

TWENTY-FIFTH YEAR OF THE SOCIETY

1985-1986

The twenty-fifth annual meeting of the Society of Toxicology was held at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in New Orleans, LA, on March 3-7, 1986. The President, Dr. Emil Pfitzer, called the business meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. on Wednesday, March 5, and announced that over 3,000 persons had registered for the meeting. He expressed his appreciation for having had the opportunity to serve the Society as its President in its Silver Anniversary year, and thanked all those who had participated in planning the scientific and social activities.

As a first order of business, the President asked the "Founders" to stand and be recognized. Those present were: Drs. Frederick Coulston, Victor A. Drill, William B. Deichmann, Harold C. Hodge, Paul S. Larson and C. Boyd Shaffer. Harry W. Hays was absent. Kenneth P. DuBois and Arnold J. Lehman are deceased. The President then asked the "Charter" members to stand and be recognized. He noted that of the original 183 charter members (see Appendix IV), 121 were still listed in the directory as either active or retired.

The membership, Dr. Pfitzer said, was growing steadily each year and that in 1985-86, 292 new members had been admitted to the Society and those who were present would be wearing green ribbons, and asked the older members to welcome them to the Society.

The Regional Chapters and Specialty Sections have added a new dimension to the Society of Toxicology and Dr. Pfitzer asked the officers to stand and be recognized.

A very important segment of the Society is made up of members from outside the United States with 26 nations being represented. The President asked those in attendance to stand. Dr. Torbjorn Malmfors, representing the Swedish Society of Toxicology, who had conducted the highly successful IUTOX summer school session, congratulated the Society on its 25th anniversary and said it has been a great inspiration to the Swedish Society and other societies throughout Europe and Asia.

Dr. Pfitzer read a letter from William E. Hays, Counsel to the Society of Toxicology from 1961 to 1971, congratulating the Society on its "remarkable growth and its great contribution to the field of toxicology," and expressed his pleasure in having served the Society in framing its constitution and bylaws. Neither William E. Hays, nor his son, William C. Hays, the Society's present Counsel, could be present.

The President asked the members to stand for a moment of silence in memory of those who had died during the year, and once again, to remember the two deceased Founders, Arnold J. Lehman and Kenneth P. DuBois.

The Constitution and By-laws provide for the election by the Council of no more than two honorary members per year who are not members of the Society but are recognized for outstanding and sustained achievement in toxicology. At its first annual meeting, the Society had conferred this honor on three distinguished scientists: Dr. Torald H. Sollmann, Dr. Felix Wolfgang von Gettingen and Dr. Eugene Maximillian Karl Geiling. Since then four others have

been added to the list: Dr. Ethel Browing, Dr. R. Tecwyn Williams, Dr. Norton Nelson, and Dr. George Hitchings. The Council this year nominated and approved two honorary members, Dr. Bernard B. Brodie retired from the National Institutes of Health, with Dr. Allan H. Conney reading the citation, and Dr. Herbert Remmer, Institute of Toxicology, Tubingen, Federal Republic of Germany, with Dr. Marion Anders reading the citation. President Pfitzer presented plaques to each of these new honorary members.

A special award was given to the National Library of Medicine in recognition of its service to toxicology. The citation read, "On the occasion of the sesquicentennial of the National Library of Medicine, the Society of Toxicology acknowledges the sustained high quality of the specialized services provided for the past two decades by the library's toxicology information program to the biomedical services and to toxicology in particular."

The Secretary, Dr. I. Glenn Sipes, announced the newly elected officers and committee members and said Council was particularly pleased with the membership's response in voting. Effective May 1, 1986, the Vice President-Elect is Dr. James E. Gibson and new Councilors will be Drs. Michael A. Gallo and Christopher Wilkinson. Elected to the Education Committee were Drs. Donald R. Buhler and Mary Jo Vodcicnik, and to the Membership Committee, Drs. Rogene Henderson and William R. Hewitt.

The representative on the nominating committee for the Regional Chapters was Dr. Sheldon Murphy; for the Specialty Sections, Dr. Meryl Karol; for the past presidents, Dr. Robert Dixon, and for the membership-at-large, Dr. Ian Munro. They were all requested to stand and be recognized. The new procedure for nominating candidates for officers and elected committees appeared to work very well and brought more Society participation into the election process.