

# Notices and Books

The Association for Research in Nervous and Mental Disease, Inc., Annenberg Building, Suite 14-02, 100th Street at 5th Ave., New York, New York 10029, will hold its 58th Annual Meeting on December 1 to 2, 1978 at the Hotel Biltmore in New York City. This year's meeting will be devoted to "Current Concepts of Pain and Its Treatment."

Dr. John J. Bonica is President of the Association and Chairman of this year's Commission. A distinguished group of scientists will provide a comprehensive overview of the most important fundamental and clinical aspects of pain and pain syndromes. The first day will be devoted to the

presentation of recently acquired information, much of which has not been published, on basic aspects of nociception and pain presented in 3 sessions. The first session will be devoted to the anatomic and physiologic basis of pain and will include discussion of afferent systems in the periphery, dorsal horn of the spinothalamic and trigeminal systems and the role of reticular formation in pain. In the second session will be considered the perceptual, psychologic and psychiatric aspects of pain, mechanisms of hypnosis and measurement of human pain; while the third session will include an overview of modulation of pain, modulation in the

periphery and dorsal horn and discussion of endorphins and other biochemical aspects of central pain mechanisms. The second day of the meeting will be devoted to consideration of mechanisms and treatment of chronic pain syndromes including: headache; neuralgia, causalgia and certain other pain of neurogenic origin; visceral pain; cancer pain; and low back pain; as well as discussion of the role of the psychiatrist in the investigation and treatment of pain.

Further information about this meeting can be obtained from the Secretary-Treasurer of the ARNMD, Dr. Roger Duvoisin at the above address.

## BOOKS RECEIVED

*Asymmetrical Function of the Brain*, Edited by Marcel Kinsbourne, Cambridge University Press, New York and London, 1978. 581 pages, \$29.95

*The Diagnostic Limitations of Computerized Axial Tomography*, Edited by J. Bories, Springer-Verlag, Berlin, Heidelberg, New York, 1978. 220 pages, \$27.00

*Cerebral Logic, Solving the Problem of Mind and Brain*, Charles W. Needham, Charles C. Thomas, Springfield, Illinois, 1978. 221 pages.

*Motor Neurone Disease*, F. Clifford Rose, Grune & Stratton, New York, San Francisco, London, available in Canada from Longman Canada Ltd., 55 Barber Greene Road, Don Mills, Ontario M3C 2A1, 1978. 147 pages, \$18.45

*The Biochemistry of Myasthenia Gravis and Muscular Dystrophy*, Edited by G. C. Lunt and R. M. Marchbanks, Academic Press, London, New York, San Francisco, 1978. 373 pages, \$12.50

## Ninth Annual Neurosurgical Postgraduate Course May 31-June 1, 1978

This program will be held at the Hilton Hotel in San Francisco. Featured topics include pediatric neurosurgery, central nervous system trauma and cerebral vascular disorders. This program has been approved for Category I credit of the Physician's Recognition Award of the American Medical Association and the Certification Program of the California Medical Association.

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