

IN MEMORIAM—JAMES A. SHANNON

James A. Shannon, M.D., Ph.D., a founder of the science of nephrology and director of the National Institutes of Health from 1955 to 1968, died at the age of 89 on May 20, 1994. Dr. Shannon, a graduate of Holy Cross College, received his M.D. from New York University in 1929 and a Ph.D. in physiology, also from N.Y.U., in 1935. He was a member of the N.Y.U. faculty from 1932 to 1946. In his work with Homer Smith, he contributed greatly to the establishment of the principles and methods for measuring glomerular filtration rate, renal blood flow, and transport maxima in humans. He received the Presidential Medal of Merit in 1948 for his leadership in the development of antimalaria drugs, urgently needed by American forces in the South Pacific in World War II. From 1946 to 1949, he was director of the Squibb Institute for Medical Research. He moved to the NIH in 1949. He was first associate director for research at the National Heart Institute, then associate director for intramural research of all of the institutes, and then became director of NIH in 1955. As director, he led the remarkable expansion of biomedical research in this country that occurred in the late 1950s and 1960s. Biomedical scientists, nephrologists in particular, owe much to the great leadership of James A. Shannon.

JOINT ASN-ISN CONFERENCE

A joint ASN-ISN Conference on "Structural Biology: Applications to the Study of Membrane Protein Function" will be held October 29–November 1, 1994, in Orlando, FL. Sponsors include the American Society of Nephrology, the International Society of Nephrology, and the National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases. Conference organizers are Donald Engelman and Peter Aronson. Topics will include: general principles of protein structure, mechanisms of protein folding and stability, methods to determine membrane protein structure, and approaches to studying structure-function relationships. For general information and information about trainee and young investigator travel awards, contact Martha Wagner, ASN Headquarters, 1200 19th St., NW, Washington, DC, 20036. Telephone (202) 857-1190; FAX (202) 223-4579.

THE NATIONAL KIDNEY FOUNDATION 1994 ANNUAL SCIENTIFIC MEETING

The National Kidney Foundation (NKF) will hold its Annual Scientific Meeting at the Orange County Convention Center in Orlando, FL, on October 24–26, 1994. The meeting will offer state-of-the-art presentations and symposia on the pathogenesis, diagnosis, cure, and prevention of diseases of the kidney and urinary tract. Participants will be provided with the most current information with which to formulate decisions in the direct care of their patients. Program topics include: Women in Nephrology, Molecular Biology for the Nephrologist: What the Future Holds, Unusual Glomerular Diseases, Nutrition in the Renal Patient, and much more. For further details and registration information, please contact the National Kidney Foundation, 30 E. 33rd Street, New York, NY 10016; (212) 889-2210; (800) 622-9010.

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