

Announcement and Calendar of Meetings

ANNOUNCEMENT

Ewart A. Swinyard
(1909–1997)



Ewart A. Swinyard, Professor Emeritus of Pharmacology at the College of Pharmacy and School of Medicine, University of Utah, died after a brief illness on July 10, 1997, in Salt Lake City, Utah.

Dr. Swinyard was one of the preeminent pharmacologists of our time. He enjoyed a distinguished career as a scientist, teacher, and administrator at the University of Utah where his dedication, commitment, leadership, and energy were instrumental to the initiation, growth, development, and reputation of the university as a nationally recognized center of excellence in pharmacological research and education.

A native of Utah, Professor Swinyard was born in Logan (1909) and graduated from Utah State University with a B.S. degree in Zoology (1932). He subsequently earned a B.S. in Pharmacy from Idaho State University (1936), an M.S. degree in Pharmacology from the University of Minnesota (1941), and a Ph.D. degree in Pharmacology from the University of Utah (1947). His Ph.D. degree, earned under the tutelage of Louis S. Goodman, was one of the first two doctoral degrees awarded by the University of Utah and, indeed, except for alphabetical placement could have been the first. He joined the faculty of the University's Department of Pharmacology and Toxicology in 1945 and served as Dean of the College of Pharmacy from 1970 to 1976.

Dr. Swinyard's enormously productive career sparkled with numerous research achievements that markedly enhanced the base of knowledge supporting much of the contemporary investigative effort to develop drugs for seizure control in children and adults. He published more than 500 works, many of

which have greatly expanded the depth and scope of our understanding of the pharmacodynamics of anticonvulsant agents. Moreover, results of his seminal studies, conducted some 50 years ago, are still immensely useful and widely applied in the search for new and better drugs for the control of epileptic seizures. As a result, he established an international reputation for research accomplishments in the field of convulsive disorders, especially epilepsy. His research achievements were recognized by the University of Utah, which named him a Distinguished Research Professor, and nationally by major awards, including the American Pharmaceutical Association Foundation Research Achievement Award in Pharmacodynamics, the American Medical Society on Alcoholism Award and Medal for Distinguished Research and Education on Alcoholism, the American Society for Pharmacology and Experimental Therapeutics Epilepsy Research Award, and the American Epilepsy Society Research Recognition Award. Few contemporary experimental pharmacologists have had as great an impact on the management of epileptic disorders as did Ewart Swinyard. He remained active well into his eighth decade and was a major force in catalyzing continuing interest in conducting basic and applied research in this important field.

In recognition of these and other accomplishments, Dr. Swinyard received honorary Doctor of Science degrees from Utah State University and the University of Utah, an Outstanding Achievement Award from the University of Minnesota, and a Professional Achievement Award from Idaho State University. In addition to serving as Honorary President of the American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy, he also served as Honorary Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the American Pharmaceutical Association.

Finally, Dr. Swinyard was a compassionate, considerate gentleman whose actions, counsel, teachings, scholarship, and philanthropy had a tangible, positive influence on hundreds of students, as well as on colleagues who today occupy very responsible positions in pharmaceutical practice, industry, research, and academia. A good number of these individuals have chosen to direct their personal research interests toward the pharmacology of anticonvulsants as a direct result of the inspiration that Ewart provided. While he will surely be missed, his legacy will endure in the lives of his family, friends, students, and countless epilepsy patients whose daily activities are made better by virtue of his dedicated research.

Survivors include a daughter, a son, nine grandchildren, and six great-grandchildren.

Harold H. Wolf
Salt Lake City, Utah

CALENDAR OF MEETINGS

The 2nd International Genoa Epilepsy Symposium

The 2nd International Genoa Epilepsy Symposium—"The real impact of new antiepileptic drugs. Critical views for an

objective assessment"—will be held January 28–30, 1998 in Genoa, Italy. The Organizing Committee consists of Profs. Emilio Perucca, Giovanni Regesta, and Paolo Tanganelli. The main topics are: Advances in experimental pharmacology, Perspectives in AEDs development, New AEDs in monotherapy, Usefulness and limits of clinical trials designs, Clinical outcome assessment, Quality of life assessment, Cost-effectiveness evaluation, Cognitive aspects, and Ethical aspects. For further information, contact Prof. Giovanni Regesta, Centro per l'Epilessia—Divisione di Neurologia, Ospedale San Martino, Viale Benedetto XV, 10, 16132 Genova, Italy. Tel: +39 10 555 2542; Fax: +39 10 555 6603; E-mail: divneurologia@smartino.ge.it.

Fourth Conference on Antiepileptic Drug Development

The Fourth Semiannual Conference on Antiepileptic Drug Development will be held March 12–14, 1998 at the Charleston Place Hotel in Charleston, South Carolina, U.S.A. This conference is designed to facilitate the development and evaluation of new antiepileptic drugs, and is a joint venture by members of the epilepsy community and the pharmaceutical industry. Topics for discussion include preclinical evaluation of new AEDs; standard and innovative clinical trial protocols; trials in special populations including children, the elderly, and women of childbearing potential; reevaluation of past trial data; an FDA update; and implications of the recent reorganization of the NINDS Antiepileptic Drug Development Program. The Organizing Committee includes Drs. Jacqueline French, Marc Dichter, Ilo Leppik, and Lawrence Brown. For further information, contact the Conference Administrator, Ms. Mary Ann Brodie, Department of Neurology, Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania, 3 W. Gates, 3400 Spruce Street, Philadelphia, PA 19104, U.S.A. Tel: (215)349-5446; Fax: (215)349-5733; E-mail: mabrodie@mail.med.upenn.edu.

Course on the Neuropsychology of Epilepsy

The Presidents and Scientific Committee announce a "Course on the Neuropsychology of Epilepsy" to be held March 22–25, 1998 at Gargnano (Brescia). Gargnano is in Northern Italy near Lake Garda. The course will include sections on the neuropsychological assessment of adults and children, and contributions of neuropsychology to epilepsy surgery. Illustrative case discussions will be included. For further information, contact the Secretariat: Studio AES, Servizi Con-

gressuali, via Bergamo 8, 20135 Milano, Italy. Tel: +2 599 02525/ 599 01289; Fax: +2 599 01652.

3rd European Congress of Epileptology

The 3rd European Epilepsy Congress, hosted by the Polish League Against Epilepsy, will be held May 24–28, 1998 at the Palace of Culture and Science in Warsaw, Poland. For further information, contact the Organizing Committee (Dr. n.med. Joanna Jedrzejczak) at the Department of Neurology and Epileptology, 231 Czerniakowska St., 00–416 Warsaw, Poland. Tel: +48 22 629-4349; Fax: +48 22 625-1014.

Cleveland Clinic Epilepsy Courses and Symposia

The Cleveland Clinic has announced the following international epilepsy courses and meetings for 1998:

Epileptology: Comprehensive Review and Practical Exercises will be held June 19–21, 1998 at the Salt Fork Resort, Cambridge, Ohio, U.S.A. Director: Hans O. Lüders, M.D., Ph.D.

Epilepsy and Sleep: Physiologic and Clinical Relationships will be held June 22, 1998 in Cleveland, Ohio, U.S.A. Director: Dudley Dinner, M.D.

Ninth International Cleveland Clinic-Bethel Epilepsy Symposium will be held June 22–26, 1998 in Cleveland, Ohio, U.S.A. Directors: Hans O. Lüders, M.D., Ph.D. and Youssef Comair, M.D.

For further information regarding these meetings, contact Nancy Robbins/Melissa Shrewsbury, Department of Neurology, The Cleveland Clinic Foundation, 9500 Euclid Avenue, Cleveland, OH 44195, U.S.A. Tel: (216) 444-9088 or (216) 444-5178; Fax: (216) 444-0230.

Fourth Eilat Conference on New Antiepileptic Drugs

The Fourth Eilat Conference on New Antiepileptic Drugs will be held September 6–10, 1998 at the Royal Beach Hotel in Eilat, Israel. The conference program is designed to provide critical reviews and updated information about new antiepileptic drugs that are in different stages of development, as well as to present progress reports on recent findings concerning marketed new antiepileptic drugs. The Organizing Committee includes Drs. M. Bialer, S.I. Johannessen, H.J. Kupferberg, R.H. Levy, P. Loiseau, and E. Perucca. For further information, contact the Conference Secretariat, P.O. Box 29041, Tel Aviv 61290, Israel. Tel: 972-3-517-5149/50; Fax: 972-3-517-5155.