SPACE MEDICINE BRANCH REPORT

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Space Medicine Branch-Sponsored Panel

The Space Medicine Branch will be sponsoring the following panel at this year's scientific meeting at the Seattle Convention Center in Seattle, Washington, on Wednesday, May 20, 1998. It is scheduled for 2:00-3:30 pm in Rooms 602-604. The abstracts appear on pages 244-245 of this issue.

"In Their Words: Footnotes in Space Medicine History"

Chairperson: George A. Martin, M.D. Biomedical Office NASA-Kennedy Space Center, FL Presenters:

Dr. Stanley C. White Dr. Charles A. Berry

Dr. G. Wyckliffe Hoffler

Dr. Arnauld E. Nicogossian Dr. Craig L. Fischer

Presentations with Abstract Numbers:

271. "Panel Overview" (Martin) 272. "Space Medicine Support at the Start" (White)

273. "Space Medicine For Gemini and Apollo" (Berry)

274. "Space Medicine For Skylab" (Hoffler) 274a. "Space Medicine for Apollo-Soyuz" (Nicogossian)

275. "Space Medicine For Early Space Shuttle" (Fischer) "Questions and Answers" (Entire panel)

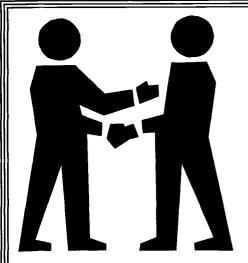
About the Panel:

Much like the U.S. manned spaceflight program itself, advances in our space medicine knowledge and practice have gone through an incremental progression, which proceeds from lessons learned in each successive launch. Throughout the first 37 years of U.S. manned space programs, many of the operational medicine procedures and protocols have been borne from these inflight experiences. Each generation of NASA flight surgeons have drawn upon the experiences of their astronauts to modify existing practices and provide solutions to real-time medical problems. This panel of past NASA flight surgeons will discuss some of the medical challenges encountered in Projects Mercury, Gemini, Apollo, Skylab, and the early Space Shuttle missions, and provide their unique perspectives and insights into the subsequent actions taken to resolve these situations. This panel, which is also to include anecdotes, little known facts, stories or happenings, is sure to be of interest to current-day space medicine practitioners and others interested in this field.

YOUNG INVESTIGATOR'S AWARD

The Space Medicine Branch Awards Committee is accepting applications for its Young Investigator Award for the 1998 year. The applicant must submit a draft manuscript of their presentation. To be eligible, the work must be original and the author must be presenting at the Aerospace Medical Association Annual Scientific Meeting for the first time. The manuscript must be submitted by March 15, 1998 to:

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