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As the Hawaii Medical Journal enters its 58th year of continuous peer-reviewed publication, Hawaii physicians, other healthcare providers, the Editorial Board and Publications Committee have reason to be proud of a job well done for yet another year.

Reviewers are the foundation of our Journal. The only other peer reviewed medical journal in the United States is the *New England Journal of Medicine*, now in its 86th year. Because of the necessity for anonymity in their task, peer reviewers receive no published accolades for their efforts but they all deserve our gratitude for the high quality manuscripts printed herein.

This year we had excellent Special Issues dealing with Clinical Toxicology and the Hawaii Poison Control Center in March and April. September featured Traumatic Brain Injury, and the final special issue of the year was in November, featuring Laparoscopy Part I.

Regular columns continue to be very popular. Henry Yokoyama's *News and Notes* and Russ Stodd's *Weathervane* are the monthly offerings most physicians appreciate. The medical school's *Hot Line*, *Military Medicine*, and the newly instituted *Harry L. Arnold Case Report of the Month* in honor of our former Editor (1941-1985) features interesting reports of medical cases in Hawaii.

A major emphasis in the Editorial section during 1997/98 was doctor-assisted death with dignity, due to the Governor's impaneling of a Blue Ribbon Committee which met monthly beginning in December 1996. The final report was submitted to the Governor on May 11, 1998. The majority opinion stated: "Because we in Hawaii live in a pluralistic society with many religious and cultural perspectives, it is important that no one perspective be allowed to impose its beliefs and mores on another."

Another year of thanks is extended to Carol Uyeda, Editorial Assistant; Becky Kendro, Managing Editor; our Editorial Assistants, Drake Will MD, Ann Catts MD, and Al Morris MD; and advertising representative Michael Roth. Our cover by Dietrich Varez continue to be the most artistic of all medical journals—take a moment to scan others the next time you are in the Hawaii Medical Library.

Thanks also to the membership of the Hawaii Medical Association for continued support and encouragement, which enables interested doctors of Hawaii to experience for themselves the editorial freedom extended to me. It is a lot of work, but very enjoyable, educational and satisfying for everyone involved.

Mahalo and Aloha, Carol Uyeda

After serving as an Editorial Assistant for almost 4 years, Carol Uyeda has left the Hawaii Medical Association. On December 18, she departs Hawaii for a new career in Phoenix.

As our Editorial Assistant on the Journal, she worked very closely with Becky Kendro, our managing editor, and Michael Roth, our advertising representative, to get and retain new advertisers. We are "in the black," thanks to this troika.

Carol wore many hats at the Hawaii Medical Association. She produced the invaluable HMA Directory, the Hawaii Medical News and, undoubtedly, many other in-house projects about which even I was not aware.

She was always there for me - via phone, fax, and e-mail. She had to "push" our regular column writers to get their materials in promptly in order to meet production deadlines.

She worked diplomatically with our authors, informing authors of their acceptance promptly, and also handled the rejected manuscripts with friendly, courteous correspondence.

We wish you well in Arizona, Carol. Mahalo nui loa.

Welcome aboard, Drake Chinen.

Announcement

Robert T. Wong, MD Lecture Series Announces Speakers for 1999

Harvey F. Lodish PhD. is the first of 1999's distinguished speakers in the **Robert T. Wong MD Lecture Series** at the John A. Burns School of Medicine.

Dr Lodish is a Member of the Whitehead Institute for Biomedical Research and a Professor of Biology at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. He is a member of the National Academy of Sciences, one of the highest honors given to scientists in the U.S. His laboratory has concentrated on the biogenesis, structure, and function of secreted and plasma membrane glycoproteins.

His public lecture will be held on Thursday, January 21, 1999 at 4:30 p.m. at the University of Hawaii at Manoa. His topic will be "**Developmental and Cancer Biology: Importance of TGR-b.**" Reception to follow lecture. He will also be participating in Pediatric Grand Rounds, Thursday, January 21, 1999, at Kapiolani Medical Center for Women and Children, from 8 to 9 a.m. His Topic will be "**Erythropoietin, the Erythropoietin Receptor and the Control of Red Cell Production.**"

He will be speaking during lunch with graduate students on Thursday, January 21, from 12 to 2 p.m. at the University of Hawaii at Manoa (UHM), Biomedical Science Building (BioMed).

He will also be participating in Medical Grand Rounds, Friday, January 22, 1999, at Queen's Medical Center, Kam auditorium and his topic will be "**Regulation of Fatty Acid and Glucose Transport.**" From 11:30 to 1 p.m., at Unit 5 (MS II) and Unit 2 (MS I) Colloquia, UHM Biomed B-103. The topic will be "**Regulation of Fatty Acid and Glucose Transport.**"

The Series' second lecturer will be Susumu Tonegawa, PhD. Dr Tonegawa received the Nobel Prize for in Physiology or Medicine in 1987 for his discovery of "the genetic principle for generation of antibody diversity." He will be presenting his lecture on March 12, 1999.

Started in 1985, the Robert T. Wong, MD Lecture Series brings to Hawaii gifted individuals who have made major contributions to medicine and science.

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