

CONFERENCE COUNTDOWN

Plans are well under way for the 4th International Conference on Plastination and the First Biennial Meeting of the International Society for Plastination. These will be combined into one convention, and be hosted by Mercer University School of Medicine on March 21-25, 1988. If you have not already made plans to attend, let me remind you to do so.

The first three days of the conference will be devoted to scheduled papers and a business meeting. The following two will be occupied with small-group discussions on every aspect of plastination, including the use of plastinated specimens in all kinds of health science instruction. Ample time will be available for informal discussion with the "Heidelberg Mafia," and other practicing plastinators so don't miss this opportunity. The time of the conference coincides with that of the Macon Cherry Blossom Festival, ten days of celebration featuring parades, concerts, dances and 70,000 blooming cherry trees. The Macon Hilton, headquarters for the conference, is located in the downtown area at the very center of festival activity. Even if you bring your whole family (and the dog) there is little chance of their getting bored while you are at the conference.

Once again, we will have a display of equipment and specimens, this time featuring a step-by-step exhibit of the the latest Heidelberg technique for sheet plastination. We encourage you to bring (or send) any equipment, specimens, posters or other exhibit materials that you would like to show off to your fellow plastinators. Or, if you are having trouble with a technique, bring the messed-up specimen and get it discussed by the most experienced plastination

scientists in the entire world.

POST-MEETING TRIP

We are arranging a bus excursion for after the meeting that will be both educational and a lot of fun. Those of you who sign up will be picked up at your hotel on the morning of Saturday, March 26th and taken to Orlando, Florida where you will be issued a three-day, unlimited pass to Epcot Center and Disney World. On Tuesday, March 29th, the bus will leave Orlando and return to the Atlanta airport, via Macon. Thus, you will have the option of either returning to Macon or going directly to the Atlanta airport and starting your journey home. Exact times and other information will be available soon. We are trying to arrange it so that the bus will arrive at the Atlanta airport in plenty of time for the departure of overseas flights.

A single fee will cover the cost of round-trip transportation, three nights of hotel accommodation at Orlando (based on double occupancy), buffet breakfasts, transportation to Epcot/Disney World and the three-day unlimited pass. It should amount to a memorable occasion. Family and friends, of course, are welcome.

FORMAT (AND OTHER) CHANGES

You will notice that we coaxed our column device into working for this issue. Also, we are using a new, type-set font, courtesy of the MUSM Department of Pathology. As in the last issue, we are emphasizing a down-to-earth, practical approach. One thing that we did not get around to doing is to develop more information from the membership questionnaire. And so -- this issue will

contain only a simple list of the membership. But, make no mistake; this is a better list! It has been thoroughly updated and revised. If your name remains misspelled or your address distorted, please write us with the corrections so that we can go on bragging.

VACUUM CHAMBERS

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PLASTINATION SEMINAR

The American Association of Veterinary Anatomists is sponsoring a one-day plastination seminar on Thursday, July 16, 1987 (8:00 AM to 5:00 PM). It will be held at the University of Wisconsin School of Veterinary Medicine, Madison WI. The morning session will feature presentations on all aspects of the basic S 10 Standard Technique. Short formal presentations will be followed by question and answer sessions and a round-table discussion. The afternoon session will cover special topics in plastination, including the processing of pathologic and anatomic specimens and sheet plastination. Faculty will include Harmon Bickley, Phillip Garrett, Robert Henry, Paul Rumph and Wolfgang Weber. Registration fee is \$20.00.

For information about the conference or accommodations, please contact Robert W. Henry, PO Box 1071, College of Veterinary Medicine, The University of Tennessee, Knoxville, TN 37901-1071 USA or phone (615) 546-9230 x328.

PLASTINATION WORKSHOPS

Iowa State University College of Veterinary Medicine will conduct a series of two plastination workshops. Workshop No. 1 will be held from September 30 to October 2, 1987 and Workshop No. 2 from October 7, 1987 to October 9, 1987. In addition to a review of fundamentals, these workshops will feature actual, hands-on experience with the S-10 Standard Technique. The number of participants is limited to 15 for each exercise but additional workshops will be scheduled for the spring of 1988 if sufficient interest develops.

For further information, please contact Wolfgang Weber, Iowa State University College of Veterinary Medicine, Ames, Iowa 50011. Phone (515) 294-2832.

ABBREVIATED TITLE

Please note that the "official" contraction for the title of our journal will be J. Int. Soc. Plastination. This designation is consistent with ISI-style abbreviations used in the Science Citation Index.

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