A Message from the New President

As I assume the presidency of the Aerospace Nursing Section I would like to present my vision of the following year for our section and its relation with our parent organization.

After over 10 years of flying I find my role changing. Though I am no longer in an active flying position I find I can still have an effect on that which I enjoy so much. The prospect of a new role became clear when I realized I had more to contribute than just being a flyer.

While many of you do contribute time and energy to the section I would like those who have unchallenged talents to give a little more. If you want to do more for the organization than fly, if you want to have an effect on the future of Aerospace Nursing, if you want to pave the way for those to follow as those before you, if you want to be recognized for your accomplishments, then get involved in a capacity other than being a flyer.

Financially, while costs have increased, we are doing well. Thanks to new members, contributions, and fund-raising efforts of many of our members, we met all of our obligations and are looking strong for the next year.


At our closing business meeting we accomplished a great deal. Most of our committee chairpersons are returning, providing stability to the section. We have tentatively selected our speakers for the next year.

My focus for the coming year will be on communication. Communication tends to taper off after the annual meeting. I hope to see improved communication within the section and between the section and the parent organization. Through communication I expect to see greater involvement of our chairpersons with our parent organization committees.

As we look toward next year’s meeting in San Antonio I anticipate an even better meeting than this year. Many of you are familiar with what San Antonio has to offer. As your president, I anticipate our committees can offer you an outstanding scientific program as well.

Space Medicine Branch Awards

YOUNG INVESTIGATORS AWARD—This year there was a tie for the best paper by a young investigator. Awards were presented to (left photo) Reiner K. Effenhauser, M.D., (left) for abstract #97, "Pulse Waveform and Transcranial Doppler Analysis During Lower Body Negative Pressure," and (right photo) Corinna E. Lathan (left) for abstract #33, "The Effect of Linear Acceleration on the Range of Optokinetic Performance in Humans." Presenting the awards is Jeff Myers, Secretary of the Space Medicine Branch.

STRUGhold Award—The Hubertus Strughold Award was presented to G. Wyckliffe Hoffman, M.D., (left) by Karl E. Klein, M.D., President of the Space Medicine Branch.