try to send one resident to the annual meeting, even if that resident were not presenting a paper on the program. Dr. Melodie Buxman also agreed to send a letter to the residents to tell them the nature and the purpose of the Society and to advertise the forthcoming Resident–Fellow Forum.

7. Public Relations Committee. The Public Relations Committee has suggested that dermatology develop an exhibit on the skin for the Museum of Science and Industry in Chicago. This suggestion came from Dr. Larry Solomon who is Chairman of the Medical Board of the Museum and has obtained permission from the Curator as well as from his Board. The SID Board approved this concept and felt that it should be pursued.

8. AMA Credits for Attending SID Meetings. Dr. John Strauss agreed to investigate the possibility of the SID applying for Category I credits for attendance at the annual and regional meetings.

9. Meetings 1975. The Western Regional Meeting is planned for early February in Carmel in association with the AFCR. The first Central Regional Meeting is planned in association with the Central States Dermatologic Meeting, May 17–18 in Cleveland. The First Eastern Regional Meeting is planned in association with the Atlantic Dermatologic Conference to be held in Toronto in the fall of 1975, and the third Southern Regional Meeting will be held in association with the Southern Medical Association Meeting in the fall of 1975.

The concept of Poster Sessions to be instituted at the Annual Meeting in Atlantic City in May and at the meeting in Amsterdam in June was discussed. It was pointed out that authors submitting abstracts for these sessions will be considered in the same category as authors submitting abstracts for the formal oral presentations.

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

May 1, 1975, Haddon Hall Hotel, Atlantic City, New Jersey

The Board of Directors convened on May 1, 1975, at 3:00 PM at the Haddon Hall Hotel, Atlantic City, New Jersey, with Dr. Clayton E. Wheeler, Jr., presiding. All members of the Board of Directors were present with the exception of Ronald M. Reisner, M.D., Walter C. Quevedo, Jr., Ph.D., and Frank Parker, M.D. Irwin M. Freedberg, M.D., was present by invitation. Mrs. Marion Sams recorded the minutes.

The meeting was opened with a report of the Secretary-Treasurer and the reports of standing committees. These reports are appended to these minutes. They were all accepted by the Board and reread to the membership.

Old Business

1. Meetings. Dr. Sams reported that plans were proceeding smoothly for the SID-ESDR Joint Meeting to be held in Amsterdam, Holland, June 9–13, 1975. The next annual meeting is scheduled for April 29 to May 1, 1976, in Atlantic City, New Jersey, just prior to the AFCR and ASCI National Meetings. Dr. Sams also reported the status of the Regional Meetings (see Secretary-Treasurer’s Report with these minutes) and concern was raised by the Board that some of these, particularly the Central Regional, had not been sufficiently advertised. The Board agreed to require that each Regional Chairman advertise his respective meeting by at least two regional mailings through the Secretary–Treasurer’s office. In addition, announcements should be placed in The Journal of Investigative Dermatology. It is the desire of the Board that regional meetings replace the second yearly national meeting.

2. Request to Distribute Audio Tapes of Papers Presented at Meetings. It was voted unanimously not to allow the distribution of tapes of refereed papers. There was also additional discussion of whether distribution should be allowed even of the special lectures, although this had been agreed upon at the last interim meeting. It was decided to
permit distribution of special lectures this year but that this approval would be for only one year and the request would need to be considered anew next year.

3. Cash Awards for Residents Presenting Papers. Although it was agreed to name these awards this year for deceased members of the Society, it was felt that, in the future, these awards should be presented from the Society and should not be named for specific individuals.

4. Joint Journal with European Society for Dermatological Research. Developments regarding establishment of a joint journal with the ESDR were discussed in detail. It is to be recognized that: (1) the SID must not lose control of the Journal in which we have invested 35 years; (2) representation on the Editorial Board must be proportional to membership in each respective Society; (3) the members of the ESDR must receive the Journal as part of their membership dues; and (4) the ESDR should recover income from the publisher relative to each membership subscription. These conditions are to be presented to the ESDR. The Ad Hoc Committee consisting of Drs. Strauss, Sams, Dobson, and Freedberg will meet with representatives of the ESDR in Amsterdam in June.

New Business

1. Discussion with Mr. John Grupenhoff. By special invitation, Mr. John Grupenhoff was asked to attend the meeting to give his view of how the Society should interact with congressional leaders in Washington in order to convince them of the need for continued federal funding of research. Mr. Grupenhoff is President of Science and Health Communications Group, Inc. and was formerly Undersecretary of HEW. He has recently been hired part-time by the American Academy of Dermatology. Mr. Grupenhoff felt that we need to educate Congress and lift our image by collecting specific data and developing a statement of where we have been and where we are going. We must be well prepared to present our case prior to appearing before any of the congressional committees.

2. Division of Research of the National Program of Dermatology. Dr. Strauss alerted the Board to the fact that it is possible that the National Program for Dermatology (NPD) and thereby the American Academy of Dermatology will, because of reorganization, phase out their responsibility for the Division of Research of the NPD. After considerable discussion it was decided by the Board that it would be appropriate and in our best interests for the Society to assume the responsibility for research planning for the future. In view of Mr. Grupenhoff's report, it seemed more appropriate than ever that the Society assume the responsibility for DRES. Dr. Strauss reported that Dr. Joseph McGuire has agreed to draft a preliminary statement of the accomplishments of DRES preparatory to submission to the appropriate congressional committee. He will work with Mr. Grupenhoff in developing the draft.

3. Public Relations Committee. Dr. Marie-Louise Johnson was asked to attend the meeting to amplify her report as Chairman of the Public Relations Committee (see report appended to these minutes). The Board unanimously approved the concept of developing an exhibit to be housed permanently in the Museum of Science and Industry in Chicago and appointed an exhibit subcommittee of the Public Relations Committee with Dr. Lawrence Solomon as Chairman.

4. Coalition for Health Funding. A request had been received by the Secretary-Treasurer that the SID join the Coalition for Health Funding by means of a financial contribution. After review of the material it was felt that this is a very solid and worthwhile organization but that its activities are related more to health delivery than to research. Therefore, it was felt that an investigative organization such as the SID would not be as appropriate as a clinical organization to financially support this group.

5. Dr. Sams announced that the Education Committee of the American Academy of Dermatology had agreed to a symposium entitled "Clinical Relevance of Laboratory Investigation" and had asked Dr. Sams to organize and chair it. Dr. Sams in turn has asked Drs. Dobson and Strauss to help him select speakers from among those individuals presenting papers at the Annual SID, AFCR, and ASCI Meetings.

6. A 10% cost of living raise was approved for the Editorial Assistant, Mrs. Patricia Novak, and for the Secretary to Dr. Sams, Mrs. Marion Sams.

Dr. Sams read the report of the Secretary-Treasurer (appended following Minutes of Final Board of Directors Meeting).

The amendments to the By-Laws, as listed at the end of this report, were read to the membership and approved as read.

SPECIAL AWARDS

During the first scientific session, the President, Dr. Wheeler, presented the Stephen Rothman Award to Eugene J. Van Scott, M.D.
SECOND EXECUTIVE SESSION

May 3, 1975

The Second Executive Session was called to order at 9:00 AM on Saturday, May 3, 1975, by President Wheeler.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The first business was the election of officers. Upon a motion duly made and seconded, it was voted that the nominations be closed and that the officers proposed by the Nominating Committee in the First Executive Session be elected unanimously.

ELECTION OF NEW MEMBERS

The 25 persons (21 for Active and 4 for Individual Sustaining membership) whose names are listed in the report of the Membership Committee were unanimously elected to membership.

President Wheeler noted that the Finance Committee recommended a dues increase this year. The Board of Directors had expressed a desire to continue the Regional Meetings and to provide a second fellowship. Since the Secretary-Treasurer had advised that the only way this would be possible would be by a dues increase, the Board of Directors unanimously approved a $15.00 increase in the yearly dues to $50.00. Twenty dollars of this is for the Journal subscriptions. Following this explanation to the membership, Dr. Wheeler asked for a motion, which was duly seconded, to increase the annual dues to $50.00. This was passed by the membership present without discussion.

APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES

Dr. Sams read the names of the new committee appointments, so that the composition of the committees for 1975–1976 is as follows:

Committee on Scientific Programs
Peter E. Pochi, M.D., Boston, Massachusetts, 1973–1976; Chairman.
John S. Strauss, M.D., Boston, Massachusetts, (Ex-Officio).

Committee on Publications
Irwin M. Freedberg, M.D., Boston, Massachusetts, 1972–1977; Chairman and Editor.

Committee on Finance

Committee on Goals
James H. Herndon, Jr., M.D., Dallas, Texas, 1973–1976; Chairman.
John S. Strauss, M.D., Boston, Massachusetts, (Ex-Officio).
W. Mitchell Sams, Jr., M.D., Denver, Colorado, (Ex-Officio).

Public Relations Committee
Kenneth A. Arndt, M.D., Boston, Massachusetts, 1972–1976; Chairman.
W. Mitchell Sams, Jr., M.D., Denver, Colorado, (Ex-Officio).

Membership Committee
Edgar B. Smith, M.D., Albuquerque, New Mexico, 1973–1976; Chairman.
Jerome Pomeranz, M.D., Cleveland, Ohio, 1974–1977.

Richard K. Winkelmann, M.D., Rochester, Minnesota; Chairman.
Denny L. Tuffanelli, M.D., San Francisco, California.
Walter C. Lobitz, Jr., M.D., Portland, Oregon.
Following presentation of the last scientific paper, President Wheeler presented $250.00 cash awards to each of the following Resident–Fellow members for their poster or oral papers:

1. Dr. Diane Baker for her poster presentation entitled “Radioimmunoassay for the Epidermolytic Toxin of Staphylococcus aureus.”

2. Dr. Richard Edelson for his poster presentation entitled “Characterization of Lymphocyte Inhibitory Factor in Lupus Erythematosus Plasma.”

3. Dr. Paul Schneiderman for his poster presentation entitled “Lymphomatoid Papulosis: Immunologic and Ultrastructural Studies.”

4. Dr. Melodie Buxman for her oral presentation entitled “Bovine Epidermal and Hair Follicle Transglutaminases: Isoenzymes.”

Money for these awards is provided yearly by Dermik Laboratories.

Dr. Wheeler expressed his gratitude to all members of the Society for a most fruitful and productive year in office. He then introduced the new officers to the Society members.

As his first duty as President, Dr. John S. Strauss thereupon presented the retiring President, Dr. Wheeler, with the traditional gavel which had been inscribed, “Dr. Clayton E. Wheeler, Jr., President, 1974, The Society for Investigative Dermatology, Inc.”

The total attendance at the Annual Meeting was 322, comprising 267 members and 55 guests. Adjournment of the last session was announced at 4:40 PM.

MINUTES OF THE FINAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

May 3, 1975

The Board of Directors met at 4:50 PM on Saturday, May 3, 1975, in the Haddon Hall Hotel. Present were John S. Strauss, M.D., Adolph Rosen-berg, M.D., W. Mitchell Sams, Jr., M.D., Melodie Buxman, M.D., D. Martin Carter, M.D., Leonard C. Harber, M.D., James H. Herndon, Jr., M.D., Kirk D. Wuepper, M.D., and Robert A. Briggaman, M.D.

Dr. Sams summarized the results of the questionnaire obtained during the Poster Session. In response to the question of whether individuals preferred oral or poster presentations, there were 42 who said they preferred oral presentations, 66 who said they preferred poster presentations, and 25 who felt there should be a combination of the two. This was felt by the Board of Directors to be a very encouraging result and it was decided to have another half-day poster session next year.

Dr. Irwin Braverman was appointed to select workshop chairmen for the Annual Meeting in Atlantic City next year.

Dr. Melodie Buxman was appointed Chairman of the Ad Hoc Committee on Residents and Fellows in the Society. Other committee members are Barbara Gilchrist, M.D., Peter Lynch, M.D., and Gerald Krueger, M.D.

Because the following committees have either completed their tasks or are inactive, the President, John Strauss, in concurrence with the Board, decided that they should be discontinued: Ad Hoc Committee to Disseminate Information Concerning Biomedical Research, Ad Hoc Committee on NIAMDD, Ad Hoc Committee Concerning the Number of Yearly Meetings, and Ad Hoc Committee on Participation of Ph.D.’s in the Society.

The Auditing Committee for 1975–1976 will be the same as this past year with Peter J. Lynch, M.D., Tucson, Arizona, Chairman. Kenneth H. Neldner, Denver, Colorado, and William L. Weston, M.D., Denver, Colorado, will again serve with Dr. Lynch.

The next meeting of the Board of Directors will be Sunday, December 7, 1975, at the time of the meeting of the American Academy of Dermatology in San Francisco, California.

The meeting of the Board of Directors adjourned at 5:20 PM.

APPROVED AMENDMENTS OF THE BY-LAWS

May 2, 1975

ARTICLE VII

COMMITTEES

SECTION 3. The committee on Publications shall consist of the President of the Society, ex officio, the Editor, and the Associate Editors. A majority of the Associate Editors shall have received certificates from the American Board of Dermatology. . . .

SECTION 3, lines 21–24. The number of Associate Editors may vary according to the recommendations of the Editor, but should not be less than six or more than twelve. An Associate Editor. . . .
Six deaths have been reported to the Secretary’s office: A. J. Reiches, F. G. Novy, Betram Shoff, Gustav Lejhanec, F. Earle Kunkel, and James A. Brooks.

Thirty-eight members are in arrears for their 1975 dues. They have been notified that their names will be removed from the roster of the Society since each was sent a final notice 30 days prior to the Annual Meeting, in accordance with the By-Laws.

There were 85 transfers from Resident–Fellow to active membership. This represents 33% of the 260 individuals no longer eligible for Resident–Fellow membership. They are:

- Lloyd E. King, Jr., Memphis, Tennessee
- Michael B. Klein, West Islip, New York
- Marilyn C. P. Koehn, San Mateo, California
- Steven R. Kohn, Hackensack, New Jersey
- Frank C. Koranda, Denver, Colorado
- Leopoldo Krulig, Caracas, Venezuela
- Paul A. Krusinski, Burlington, Vermont
- Pearson G. Lang, Columbia, South Carolina
- Stanton S. Lebouitz, York, Pennsylvania
- Charles William Lees, Nashua, New Hampshire
- David M. Lipman, Camarillo, California
- John R. Luckasen, APO San Francisco
- Nancy R. Matus, Easton, Pennsylvania
- Harold J. McBride, Aurora, Illinois
- Elizabeth I. McBurney, New Orleans, Louisiana
- Howard G. Milstein, La Jolla, California
- Burton A. Moore, Little Rock, Arkansas
- Joseph W. Musgrave, Williamsburg, Virginia
- James R. Nethercott, Toronto, Canada

Report of the Secretary-Treasurer

W. Mitchell Sams, Jr.

Membership

As of April 30, 1975, the Society had a membership of 2273 broken down into the following categories:

- Active Members: 1252
- Patron Members: 23
- Resident–Fellow Members: 819
- Inactive Members: 114
- Honorary Members: 35
- Corporate Sustaining Members: 14
- Individual Sustaining Members: 16

During the year 6 resignations have been received.

Herbert B. Allen
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

John P. Anders
Traverse City, Michigan

Timothy E. Baker
Ft. Leonard Wood, Missouri

Siri Rat R. Banuchi
Chicago; Illinois

Larry E. Becker
El Paso, Texas

Antranik Benohanian
Montreal, Canada

Bruce J. Berger
Princeton, New Jersey

Alan C. Blaungrn
Albuquerque, New Mexico

Larry J. Buckel
Greenwood, Indiana

David A. Byrne
Bloomington, Indiana

Creighton Chandler, Jr.
Monroe, Louisiana

Cecilia A. Chen
Baltimore, Maryland

Richard C. Childers
Gainesville, Florida

Daniel B. Clarke
Ft. Knox, Kentucky

Mark V. Dahl
Hopkins, Minnesota

Stephen J. Danziger
Bayside, New York

Paul B. Dean
Grand Junction, Colorado

Jose L. Diaz-Perez
Algorta, Spain

Luis A. Diaz
Rochester, Minnesota

Thomas F. Downham, II
Taylor, Michigan

Samuel J. D’Urso
North Andover, Massachusetts

Randolph G. Emerson
Decatur, Illinois

Steven D. Emmet
San Diego, California

George H. Engel
Oak Brook, Illinois

Kent L. Erickson
Beaverton, Oregon

R. John Fox, Jr.
Camp Springs, Maryland

George S. Fritz
Corpus Christi, Texas

Don E. Gehle
Tacoma, Washington

Charles E. Goodman, Jr.
Murfreesboro, Tennessee

Thomas Payne Habif
Portsmouth, New Hampshire

Philip R. Hardin
Corpus Christi, Texas

Rita Keefer Hauler
Cleveland, Ohio

Leon C. Hodges, Jr.
Del Mar, California

Joel E. Holloway
Norman, Oklahoma

David M. Huntley
APO San Francisco

Pierre G. Jaffe
Columbia, South Carolina

Tamotsu Kanzaki
Memphis, Tennessee

Frank Kern
Columbia, Maryland
John F. O'Brien  
Statens Island, New York
Mathew Oomen  
River Forest, Illinois
John M. Parker  
Huntsville, Alabama
Vincent T. Peng  
Decatur, Georgia
Stephanie H. Pincus  
Brookline, Massachusetts
Steven F. Rabens  
Encino, California
Syrus Rayhan-Zadeh  
Huntington Beach, California
Charles E. Reaves  
Riverside, California
Frances Renna  
Newton Lower Falls, Massachusetts

There were 21 applications for active membership and 4 applications for individual sustaining membership. All of these applications were submitted to the Committee on Membership and have been approved by them. Eleven active members have requested inactive status and all have been members of the Society for at least 20 years: C. D. Bell, Sharat Desai, Elie Friedman, Walter G. Gasner, Frances Keddie, Roy L. Kile, Harry B. Miller, Raymond C. V. Robinson, Conrad Stritzler, Howard H. Volan, and Wendell Willett.

Financial Report

Since 1974 was the first year that the Society’s fiscal year corresponded with the calendar year, the only possible way to compare with prior years is with the year ended May 1, 1973.

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The decrease in cash on hand for the two periods is not completely reflected in the receipts and disbursements because of the intervening 8 month period from May 1 to December 31, 1973. In addition, cash on hand in both columns includes marketable securities calculated at cost ($103,930) whereas their market value on December 31, 1974, was $82,206.

The Treasurer foresees increased disbursements during 1975 related to our increased activities including four regional meetings (budgeted for up to $1,000.00 each), poster board rental ($800.00), cost associated with the Joint Meeting with the ESDR, payments for review articles in the Journal, and a general rise in the cost of supplies, equipment rental, postage, etc.

The Board of Directors wishes to acknowledge the generous support of Westwood Pharmaceuticals in providing $16,200.00 in 1974 for resident-fellow membership. The success of this program is reflected in the 85 conversions from resident-fellow membership to active membership following completion of training in 1974.

The Society is also most grateful to the following Corporate Sustaining Members for their support:

Burroughs Wellcome Company  
Dermik Laboratories, Inc.  
Dome Laboratories  
Hoffman-La Roche, Inc.  
Eli Lilly and Company  
Neutrogena Corporation  
Owen Laboratories  
Schering Laboratories  
Searle Laboratories  
Stiefel Laboratories, Inc.  
Squibb Institute for Medical Research  
Syntex Laboratories  
Texas Pharmaco I Company

In addition, the Patron Members listed below have each contributed $100.00 to support the Society’s activities. Without the financial support of the Corporate Sustaining Members, the Patron Members, and individuals, the Society could not maintain its current high level of involvement in education.

Patron Members:

Burroughs Wellcome Company  
Dermik Laboratories, Inc.  
Dome Laboratories  
Hoffman-La Roche, Inc.  
Eli Lilly and Company  
Neutrogena Corporation  
Owen Laboratories  
Schering Laboratories  
Searle Laboratories  
Stiefel Laboratories, Inc.  
Squibb Institute for Medical Research  
Syntex Laboratories  
Texas Pharmaco I Company
Meetings

Since the last report, the Annual Meeting was held at the Pick-Congress Hotel in Chicago on June 21–23, 1974, attended by 287 members and guests. There were three special lectures in addition to the Herman Beerman Lecture and 29 papers were presented.

Regional meetings in the past year included the Southern Regional held with the Southern Medical Association in Atlanta, Georgia, November 16, 1974, and the Western Regional held in association with the Western counterpart of the ACR, ASCI, and AAP, February 7 in Carmel, California. The Regional meetings provide forums at which Resident–Fellows and others are encouraged to present their investigative efforts with no preempting of their opportunity to present the same material at the national meeting. Hopefully, these meetings will encourage Resident–Fellow members to participate more fully in our functions.

At the Annual Meeting the Resident–Fellow Forum provides an added inducement for active participation of this portion of our membership. However, because of a decreasing attendance at that session, a special letter of invitation was mailed to all Resident–Fellows by Dr. Melodie Buxman, a Resident–Fellow member of the Board of Directors. In addition, the Secretary–Treasurer wrote to all Chiefs of dermatology training programs to ask them to attempt to send a Resident–Fellow representative even if he or she were not presenting a paper.

REPORT OF THE PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE

Irwin M. Freedberg

On behalf of the Publications Committee of the Society for Investigative Dermatology and the Editorial Board of The Journal of Investigative Dermatology, I have the privilege of presenting our report for 1974–1975.

As I have told you and our Society before, we believe that the only real measure of our productivity is reflected by The Journal of Investigative Dermatology. During this year, as you can see from Table I, we shall publish two volumes, the sixty-third and sixty-fourth of our history. These volumes will total approximately 945 pages, 114 unsolicited scientific reports and 25 solicited papers. The latter group is largely composed of the papers in the July 1974 issue of the Journal which evolved from the 23rd Symposium on the Biology of Skin concerning Mammary and Apocrine Glands.

Comparing the figures for this year with those for the last two years which are also shown in Table I, we see several interesting contrasts. The total number of manuscripts received has decreased, a reflection of the fact that we have published only one special issue this year. As you will see in a moment, however, the number of unsolicited papers, those that you send to us without our asking for them, has remained quite stable. We have published more of these unsolicited papers this year than last and have published a greatly increased number of book reviews. The AAD/NPD Report section which started in June one year ago has continued on a monthly basis, and we are all interested in knowing what you feel about this joint publication venture which we have undertaken with the Archives of Dermatology.

I have presented the results of our editorial decisions in a different way this year (Table I). Again, the acceptance rate is really not a critical issue in the overall health of the Journal but it remains a little lower than 60 percent. The actual figure is difficult to arrive at, for at all times we have much material which is being processed, either in the revision or review stage. We continue to use a large number of reviewers, both members and nonmembers of the Society. They have all given their time without compensation to our
The reviewers' names appear in Table II.

Paper which have been handled by the Journal
dilemmas and is a technique which I believe will be
once all the reviews and revisions are completed.
A Festschrift issue has been completed and will
appear in November. In addition, we are currently
dealing with several groups regarding future special
issues which can be published as supplementary
issues of the Journal, a procedure we feel is
important since we do not want to dilute the
amount of original data we publish.

There is one other possibility for the future
which I would like to discuss with you for a
moment. During the past year your Editor and
several members of the Society have been in
contact with representatives of the European Society
for Dermatological Research regarding the possibility
of their participation in the publication of The Journal of Investigative Dermatology. The
ESDR has matured during the past few years and
they have considered several possibilities which
include inauguration of a new journal, a relation-
ship with a currently published European journal,
or a venture with the SID. It appears now that it is
a reasonable possibility that we will be able to
formulate a relationship with the ESDR which will
lead to a meaningful participation by members of
both societies in the publication of the Journal. At
the same time we must preserve the 35 years of
financial, scientific, and editorial equity the Soc-

iety for Investigative Dermatology has built in our
Journal. Is this an important event? I believe it is
and the reason is quite clear. The field of investiga-
tive dermatology is not a large one and the amount
of first-class material available for publication is
not great. During the past year, we have seen that
several new dermatologic journals have been launched. I did not and do not currently feel they
are needed but that is not my business. If the
ESDR starts a new journal, I believe the JID will
continue to be strong but will not reach its full
potential—with the help of the ESDR I believe we
can publish a journal that is without peer and one
that represents the best of investigative dermatol-
y. We will keep in touch with all of you through
the editorial column as progress is made in this
area during the year. In turn we hope you will let us
know what your thoughts are regarding this issue
and any others that you feel are important to the
Journal.

Again, I hope you will all join me in thanking the
members of the Editorial Board for their contribu-
tions during the past year. Ruth Freinkel, Irma
Gigli, Arthur Eisen, Joseph McGuire, and Marvin
Karasek have made my job exciting and possible.
Kenneth Arndt has brought the Book Review
section to a new level of excellence, Howard Baden
has again assumed the responsibility for the forth-
coming Festschrift issue, and James Herndon has
served as the member of the Editorial Board
responsible for review articles. They have all
agreed to accept renomination to the Editorial
Board. The Editor is responsible for any errors
which have been made during the past year. The
person who really must receive credit for anything
that has gone well is Patricia K. Novak who for
the past three years has served the Journal with
imagination, care, and dedication.

| Table I. The Journal of Investigative Dermatology |
|-----------------|--------|--------|--------|
|                  | 1972-73 | 1973-74 | 1974-75 |
| **Journal Activity** |        |        |        |
| Volumes          | 59, 60  | 61, 62  | 63, 64  |
| Manuscripts Received | 194    | 260    | 230    |
| U.S.             | 68%    | 79%    | 75%    |
| Foreign          | 32%    | 21%    | 25%    |
| Pages Published  | 1018   | 1011   | 945    |
| Scientific Reports | 97     | 95     | 114    |
| Special Reports  | 48     | 46     | 25     |
| Total Reports    | 145    | 141    | 139    |
| Book Reviews     | 4      | 18     | 37     |
| Letters to the Editor | 3      | 5      | 6      |
| Editorials       | 4      | 3      | 1      |
| AAD/NPD Reports  | 4      | 3      | 1      |
| Reviewers Utilized | 179   | 228    | 245    |
| **Accept**       |        |        |        |
| Accept following revision | 26%   |        |        |
| Total (acceptance) | 46%   | 51%    | 58%    |
| Reject           |        |        |        |
| Reject following revision | 21%   | 2%     |        |
| Total (rejection) | 20%   | 23%    | 42%    |
| Under revision   |        |        |        |
| Under review     |        |        |        |

Society and we must express to them our thanks.
The reviewers' names appear in Table II.

Table III focuses attention on the unsolicited
papers which have been handled by the Journal
over the past seven years. I do not believe that
these data show anything other than that the
Journal is on stable ground. Papers continue to be
received at a rate of 16 to 18 a month and we have
accepted slightly less than half of those we received
during this year although the figure will be higher
once all the reviews and revisions are completed.
During the year we published, for the first time,
critiques on three papers. This has been done to
handle the problems that were significant editorial
dilemmas and is a technique which I believe will be
used frequently in the future. The last line indi-
cates that we have a reasonable number of subscri-
bbers and, although the data are not available, I
hope a reasonable proportion of readers.

What about the future? We shall publish the
24th Symposium on the Biology of Skin in July and
a Festschrift issue has been completed and will
appear in November. In addition, we are currently
dealing with several groups regarding future special
issues which can be published as supplementary
issues of the Journal, a procedure we feel is
important since we do not want to dilute the
amount of original data we publish.
TABLE II. Reviewers (1974–1975)

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Ernst N. Albert
Chester A. Alper
Thomas S. Arygris
Kazuo Aso
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Robert S. Bart
Mary Bell
Isadore A. Bernstein
Ernst H. Beutner
Gopal M. Bhattacharjee
David R. Bickers
Homer S. Black
Paul Bornstein
Irwin M. Braverman
Aiden S. Breathnach
Robert A. Briggaman
Peter G. Burk
Jean B. Burnett
Melodie M. Butz
Michael G. Caruso
S. G. Chakrabati
John E. Chimoskey
Soo Il Chung
William Clendenning
Charles G. Cochrane
Nancy H. Colburn
Rudi H. Corman
Alvin J. Cox
David Cram
Virginia B. Culbertson
Farrington Daniels, Jr.
Richard Dobson
Donald T. Downing
Elizabeth A. Duell
Anthony du Vivier
Ann M. Dvorak
Harold F. Dvorak
William H. Eaglestein
F. J. Ebling
Richard Edelson
Leon M. Edelstein
Peter M. Elias
William L. Epstein
David S. Feingold
Alexander A. Fisher
B. Allen Flaxman
Phillip Frost
Hugh H. Fudenberg
James E. Fulton, Jr.
Harry V. Gelboin
Seymour Gelfant
Barbara A. Gilchrest
Mary E. Gilmartin
Lowell A. Glasgow
Reynold J. M. Gold
Vivian Goldberg
Lowell A. Goldsmith
Marc E. Goldyne
Malcolm Greaves
Robert D. Griesemer
Kenneth M. Hairypran
George W. Hambrick, Jr.
Sven Hammerstrom
Leonard C. Harber
Robert A. Harper
Kenneth Hashimoto
Harley A. Haynes
Samuel Hellman
Harry J. Hurley, Jr.
Michael J. C. Im
Michael T. Jarratt
Robert E. Jordon
Guenter Kahn
Vasken M. der Kaloustian
Allan P. Kaplan
Lloyd E. King, Jr.
Sidney N. Klaus
Martin R. Klemperer
Albert M. Kligman
Arthur L. Knight
John M. Knox
Dennis D. Knutson
Louis Kopito
Gerald G. Krueger
William E. M. Lands
Gerald S. Lazarus
Charles W. Lees
Aaron B. Lerner
Walter F. Lever
A. L. Livingston
William Levis
Maurice E. Loomans
Aiden V. Loud
Edmund D. Lowney
Aurel P. Lupulescu
Marvin A. Lutzner
Charles J. MacDonald
Ian C. Mackenzie
Ian A. Magnus
Howard L. Maibach
Frederick D. Malkinson
Klaus E. Malten
Friedrich March
Richard R. Marples
Howard S. Mason
Micheline M.
Mathews-Roth
A. Gedeon Matoltsy
Marian E. Melish
I. A. Menon
David N. Menton
Beno Michel
Martin C. Mihm, Jr.
Laurence H. Miller
William Montagna
Michael L. Nielson
Abraham Novogrodsky
George F. Odland
Milton R. Okun
Norman Orentreich
Constantine E. Orfanos
Charles W. Parker
Frank Parker
John A. Parrish
Franklin Pass
Madhukar A. Pathak
Boyd J. Paulsen
Roger W. Pearson
Neal S. Penneys
Mark A. Peppercorn
Harold Perry
Stephanie Pincus
Herman Pinkus
Peter E. Pochi
Severin H. Pomerantz
Jerome R. Pomeranz
Christopher S. Potten
Darwin J. Prockop
Thomas T. Provost
Michael M. Pugliese
Donald M. Reisner
Walter Quevedo, Jr.
G. O. Renshaw
Ross Rocklin
Hans Rorsman
Theodore Rosett
Russell Ross
Daniel Roth
S. Irwin Roth
Richard W. Sagebiel
W. Mitchell Sams, Jr.
Beng Samuelson
I. Sarkany
Gundula Schaumburg-Lever
Robert J. Scheuplein
Claude H. Schmidt
Perry L. Scholnick
Peter H. Schur
Jan Schwarz
Makoto Seiji
Alan R. Shalita
Gerald Shklar
Inga Silberberg
David Skerrow
Kenneth R. Smith, Jr.
Richard S. Snell
Diane S. Snyder
Arthur J. Sober
Lawrence M. Soloman
Dorothy A. Somerville-
Miller
Jorgen Sondereggar
Nicholas A. Soter
Richard F. Spark
Irving B. Stern
John S. Strauss
William D. Stewart
Richard B. Stoughton
William T. Sumerlin
Gunnar Swanbeck
Martin J. Sweeney
J. Allan Swift
Joseph Tabachnick
Lewis M. Tenenbaum
Marvin Tanzer
David Taplin
J. L. Turk
Frederick Urbach
Jouni Uitto
John J. Voorhees
G. S. Walton
Gerald D. Weinstein
William L. Weston
Bert K. Whitten
George Wilgram
David I. Wilkinson
Ralph D. Winkinsson
Ralph C. Williams
Isaac Willis
Bertram M. Winer
Richard K. Winkelmann
Norman W. Winkler
Bruce Wintroub
Klaus Wolff
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Alvin S. Zelickson
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REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON MEMBERSHIP

The Membership Committee (Denny L. Tuffanelli, Chairman, Edgar B. Smith, Jerome Pomeranz, and W. Mitchell Sams, Jr., (ex officio)) approved the transfer of 11 active members to inactive membership. The following 21 applications for regular membership and 4 for individual sustaining membership have been received and approved:

Active Membership

Gopal M. Bhatnagar, Ph.D. Mattapan, Massachusetts
Jose G. Casas, M.D. Buenos Aires, Argentina
Anna Karola Doellinger, M.D. Montreal, Canada
Peter Fritsch, M.D. New Haven, Connecticut
Gary Lee Grove, Ph.D. Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
Merritt B. Grubb, M.D. Burlington, North Dakota
John T. Headington, M.D. Ann Arbor, Michigan
Rollin H. Heinzlinger, Ph.D. Grosse Pointe Park, Michigan
Jacob D. Kalmanson, Ph.D. Wheeling, West Virginia
Sanford Kornwise, M.D. Southfield, Michigan
Marguerite R. Lerner, M.D. New Haven, Connecticut
Francille M. MacFarland, M.D. Longwood, Florida
Paul F. A. Maderson, Ph.D. Brooklyn, New York
Stephen H. Mandy, M.D. Miami, Florida
Henry Menn, M.D. Miami, Florida
Gisela E. Moellman, Ph.D. New Haven, Connecticut
John A. Parrish, M.D. Weston, Massachusetts
John C. Slaughter, M.D. Evansville, Indiana
Kurt S. Stenn, M.D. Guilford, Connecticut
John A. Ward, Ph.D. Ramsey, New Jersey
Katherine A. Wier, M.D. Chicago, Illinois

Individual Sustaining Membership

Sharon O. Vigh Placentia, California
Frederick A. Walden Orange, California
Richard F. Wehr Martinez, Georgia

REPORT ON THE COMMITTEE ON HONORARY MEMBERSHIP

Professor J. W. H. Mali of the Netherlands, Professor Hans Storck of Switzerland, Professor Nils Thyresson of Sweden, and Professor A. Kukita of Japan were unanimously nominated for honorary membership.

Professor Mali’s research has been mainly in the area of vascular diseases of the lower extremities, where he has described acroangiodermatitis, Dutch margarine disease, allergic contact dermatitis, and atopic dermatitis. He has trained an excellent group of young investigators at Nijmegen University.

Professor Storck’s research has been mainly in the areas of contact and photocontact allergies, immunologic and circulatory aspects of atopic diseases, microbial allergy, the biology of radiation, and experimental aspects of melanoma. He has trained a group of excellent young investigators.

Professor Thyresson’s research has been mainly in the areas of the action of thallium on the hair follicle, contact allergy, acute febrile conglobated acne, and atopic dermatitis. He has played and continues to play an important role in Sweden in the national plan for medical education and postgraduate medical education.

Professor Kukita has just become Professor of Dermatology at the University of Tokyo. He has worked in the past with Dr. Thomas B. Fitzpatrick and developed the radioactive tyrosine method for demonstration of tyrosinase. Recently, he has been professor at the University of Sapporo where he developed a strong department with emphasis on pigment research.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON SCIENTIFIC PROGRAMS

The Committee on Scientific Programs, consisting of I. A. Bernstein, Ph.D., Chairman, Peter E. Pochi, M.D., and Kirk D. Wuepper, M.D., met in Chicago, Illinois, on December 7, 1974, for preliminary planning and in Denver, Colorado, on January 30–31, 1975, to arrange the scientific programs for the 36th Annual Meeting in Atlantic City, New Jersey, May 1–3, 1975, and for the Second Joint Meeting of the Society for Investigative Dermatology and the European Society for Dermatological Research in Amsterdam, The Netherlands, June 9–13, 1975. Clayton E. Wheeler, Jr., M.D., President, and W. Mitchell Sams, Jr., M.D., Secretary-Treasurer, also attended the meeting in Chicago. Dr. Sams was present at the meeting in Denver. The Program Committee of the European Society (Drs. G. Moretti, E. Christophers, and E. Jung) joined the SID Committee in Denver to plan the program for the Joint Meeting.

Poster sessions, as an innovation, were programmed for both meetings. This alternative to the short oral presentation is designed to provide easier communication between the presenter and individuals. This format should allow more leisurely consideration of the posted data, and, therefore, a more meaningful interchange of relevant ideas than generally does occur through the oral presentation. Individuals who attend these sessions and those who present poster displays will be polled for
their reactions to this technique of scientific communication.

Of the 80 abstracts received for the Annual Meeting, 14 were programmed for oral presentation and 21 for the poster session. Insofar as possible, an author’s preference governed the type of presentation to which a particular paper was assigned. When the author indicated no preference, the paper was assigned to an oral or to the poster session depending upon the Committee’s view of which format would present the material to the best advantage for the author and the audience.

This year the Program Committee chose the first recipient of the William Montagna Lectureship to honor the contributions of Dr. Montagna to the field of dermatology and to the welfare of the Society. Kenneth M. Halprin, M.D., was chosen to receive this award. His paper entitled “Cell Function, Cyclic Nucleotides and the Epidermis” is part of the program for the Annual Meeting. The Committee also arranged a special lecture by Vincent T. Marchesi, M.D., Ph.D., for this program. For the Joint Meeting, 131 abstracts were judged by the combined Program Committees of the two Societies. Forty-five papers were programmed for oral presentation and 26 for presentation as posters. As has traditionally been the practice for selecting papers to be programmed at meetings of the Society for Investigative Dermatology, the individuals adjudicating abstracts for inclusion in the program of the Joint Meeting did so without knowledge of the laboratory in which the work was done or the names of the authors.

The two committees, acting jointly, also arranged for 16 workshops to be presented at the Joint Meeting. The subjects of the workshops were the choices, equally, of the two Program Committees. An effort was made to have the directors representative of both Societies. By agreement between the two Program Committees, two special lecturers for the program were chosen from the United States and two from Europe. The special lecturers scheduled included Leonard C. Harber, M.D., speaking on “Mechanisms of Drug Photosensitivity Reactions,” Richard L. Dobson, M.D., speaking on “Function of Eccrine Sweat Glands,” Dr. John Vane of the United Kingdom speaking on “Prostaglandins,” and Dr. Harald Zur Hausen of West Germany speaking on “Tumor Viruses.”

The Committee wishes to note that the submission of supplemental material was very useful in formulating decisions to program or not to program special abstracts and recommends the increased use of this option by investigators.

REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

The Finance Committee composed of E. William Rosenberg, M.D., Chairman, G. Thomas Jansen, M.D., Norman Orentreich, M.D., Eugene M. Farber, M.D., and Mark Allen Everett, M.D., gave the following report.

The assets of the Society have been primarily in savings institutions, bonds, bond funds, and other senior securities. While these did not share in the rapid market advances of the past few years they were hurt relatively less than many portfolios during the past year. At its meeting in December 1974 the committee decided it was too late to sell and too early to buy securities. The assets of the Society remain, therefore, as they were at the beginning of the year. Enough funds were generated and on hand to encourage the Executive Committee to proceed with the awarding of a fellowship to a young scientist. It was felt that funds were not adequate to support a second fellowship.

REPORT OF THE GOALS COMMITTEE

A meeting of the Committee on Goals was held on December 7, 1974, in Chicago, Illinois, with the following members present: Drs. D. Martin Carter, James H. Herndon, Jr. Richard L. Dobson, John S. Strauss, Farrington Daniels, Jr., and W. Mitchell Sams, Jr.

The Goals Committee was asked by the Board to deal with four concerns facing the Society: (1) the number of national meetings and the relationship with the AFCR and the AMA; (2) the concept of regional meetings; (3) attempts to make the national meetings more relevant and interesting; and (4) attempts to make the Society more useful to the clinician members.

Members of the Goals Committee agreed that these concerns are interrelated and that recommendations could not be made on any questions alone. It was acknowledged that since Dermatology is a small field, cooperation between clinicians’ and investigators’ interests should be encouraged.

The Society should continue to provide a scientific forum where research data can be presented for critical peer review. The relationship with the AFCR and the ASCI at the spring meeting should thus be maintained. The Committee endorsed: the use of poster papers to facilitate exchange of ideas and scientific information; the continued presentation of the Resident–Fellow Forum; and inclusion of invited lecturers to review investigative problems of major interest. The Committee recognizes that this meeting primarily attracts research workers.

Whether the SID–AMA affiliation at a second meeting should continue depends upon whether the Society can find alternate ways to involve clinician members in the affairs of the Society. With this in mind, the Committee endorsed the continuation and promotion of regional meetings, with financial support from the Society. It was hoped that regional programs would encourage presentation of investigative work by resident–fellows and established scientists, as well as of results of clinical studies. Regional meetings should be publicized to all persons interested in cutaneous
biology and medicine, whether or not they are members of the Society.

The Committee agreed that it would be helpful to all members for The Journal of Investigative Dermatology to solicit and publish comprehensive review articles dealing with progress in basic problems in dermatology.

Finally, the Committee urged the Society to pursue means of cooperation with the American Academy of Dermatology. It was suggested that the Program Committee of the Academy might approve, for the December meeting, an annual symposium devoted to presentation of papers selected from those read at the national SID meeting and from those published in the JID. The emphasis, here, would be to highlight the year's progress in investigative dermatology for the benefit of all dermatologists.

REPORT OF THE AUDITING COMMITTEE

The Auditing Committee composed of Peter J. Lynch, M.D., Chairman, Kenneth H. Neldner, M.D., and William L. Weston, M.D., reviewed and examined the records regarding the 1974 receipts and disbursements of the Society. They also examined the 1974 auditor's report prepared by the accounting firm of Siecke, Newman and Company, Inc. They found that the financial records of the Society have been kept in good order and that the income and expenses described are both appropriate and reasonable. They believed that the auditor's report accurately reviewed and stated the financial status of the Society.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC RELATIONS

The Committee on Public Relations composed of Marie-Louise Johnson, M.D., Chairman, Kenneth Arndt, M.D., Alan R. Shalita, M.D., Lawrence M. Solomon, M.D., John M. Knox, M.D., and W. Mitchell Sams, Jr., M.D. (ex-officio), reports as follows:

Part I—The Exhibit

The Committee on Public Relations of the Society for Investigative Dermatology has reviewed the proposal of one of its members, Dr. Lawrence M. Solomon, concerning an exhibit at the Chicago Museum of Science and Industry. As Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Medical Exhibits of the Museum, Dr. Solomon is in a privileged position to evaluate our proposal and to benefit the specialty. At this writing no exhibit concerning the epidermis is at the museum, yet several groups including The Citizen's for Awareness of VD, the osteopathic physicians, and the podiatrists, all seek to advance their cause utilizing skin.

As a museum with a constantly increasing visitor population, now reviewed by some 3.2 million people annually, it is, in the considered opinion of the Committee, an ideal forum for a worthy demonstration of dermatologic problems. The skin as a showcase for research and demonstration has a decided advantage. The wide range of interest and expertise of the dermatologist from the superficial to the systemic will be apparent. All branches of the specialty through their representative societies may well want to contribute to an exhibit on cutaneous medicine.

For those who might resent the limiting aspects of a stationary production, provision might be made for transportation or duplication of the exhibit in whole or in part. The initial suggestion is for 1000 square feet of space at $100 per square foot. It should have a projected life of 20 to 30 years and would be fully maintained by the Museum.

The consensus of the Committee concerning the exhibit has been transmitted to the Board of Directors of the Society for Investigative Dermatology and to the Public Relations Committee of the American Academy of Dermatology. Cautious approval has been the first reaction with encouragement to explore the possibility.

It is therefore the proposal of the Committee to the membership that an official ad hoc committee hereinafter called the Exhibit Committee be established to elaborate, with the assistance of professional consultation, a detailed plan of proposed exhibit, if not an actual physical mock up (Phase I).

The broad recommendations for design offered by the Public Relations Committee for consideration is a general exhibit on physiology and function of the skin dramatically done by outsized models and stress simulations, understandable to school children and informative to adults. There should be the capability of cubicle viewing of audiovisual materials by cassettes which would cover a wide range of dermatologic situations in depth, appealing to the whole spectrum of potential audience from the intelligent child to the graduate engineer and even to the dermatologist. This part of the exhibit could be readily augmented, updated, and transported.

Seed money to the amount of $3000 for Phase I would be solicited from the Dermatology Foundation. Since we all share in the responsibility of fostering good public relations for dermatology it is suggested that funds, over and above those needed for the Health and Nutrition Survey, funds that originated by government contract for a job done and have remained in the Dermatology Foundation, might, with the approval of the Council of the National Program for Dermatology and the Trustees of the Foundation, be released for such a special project that should be embraced by the entire specialty.

The search for substantial funding would be initiated when the presentation package was complete. It should be undertaken by the Dermatology Foundation which will then have something in hand that is marketable to industry. Since the pharmaceutical houses have already contributed to education to such an extensive degree we might look to the cosmetic industries which, in the light
of recent governmental pressures, may be seeking to cooperate in educational spheres. It is possible that a cosmetic house might agree to provide all or part of the necessary funds, since endorsement by a company is quite apparent in the exhibit as presented at the Museum.

Phase II will be the actual construction of the exhibit undertaken with the consultative support of the funding organization but in accordance with the plan of the Exhibit Committee.

**Part II—Other Efforts**

In nonfocused attempts to educate the lay and professional public about Dermatology it is felt that the population faced may be too heterogeneous for sporadic efforts to register a measurable impact. It is the proposal therefore of the Committee that there be a solid regular effort to reach the nondermatologist physician in major medical magazines. It should be possible to mold medical opinion by an orchestrated campaign through letters, editorials, and articles. Within the specialty itself and under a guidance of a task force devoted to this effort we feel that the editors of *Medical World News* and *Hospital Practice* would be receptive to proposals from the Society to beam to the medical world the recent advances in dermatologic research. It would include new efforts in health care delivery underscoring the general concern of the dermatologist that the best dermatologic expertise is provided for those in need.

It is further proposed that press conferences be called periodically, not just at the time of the Academy, by topic and grouped experts, to update reporters concerning dermatologic advances. This no doubt would reach the lay public to whom it would be beamed, rather than physicians, but in a regular fashion, twice yearly, at alternating centers, it should prove a significant way to keep the specialty front and center. For public relations, efforts at continuing education and prophylactic medicine are as noteworthy as bench research. It is anticipated that the data from the Health and Nutrition Survey will continue to generate an amazing concerned interest.

To implement these proposals it is the recommendation of the Committee that two task forces be developed each led by a Public Relations Committee member. The Printed Word Task Force would outline the information the Society wants promulgated and the kind of impact desired. Together they will devise editorials, articles, and letters which, appearing concurrently in general medical magazines, will reach a nondermatologist physician audience. Within their ranks they may reassign topics so that subgroups with geographic localization may more readily work together to develop one prong of the PR attack. The Spoken Word Task Force would organize press conferences by topic, by talent, and by location. Frequency and familiarity would be preferred to once yearly ex cathedra pronouncements. Responsibility for content with all task forces would rest with the individuals but the Society would get fair plaudits.

**Summary**

The Committee on Public Relations summarizes its activities of the year as proposing and laying the ground work for an exhibit at the Museum of Science and Industry. It has probed the feasibility of orchestrated coverage on dermatologic matters in general medical magazines. It proposes that task forces be established to take advantage of the prepared soil and to further the efforts made at press conferences with a regional thrust and more frequent exposure.

**REPORT OF THE AD HOC COMMITTEE ON RESIDENTS AND FELLOWS IN THE SOCIETY**

The Ad Hoc Committee on Residents and Fellows in the Society composed of Isadore A. Bernstein, Ph.D., Chairman, Melodie M. Buxman, M.D., James H. Dechard, M.D., Marc E. Goldyne, M.D., Peter J. Lynch, M.D., Gerald G. Krueger, M.D., and Thomas T. Provost, M.D., organized the Sixth Irvin H. Blank Resident-Fellow Forum presented at the 36th Annual Meeting of the Society for Investigative Dermatology. Dr. Kirk D. Wuepper moderated the program entitled "Complement and Cutaneous Disease." Speakers were as follows: Michael M. Frank, M.D., Shaun Ruddy, M.D., Thomas T. Provost, M.D., and Robert E. Jordon, M.D. With the help of Dr. Melodie M. Jordon and the Secretary of the Society, Dr. Sams, a strong effort was made to publicize among residents the titles and names of the speakers in the hope of attaining a large attendance. As in previous years, abstracts of the talks presented by the four speakers, were mailed to all residents two weeks prior to the annual meeting.