HONORARY MEMBERSHIP TO LINUS PAULING

The American Association of Clinical Chemists has conferred an honorary membership on Linus C. Pauling, Professor of Chemistry at the California Institute of Technology and Director of the Gaste & Crellin Laboratories at Caltech. Pauling was born in Portland, Oregon, on February 28, 1901, and received a B.S. from Oregon State College and a Ph.D. from California Institute of Technology. He has also received many honorary degrees from universities both here and abroad. Besides the Nobel Prize awarded Pauling in 1954, he has been honored with the Langmuir Prize, Nichols Medal, Gibbs Medal, and Richards Medal, among others. Pauling served as President of the American Chemical Society in 1948.

The scientific interests of the recipient range from ferromagnetism and metals and alloys to the structure of proteins and the abnormalities in sickle-cell anemias, and he has made outstanding contributions in each of these fields of interest. His reputation is as great with the freshman chemistry student as it is with the family physician. The citation on honorary membership to Pauling is an understatement, as indeed any citation to him must be.

The award was presented to Professor Pauling at a meeting of the Southern California section held on March 5, 1957, in the auditorium of the Children’s Hospital in Los Angeles. The meeting was opened by William R. Bergren, program chairman, who in turn introduced Kenneth D. Johnson, chairman of the section. The formal presentation to Linus Pauling was made by Robert M. Hill, President of the Association and Professor of Biochemistry at the University of Colorado. Professor Pauling accepted honorary membership with an address on “The Structure of Water and of Aqueous Solutions.” The award was accompanied by a membership scroll and the following citation:

Citation for Professor Linus Pauling

You have made extraordinary contributions to human knowledge, particularly to elucidation of the nature of the chemical bond and structure of complex substances. Equally important are the methods you employed for constructive use of the human mind. Your theories and execution of brilliant experiments contributed to understanding of proteins, immunological reactions and developing the concept of “molecular diseases.” You have stimulated and inspired those working in Clinical Chemistry. Because you have dedicated yourself unremittingly to the highest traditions of the scientist and enriched the funda-
mental understanding of the chemical reactions of the human body, the American Association of Clinical Chemists chooses you for honorary membership.

NEWS FROM THE SECTIONS

Philadelphia

Intricacies and difficulties of lead determination were discussed at the forty-second scientific session of the Philadelphia section in a paper given by Fredric Rieders. The meeting was held on Tuesday, January 22, 1957, at the Physical Sciences Building of the University of Pennsylvania.

Dr. Rieders is Toxicologist to the Medical Examiner of the City of Philadelphia. He presented an ingenious technic whereby transfer of materials through the steps of digestion, extraction, and color development were so arranged as to limit the sources of contamination and loss. Many practical suggestions were offered in the outline of the method.

The forty-third scientific session was held at the Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania on February 26, 1957. The speaker was Dr. Peter Kuo, Assistant Professor of Medicine at the University of Pennsylvania, who spoke on "The Determination of Serum Lipoproteins and Clinical Applications."

New York

Section officers for 1957 follow:
Chairman: Charles L. Fox, Jr., New York Medical College.
Vice-Chairman: Edward Muntywiler, State University of Brooklyn.

Secretary-Treasurer: Abraham Saifer, Jewish Chronic Disease Hospital of Brooklyn.

Texas

The Texas section met at Parkland Memorial Hospital in Dallas for a symposium on toxicology. Among the discussants were Drs. E. L. Pratt, Kathryn Willis, Don Sutherland, Andres Goth, and M. S. Mason, all of the University of Texas Southwestern Medical School, and Capt. A. C. Dixon of the 4th Army Medical Laboratory.

At the annual business meeting held during the afternoon the following officers were elected for 1957:
Chairman: Morton F. Mason, Southwestern Medical School, Dallas.
Chairman-Elect and Program Chairman: Ferrin B. Moreland, Baylor University College of Medicine, Houston.
Secretary-Treasurer: A. C. Dixon, 4th Army Medical Laboratory, Fort Sam Houston.

James L. Gilleland of the Veterans Administration Hospital in Houston was appointed chairman of the membership committee.

Ferrin B. Moreland

COLLOQUIUM AT BRUGGE

The 5th Colloquium of St. Jans Hospital at Brugge, Belgium, will be held from May 4-6, 1957, on "The Protides of Biological Fluids." A plenary session is planned to include, among other speakers, Antweiler (Bonn), Burtin (Paris), Franglen (London), Hannig (Munich), Huisman.
(Groningen), Lontie (Leuven), Peeters (Brugge), Sanz (Geneva), Schultze (Marburg/Lahn), Seligman (Paris,) Uriel (Paris), Wunderly (Zurich).

In the afternoon of the first day there will be a round-table discussion on standardization of electrophoresis in view of its clinical application. The following day will feature a conference conducted by A. Tiselius (Uppsala) on "Electrophoresis: Past, Present and Future."

Communications related to the Colloquium should be sent to: Laboratorium, St. Jans Hospital, Brugge, Belgium.