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East Meets West at 12th International Thyroid Congress

Nearly one thousand thyroid specialists from around the world converged in Kyoto for the 12th International Thyroid Congress, held from October 22nd to October 27th, 2000. The ATA contingent consisted of 200 members and guests, as well as hundreds more from the European Thyroid Association (ETA), the Latin American Thyroid Society (LATS) and the Asia and Oceania Thyroid Association (AOTA). The formalities began with the opening ceremonies on October 23, 2000, at the Kyoto International Conference Hall. Warm welcomes were offered by our Japanese hosts Junji Konishi, M.D., Chair of the Local Organizing Committee, and Shigenobu Nagataki, M.D., President of the 12th ITC. Shunichi Yamashita, M.D., Social Chair of the ITC served as Master of Ceremonies. A highlight of the opening ceremony was the presence of His and Her Imperial Highnesses Prince and Princess Takamodo. The Prince offered a warm welcome and greetings to the attendees, in flawless English! ATA President



His and her Imperial Highnesses Prince and Princess Takamodo with Shigenobu Nagataki, M.D. at the opening ceremony of the 12th ITC.

Marty Surks greeted the Congress on behalf of the ATA, and thanked the Prince and Princess for their attendance; he also thanked members of our sister societies for helping to organize the 12th ITC. The opening speeches were followed by scientific papers, and to the delight of conference attendees, the Prince and Princess honored the first several presenters by remaining to listen to their papers.

The International Congress provided something for everyone. There were outstanding daily sci-

entific and clinical sessions, meet the Professor luncheons, and for the insomniacs, early morning risers. In addition, there were sight-seeing opportunities unique to Japan, both in Kyoto itself, and on a day trip to Nara. The weather didn't always cooperate, but the treasures of Kyoto and its environs did. Since the majority of ATA members were unable to attend the ITC, more than the usual number of photos are included in this issue for your to enjoy. More pictures are already up on the 12th ITC website.

Robert Utiger, M.D. Selected as Editor of CLINICAL THYROIDOLOGY

ATA member Bob Utiger has accepted the position of Editor-in-Chief of CLINICAL THYROIDOLOGY. As you will recall from the last issue of the SIGNAL, the ATA will begin publishing the periodical after the first of the year. The ATA could not have picked any-

one better suited to edit CLINICAL THYROIDOLOGY than Bob Utiger. Bob's editorial experience is vast and varied: he has served as Deputy Editor of the NEW ENGLAND JOURNAL OF MEDICINE for the past 12 years, and has now retired from that position in December of this year. In addi-

tion, since 1991, he has co-edited with Lew Braverman, Werner and Ingbar's THE THYROID. He also serves as co-editor of the Endocrine Society's CD-ROM series UpToDate, and will continue to do so. And, in his spare time, he'll continue to teach Harvard Medical students. Currently,

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



A Call To Action. As we set sail into the new millennium, our ship will no doubt continue to face many chal-

lenges. It is important that we not only try to stay afloat, but also to ask "where are we going?" To be masters of our destiny, we must actively decide who we are, what we want to be, and how we get there. In this light I have had the pleasure to work with our Past-President, Marty Surks, and other leaders of our association over the past few months to initiate a strategic planning process to establish a

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President's Message

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vision and mission for the ATA, and to assess our strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats. The draft plan, which will soon be distributed, proposes:

Our Vision: The ATA provides outstanding leadership in the thyroid field by promoting excellence and innovation in clinical care, research, education, and public advocacy.

Our Mission: The ATA will be the leading professional organization focused on the biology and disorders of the thyroid gland. The overall strategic directions are:

Research and Educational Excellence: Sustain and build upon the ATA standards of research and educational excellence.

Clinical Excellence and Relevance: Enlarge the ATA's hallmarks of excellence and relevance in clinical care and information, consistently addressing what clinicians need in their practice.

Expansion of Collaborations: Transform the ATA into a highly collaborative organization that partners with sister societies and others to advance the aims of the

ATA and the field.

Membership Growth: Significantly increase ATA impact through strategic membership growth that maintains the traditions of distinctiveness and prestige.

Patient and Policy Leadership: Expand ATA influence through increased meaningful recognition in the public, patient, and policy arenas.

Resource Enhancement: Augment the financial, human, and organizational resource bases of the ATA.

Please reflect on these aims and take time to let me know your thoughts about this plan.

Some of our on-going efforts are consistent with some of the key goals outlined by the draft Strategic Plan: (1) membership growth initiated by Orlo Clark and Marty Surks; (2) the Campaign for Thyroid Discovery spearheaded by Pepper Davis; and (3) development of laboratory medicine practice guidelines for thyroid disorders led by Carole Spencer. Of note, the introduction of our new publication, CLINICAL THYROIDOLOGY, with Bob Utiger as its Editor-in-Chief, and made possible by the leader-

ship of our Secretary, Paul Ladenson, is most exciting.

Also, I would like to refocus our attention on continual improvement of our Annual Meeting by making it more responsive to the needs of the practicing thyroidologist, while maintaining the high quality of the scientific sessions. In this view, I have asked Wolf Dillmann and Mike Kaplan to serve as Chair and Clinical Chair, respectively, of this year's Program Committee. We must increase our outreach to fellow members, physicians, patients and the general public by advancing our website capabilities and our collaborative efforts with other societies. And finally, we must greatly augment our impact with governmental agencies to argue persuasively for increases in funding of thyroid research, and with regulatory bodies for recognition of thyroid practice services by energizing our advocacy activities.

This year, I challenge each of you to action. One little step. Do just one additional "deed" for the association: for example,

nominate a potential new member, submit a manuscript to THYROID, suggest a member for an award, volunteer for a committee assignment, make a suggestion for improvement, or contribute resources for our ongoing and future projects.

The ATA has a long and glorious history, decorated by many achievements in both basic science and clinical aspects of thyroid medicine. I believe that we will grow even stronger in the coming years as we gather together as a team to make our vision become reality.

I am truly excited and deeply honored to have this opportunity to serve this year as the President of our beloved association. I only hope that I can fulfill even part of the trust that you have bestowed upon me. Best wishes to you, and to us, for a most productive and exhilarating new year!



WILLIAM W. CHIN, M.D.

Robert Utiger, M.D. Selected as Editor of CLINICAL THYROIDOLOGY

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CLINICAL THYROIDOLOGY is published three times a year, and approximately 20 articles are reviewed for each issue. Bob hasn't decided yet whether or not to increase the number of papers reviewed, but he does intend to change the layout a bit, perhaps adding illustrations and tables. In addition, he says a web posting is a possibility in the future, and adding associate editors is also under consideration. We are sure that under Bob Utiger's leadership, CLINICAL THYROIDOLOGY will not only continue to be a valuable resource for practicing thyroidologists, but will improve also. Thanks for coming aboard, Bob, and we wish you well.



The ATA has many irons in the fire: The Campaign for Thyroid Research, our young SIGNAL and CLINICAL THYROIDOLOGY publications, and development of the ATA Strategic Plan. Your officers, committee activists, and staff have tackled these projects with lean manpower and meager financial resources, but we see gratifying progress on all fronts.

While launching these initiatives, the ATA office has also had ongoing responsibility for the Association's routine business: member services, committee support, meeting planning, dues collection, general financial management, philanthropic development, and responding to professional, patient, and press inquiries. As years have passed, most of these tasks have grown in size, complexity, and service expectations.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

For the past 17 years, under the leadership of Secretaries Colum Gorman, Len Wartofsky, and Marty Surks and me, the ATA has risen to meet these challenges in several ways: We have been fortunate to have a series of extremely able, versatile, diligent, and dedicated administrators - and for the past seven years, the superb Diane Miller. We have implemented computerization in a cost-effective manner, staying a bit behind the cutting edge but making few tactical errors in information technology. Over the past 18 months we have added a second full-time Special Projects Manager, principally to coordinate the Campaign for Thyroid Discovery, and expand access to our office. We have outsourced other projects, like our new publications. And we have relied heavily on the spirit of volunteerism that is so deep and wide among the ATA's officers, committees, and membership at large.

In the months ahead we will

see a renewed vision and new specific aims arise from the ATA Strategic Plan process. These will challenge us to further enhance the Association's capabilities, so that we remain the most authoritative source of knowledge and practice pertaining to basic and clinical thyroidology.

Make no mistake about it - achieving these goals will require more manpower and funding. We must be imaginative in identifying new resources, and wise in pacing our expansion. And we must not sacrifice the intimate collegiality that sets us apart from other societies. But we must also recognize that the ATA cannot remain a "Mom and Pop" operation if we want to reach our full potential.

With warm New Year's wishes,



PAUL LADENSON, M.D.

Martin Surks, M.D. Summarizes His Term As President



Serving as President of the American Thyroid Association in the year 2000 has been the greatest honor of my professional career. As many of you know, service to the community has always been important in all of my professional and nonprofessional activities. Among the many organizations I have served, I have the greatest affection for the ATA and for my many friends in this organization.

It's hard to believe that my year as your President is over. As I reflect on the many activities of the past year, three themes emerge which warrant mention and your attention: recruitment of new members, collaborative efforts with other endocrine organizations, and a re-definition of the role of President.

Membership: As reported at these meetings previously, our active membership has been growing slowly and many of our leaders are concerned that our membership is 'graying.' During the last several years, concerted efforts to recruit active members have been rewarded by attracting a number of new members both in the clinical and research areas. I have expanded that effort and personally sponsored 23 doctors for active membership. These are individuals who have repeatedly attended ATA meetings but believed either that they would not be accepted as active members or did not personally know an ATA member who might sponsor them. I believe that there are still many clinicians and researchers in our respective communities who would benefit from membership in the ATA and who would enhance our organization. I challenge each of

you to reflect on the endocrine colleagues in your communities, identify and then sponsor one or more new members during the next year. Attracting new members guarantees the continued vitality of the ATA, both in clinical thyroidology and in thyroid research.

The second step in attaining a growing membership is retention of new members. We are actually recruiting a number of young members, many still in training, as associate members. Although an analysis is not yet complete, I have a strong suspicion that many of these young associate members will not 'graduate' to active membership. When I joined the ATA, membership numbered just under 300 and I quickly became part of the group. This was because of the collegiality of the ATA as an organization and the kindness and interest of many members. I quickly felt that the ATA was my clinical and research home. I believe that we, as active members, are not individually doing enough to meet our new members, take them under our wings and encourage them to participate in ATA activities. I challenge you to help integrate new members into the ATA so that they will also feel that this is their clinical and research home. Next year, as your immediate past-president, I hope to work with incoming president, Bill Chin, on this important issue and will continue to do so thereafter.

Collaboration with other endocrine organizations: In this era of restricted funds and constraints of time, no association or society can do all that it wishes for the medical and scientific community and our patients. In the past, medical societies have almost always worked independently of each other and often competitively. This is clearly counter-produc-

tive because competition results in duplication of activities and wastes our most valuable resources, professional time and money. Also, it often results in confusion particularly amongst our patients. One of my principal goals was to break this mold by encouraging collaborative efforts with other endocrine groups, which would take advantage of the strengths of each organization. I believe that we have had some successes in four activities:

Patient Education Brochures:

As you know, the ATA and the Thyroid Foundation of America collaboratively developed a set of patient education brochures a number of years ago. Patient education materials have also been produced by the Thyroid Society for Education and Research, the Thyroid Foundation of Canada, and the National Graves' Disease Foundation. Since our brochures were clearly in need of updating and modification, the ATA suggested that a single set of patient education materials be developed that could be used by all patient education and support groups. A 'Thyroid Alliance' was formed that included the ATA, the patient education groups listed above and the Hormone Foundation, and also included the American Association of Clinical Endocrinologists (AACE), and The Endocrine Society. The initial goal of the Alliance is to develop a new set of patient education materials that can be used by all. Initial drafts are now being produced by the ATA Education Committee, chaired by Jim Hennessey. All groups will then have the opportunity to suggest revisions and modifications. Final versions will be available to each group for their own use and will appear on the ATA web site.

Curriculum for Training in Endocrinology, Diabetes and Metabolism:

The Association of Program Directors in Endocrinology, Diabetes and Metabolism (APDEM) embarked on development of a curriculum for endocrine training programs that not only would satisfy the requirements of the Residency Review Commission but also encourage uniformity in endocrine training at a high standard. ATA members participated in this project along with members of the American Diabetes Association, The Endocrine Society, AACE, and the American Society for Bone and Mineral Research. The new 'gold standard' curriculum for endocrine training is now available to all training programs and appears on the APDEM website (APDEM.org).

Endocrine Workforce Study:

The ATA is participating with The Endocrine Society, AACE, The American Diabetes Association, and The Lawson Wilkins Pediatric Endocrine Society in an endocrine workforce study. The study will be completed within the next several months and should define the current endocrine workforce, both clinical and research, and provide the basis for projection of future manpower needs.

Consensus Conference on Subclinical Thyroid Disease:

The ATA is coordinating an effort to mount a Consensus Conference on the important emerging clinical problem of identification and treatment of subclinical thyroid dysfunction. We will collaborate with AACE and The Endocrine Society and have input from all interested patient support and education groups. This conference is in the formative phase, under the leadership of David Cooper.

Martin Surks, M.D. President's Summary
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Role of the ATA president: During the last several years, I have noticed a change in the role of the ATA President. The office continues to be a great honor and presidents, in the past, have been mainly involved in the management of ATA committee activities, rather than in broader efforts. Now that ATA has committed to more long-term projects, that cannot be completed during a one-year term in office, you will find that your Past-President, President and President-Elect are collaborating on a number of projects. One example is the Campaign for Thyroid Discovery, initiated during the term of Past-President Paul Davis. I have devoted considerable time and effort to the Campaign during my year as President and, undoubtedly, Bill Chin, your President-Elect will continue working on this project. Similarly, attracting new ATA members, stimulated by Orlo Clark, continued during my term and will continue well into future administrations.

When President-Elect Bill Chin suggested that the ATA

embark on a formal long-term planning process, I was happy to facilitate the effort before my term was over. You will be hearing much more about the results of this long-term planning for ATA from Bill Chin. As I look into the future, I see more and more projects that will nurtured and developed by a succession of ATA Presidents.

Finally, it is no secret that most of the ATA's work is carried out by the Secretary and Treasurer, Paul Ladenson and David Cooper, supported by highly professional administrative staff, led by Diane Miller. Having been in the Secretary's position myself, I know how much work they do on a daily basis. These individuals and the members of the ATA committees have done most of the work of the organization. I am deeply indebted to them and greatly appreciate their support.

MARTIN SURKS, M.D.

NRC Issues Final Ruling On Use Of Iodine 131

After almost two years of deliberation, the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) has issued its final ruling on training and experience requirements for the use of I¹³¹. The NRC ruled that the current 80 hour requirement for endocrinologists will remain in force, and rejected a 700 hour requirement that had been proposed by the agreement states (the 31 states that recognize NRC standards as a minimum). Furthermore, the new rule also requires the agreement states to adopt standards that are compatible with the NRC rule, rather than allowing these states to adopt more stringent guidelines. Finally, the new rule decreases the

number of patients that are needed for "hands on" experience from 10 to three for both hyperthyroidism and thyroid cancer. Importantly, the recent NCR ruling preserves the ability of practicing endocrinologists to treat their patients. Had the 700 hour requirement been placed in effect, physicians new in practice would almost certainly have been prevented from using I¹³¹. AACE (represented by Drs. Jack Baskin and Carlos Hamilton), the Endocrine Society (represented by Dr. David Cooper) and the ATA worked together to lead the effort to block changes in the rule. Drs. Les DeGroot and Ken Burman represented the ATA at NRC rulemaking workshops.

Anthony Hollenberg, M.D. Receives Van Meter Award

Anthony Hollenberg, M.D.

was awarded the year 2000 Van Meter Award at the 12th International Thyroid Congress in Kyoto. Tony was introduced by his mentor and co-investigator, Fredric Wondisford, M.D.

Tony's Van Meter lecture centered around the role of co-repressors on thyroid hormone action, and the regulation of TRH gene expression. A Canadian, Tony received his M.D. in 1986 from the University of Calgary, and decided to take his additional training in the U.S. going Beth Israel Hospital in Boston for an internal medicine residency. He then spent 1989 to 1990 training in clinical endocrinology at Massachusetts General Hospital, after which he returned to Beth Israel for a one year chief residency in medicine. He then joined Larry Jameson's lab for a two year fellowship, to study gonadotropins. In 1993, Tony returned to Beth Israel as a staff endocrinologist, and began to work with Fred Wondisford. Fortunately, Fred pointed him to



Van Meter Prize recipient Anthony Hollenberg, M.D. (center) with his wife, Judy Levenfeld, and Fred Wondisford, M.D.

the pathway of enlightenment, and Tony has focused his efforts on the thyroid field ever since. He has been very productive, amassing a total of 23 peer-reviewed publications, and five reviews. Tony is currently Chief of the Thyroid Unit at Beth Israel-Deaconess, and is Assistant Professor of Medicine at Harvard. Tony said that receiving the Van Meter Award was the "highlight of my professional life", but considers his most significant achievements being married to Judy Levenfeld, an attorney for non-profit organizations, and being the father of three sons, Adam, Eric, and Nathan. The American Thyroid Association congratulates Anthony Hollenberg, M.D. as the recipient of the year 2000 Van Meter Award.

Limited Funding Available For Travel To Washington, D.C.

Young Investigators are encouraged to submit papers for the annual meeting to be held in Washington, D.C., September 12 - 16, 2001.

After program committee review, the top ranking abstracts will be awarded funds. The ATA will only accept requests from young investigators who are sponsored by Active ATA Mem-

bers.

When submitting your request, please attach a copy of your abstract, the number it was assigned (via email) and the letter of sponsorship.

All requests must be submitted to the Administrative Office Attention: Paul W. Ladenson, M.D., no later than, May 10, 2001.

BULLETIN BOARD

Call for Abstracts

Deadline: May 9, 2001

73rd Annual Meeting of the American Thyroid Association
Omni Shoreham Hotel,
Washington, D.C.
September 12 - 16, 2001
Electronic submission via the homepage: www.thyroid.org

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RESEARCH GRANT ANNOUNCEMENT

The American Thyroid Association is pleased to announce the availability of funds to support a limited number of research projects to study Thyroid disease and function: Topics include, but are not limited to: clinical and basic aspects of thyroid disease as well as molecular, metabolic, developmental, or physiological actions of thyroid hormone.

These awards will be for research proposals for funding of new investigators or "startup" grants for established investigators in the above noted areas of thyroid investigation. These grants will be for one or two years and

have an award limit of \$20,000 to \$25,000 per year. Projects can be either clinical or basic science in focus. Brief abstract summaries, of not more than two double spaced pages, submitted for consideration will be reviewed by a panel of experts from the membership of the ATA. They will be ranked according to their scientific merit and their relevance to the designated area of research.

Abstract deadline: February 28, 2001
Submit your abstract via electronic mail: <http://www.thyroid.org>.
Authors of selected abstracts will be invited to submit complete grant applications by June 1st.

UPCOMING SOCIETY MEETINGS

AACE 10th Annual Meeting
May 2 - 6, 2001 - San Antonio, TX
Hyatt Regency on the Riverwalk
(904) 353-7878 - Telephone
(904) 353-8185 - Fax
Online: <http://www.aace.com>

Endocrine Society 83rd Annual Meeting
June 20 - 23, 2001 - Denver, CO
Denver Convention Center
(301) 941-0200 - Telephone
(301) 941-0259 - Fax
Online:
<http://www.endo.society.org>

ATA 73rd Annual Meeting
September 12 - 16 2001
Washington, D.C.
Omni Shoreham Hotel
Meeting Registration Packets will be mailed in May 2001
(845) 623-1800 - Telephone
(845) 623-3736 - Fax
E-mail: admin@thyroid.org
Online: <http://www.thyroid.org>

ATA 74th Annual Meeting
October 9 - 13, 2002 - Los Angeles, CA
The Regal Biltmore Hotel
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ATA Council Highlights

Takaragaike Prince Hotel
Kyoto, Japan
October 23, 2000

- President Marty Surks reported on the success of the Association's membership initiative with 37 new members in 2000.
- Dr. Surks reported on the ATA's cooperation with sister societies in several important initiatives: An Endocrinology Workforce Study with the Endocrine Society, AACE, ADA, and APDEM; thyroid CME programs with AACE; a planned consensus conference on mild hypothyroidism with AACE and the Endocrine Society; and patient brochures with the Thyroid Foundations of America and Canada, and the Thyroid Society.
- Treasurer David Cooper reported on the ATA's good financial health, although the lack of income from an annual meeting this year means the association must rely in part on reserves during years when there is an international meeting year. Dr. Cooper also reported that dues will be increased by a modest \$10, in 2001.
- Secretary Paul Ladenson described site selections for upcoming ATA annual meetings: Washington, DC in 2001, Los Angeles, California in 2002, Palm Beach, Florida in 2003, and Vancouver, British Columbia in 2004.
- President-elect Bill Chin presented an initial draft of the ATA Strategic Plan, which was developed at the Leadership Retreat in September 2000.
- Education Committee Chair Jim Hennessey reported on an excellent program, but disappointing attendance at the most recent joint ATA-AACE Thyroid Workshop in Phoenix. Alternative approaches to CME courses were discussed.
- Carole Spencer (who was named incoming President-elect) reported that the Laboratory Standards Committee, in collaboration with the National Academy of Clinical Biochemistry, has completed a revision of the influential manual "Laboratory Support for the Diagnosis and Monitoring of Thyroid Disease."



Call for Nominations for President and Directors of The American Thyroid Association 2001



In accordance with the Bylaws of the American Thyroid Association, the Nominating Committee is soliciting nominations from the membership for candidates for the office of:

President-Elect and two Directors to serve on the Executive Council.

The **President-Elect** will serve a one-year term, followed by one year as President 2002-2003, and another year as a Director on the Executive Council.

Nominee:

Two **Directors** will serve a four-year term (2002 - 2005)

Nominee:

Nominee:

Nominated by: *(print or type)*

Signature:

Date:

A letter of support must accompany each nomination.

All nominations must be submitted to the Secretary in writing (letter, fax or email) no later than March 1, 2001.

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Call for Nominations for the American Thyroid Association 2001 Awards



- Van Meter Award
- Paul Starr Award
- Sidney H. Ingbar Distinguished Lectureship Award
- ATA Distinguished Service Award

The Van Meter Award is supported by Quest Diagnostic's Nichols. The Van Meter Award, established in 1930, is considered the most prestigious of all awards and is given to a person who has made outstanding contributions to research on the thyroid gland or related subjects. It remains an ATA tradition that the recipient is not announced until the introduction of the Lecture at the annual meeting each year. The awardee must not have reached his or her 41st birthday before September 1st of this year. An honorarium of \$2000 and expenses of \$1000, will be presented to the Van Meter Award recipient.

Nominee:

Date of Birth:

Sidney H. Ingbar Distinguished Lectureship Award, endowed by contributions and supported by Knoll Pharmaceutical Company, recognizes outstanding academic achievements in the field of thyroidology, in keeping with the innovation and vision which epitomized Dr. Ingbar's brilliant investigative career. An honorarium of \$2000 and expenses of \$1000 will be presented to the Sidney H. Ingbar Distinguished Lectureship Award recipient.

Nominee:

The Paul Starr Award, supported by Jones Pharma and Boris Catz, M.D., is specifically intended to acknowledge an outstanding contributor to clinical thyroidology. An honorarium of \$2000 and expenses of \$1000 will be presented to the Paul Starr Award recipient.

Nominee:

The Distinguished Service Award is given each year to a member who has made important and continuing contributions to the Association.

Nominee:

Nominated by:
(print or type)

Signature:

Date:

Nominators please submit the following:

1. Completed Nomination Form (above).
2. Curriculum vitae of nominee with publications, excluding abstracts
3. Letter stating nominee's qualifications, specifically noting the significant and quality of their research.
4. Reprints or copies of up to four selected publications by the nominee

PLEASE NOTE: RE-NOMINATION OF UNSELECTED CANDIDATES

Nominators must submit updated nomination form, curriculum vitae and bibliography, and other supplementary materials for reconsideration of previously nominated, but unselected candidates.

All nominations must be submitted to the Secretary in writing (letter, fax or email) no later than February 1, 2001

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Memories of the 12th International Thyroid Congress held in Kyoto, Japan October 22 - October 27, 2000



Dr. Nagataki's granddaughter thinks it is never too early to learn about the thyroid.



Representatives of the ATA, AOTA, ETA and LATS, at the opening banquet ceremonies.



"All this for only \$100?!"



"Hey, Bambi, that's my cookie!" says Francine Ridgway at the deer park in ancient Nara.



The Todaiji Buddhist Temple, in Nara, was one of the grand sites visited by ITC attendees. The temple is the largest wooden structure in the world, and contains the Great Buddha, the largest bronze statue on earth!



"O.K., can anybody figure this out?"



Kyoto International Conference Center



ATA historian Clark Sawin is trying to convince his colleagues that the thyroid gland was not discovered in Kyoto, but rather, in Boston.



Carole Spencer & Shireen Fatimi seem to be enjoying the moment - probably discussing something other than the thyroid.



Taking off your shoes before entering temples is customary, finding them when you return may be problematic!



Donna Wartofsky, Francine Ridgway, Martha Ladenson and Debby Levy enjoying a thyroid story.



Debby and Elliot Levy belt out a karaoke tune as Andy Bauman and other onlookers try to appear supportive.



"Please make it stop raining."



Florence and Jorge Mestman enjoying a Kyoto tango at the banquet.



It's probably a fortune in any language.



MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FOR THE AMERICAN THYROID ASSOCIATION



Submit by July 1st, to be considered for the current year.

Date of application: _____ Check one: Clinical Research
Check one: Degree: M.D. M.D., Ph.D. Ph.D. Other

Check one of the following categories:

Active - Eligible to vote and hold office. Must attend at least one meeting every 3 years. Attendance at an ATA Meeting prior or the same year's meeting. Training in Thyroid-orientation and quality. Current activities display both time and effort dedicated to thyroid related activities. Publications and presentations - Thyroid relatedness and quality.

Corresponding - Not eligible to vote or hold office. Not required to attend meetings.

Must be an active member of (check one) ETA AOTA LATS.

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Last Name: _____ First: _____ Date of birth: _____

Office/Institution: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State/Zip: _____ Country: _____

Telephone: _____ Fax: _____ E-Mail: _____

Residence: _____

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1. Briefly describe the way in which your current professional activities reflect an interest in clinical thyroid disease or thyroid-related scientific investigation. _____

2. Briefly describe what motivates your desire to join the ATA. _____

Annual Meeting(s) of the American Thyroid Association (Check Meeting(s) attended)

- Tampa '93 Chicago '94 Toronto '95 San Diego '96 Colorado Springs '97
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Optional Information: (Check one): Female Male

Please attach the following to this application:

I. CV & bibliography 2. Sponsor (One letter of recommendation from an American Thyroid Association Member)

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