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Society for Clinical and Experimental Hypnosis

The Society for Clinical and Experimental Hypnosis, a new affiliate of the AAAS, was organized in 1949 and included among its early members some 25 contributors who had been active in this field. The founding president, Jerome M. Schneck, served until 1955. He was succeeded by Bernard B. Raginsky (1955-58), Roy M. Dorcus (1958-59), and Jacob H. Conn (1959-61). The present membership exceeds 600.

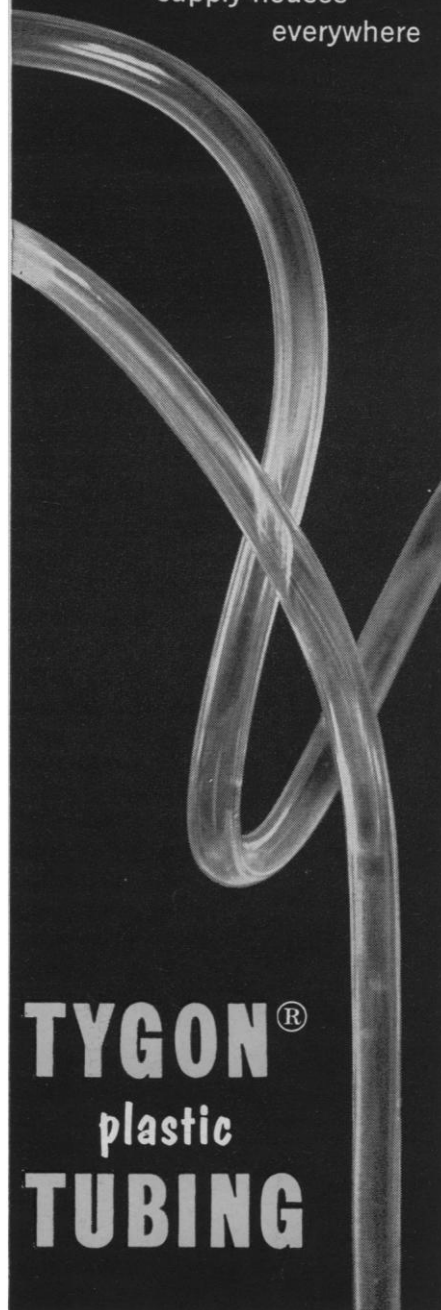
The objectives of the society, as defined in its constitution, are "to stimulate and support the professional pursuit of research in this field [hypnosis] and its boundary areas, to encourage cooperation among members of professional and scientific disciplines with regard to the utilization of hypnosis in research and in practice, to support communication by scientific meetings as well as by publications, to set up standards of adequacy and ethics for those making use of hypnosis, and to strive toward the establishment of formal and standardized training facilities for those who qualify."

In its early days the society was composed primarily of psychologists and psychiatrists who had published widely. Later, its membership was broadened to include physicians and dentists.

Requirements for associate membership at present are as follows: the applicant must possess a doctor's degree in medicine, dentistry, or psychology, must have completed an acceptable initial course in hypnotic techniques, and must be actually using hypnosis in his clinical practice or research. Full membership requires that the person shall have had an additional 2 years of acceptable experience in the clinical uses of hypnosis, or that he shall have published a scientific paper in the field. The designation "fellow" is an honor awarded by special action of the executive council to members who have made outstanding contributions either to the society or to the field of scientific hypnosis.

Membership within the society is drawn from the disciplines of medicine, dentistry, and psychology, and the emphasis is on encouraging intercommunication between research worker and practicing clinician. One of the basic tenets of the society is that clinical practice, to be sound, should not be separated from basic science. The society name reflects this view.

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The Institute for Research in Hypnosis was organized to serve as a research and training center in scientific hypnosis. It was incorporated in the state of New York as a nonprofit scientific foundation, was granted a charter by the Department of Education of that state, and was made responsible to the Board of Regents of the University of the State of New York through

the New York State Commissioner of Education.

The institute has received funds donated to it for research purposes, has sponsored and presented courses and workshops, has made awards for outstanding papers, and has initiated and carried through various research projects. Through its publications society, numerous books and monographs have been published.

The quarterly *International Journal of Clinical and Experimental Hypnosis*, originally entitled the *Journal of Clinical and Experimental Hypnosis*, has been published by the society since 1953. Its pages have been devoted to original papers and are open to contributors on a world-wide basis, whether or not they are affiliated with the society. In January 1959 the *Journal* en-

larged its editorial board to include a number of distinguished foreign editors and was given its present name.

With the broadening of membership in the society to provide for the affiliation of people who did not yet have the many years of experience and the research skill which characterized early members, the executive council became increasingly aware of the need for some high-level accreditation, some way of indicating individuals whose background enabled them to provide "expert" skills in using hypnosis in research and in clinical practice. Its thinking in this respect paralleled that which brought about the establishment of specialty boards in the professions of medicine, dentistry, and psychology.

In the summer of 1958 the executive council voted to instruct its research and training branch, the Institute for Research in Hypnosis, to incorporate under its charter the American Board of Clinical Hypnosis, with three autonomous subsections: the American Board of Medical Hypnosis, the American Board of Hypnosis in Dentistry, and the American Board of Examiners in Psychological Hypnosis.

The American Board of Clinical Hypnosis was incorporated in the state of New York with the "consent" of the state Commissioner of Education, to whom the institute is responsible. While the three subboards are autonomous and have no authority regarding the evaluation of each other's candidates, they maintain continuous communication and have established comparable requirements for their respective certifications.

An applicant to the American Board of Medical Hypnosis must hold a diploma from a medical specialty board or be an active member of the Academy of General Practice. Seven or more years of substantial experience in the clinical uses of hypnosis are required for admission to the examinations of the board.

The American Board of Examiners in Psychological Hypnosis issues diplomas in "clinical hypnosis" and in "experimental hypnosis." Candidates for the "clinical" diploma are now required (by agreement with the American Psychological Association) to be holders of diplomas from the American Board of Examiners in Professional Psychology. Five years of creditable experience in the clinical or experimental uses of hypnosis are a prerequisite for admission to the examinations.

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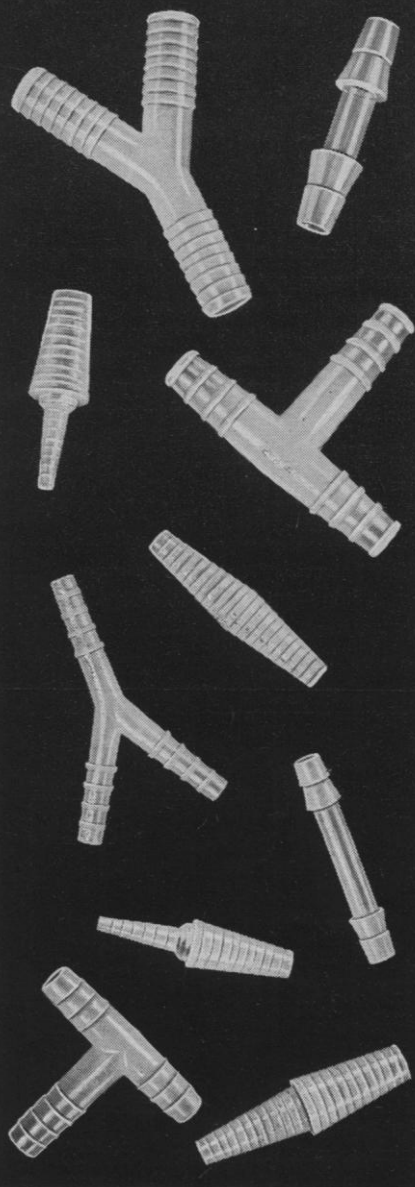
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Dentistry maintains standards in its held similar to those established by the medical and psychological boards. All three of these boards provided for an initial period during which some of the formal requirements (including examinations) were waived for qualified senior workers in the field.

The society holds an annual scientific meeting (the 14th such meeting will be held in Portland, Oregon, in August 1962) as well as many regional meetings through its official sections.

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Forthcoming Events

May

13-16. American Acad. of Dental Medicine, annual, Baltimore, Md. (P. Block, 36 N. Luzerne Ave., Baltimore)

13-16. Transfer of Calcium and Strontium across Biological Membranes, conf., Ithaca, N.Y. (R. H. Wasserman, Dept. of Physical Biology, New York State Veterinary College, Cornell Univ., Ithaca)

13-17. American Industrial Hygiene Assoc., conf., Washington, D.C. (W. S. Johnson, Bethlehem Steel Co., Bethlehem, Pa.)

14-16. National Aerospace Electronics Conf., Dayton, Ohio. (Inst. of the Aerospace Sciences, 2 E. 64 St., New York 21)

14-16. Technical Assoc. of the Pulp and Paper Industry, coating conf., annual, Cincinnati, Ohio. (TAPPI, 155 E. 44 St., New York 16)

14-18. American Soc. of Civil Engineers, convention, Omaha, Neb. (W. H. Wisely, 345 E. 47 St., New York 17)

14-18. Hormonal Steroids, intern. congr., Milan, Italy. (L. Martini, Istituto de Farmacologia e Terapia, 21 Via A. del Sarto, Milan)

14-19. International Office of Epizootics, Paris, France (Office Internationale des Epizooties, 12, rue de Prony, Paris)

15-16. Council on Medical Television, annual, Bethesda, Md. (J. F. Huber, CMT, Inst. for Advancement of Medical Communication, 33 E. 68 St., New York 21)

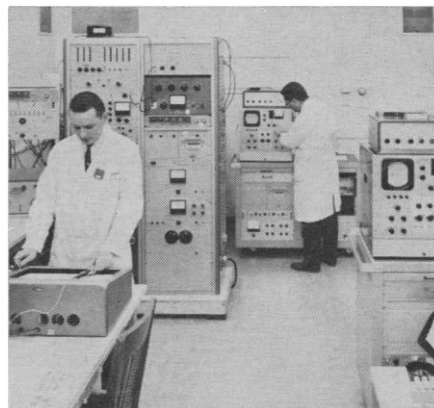
15-16. Injury, Inflammation, and Immunity, intern. symp., Elkhart, Ind. (L. Thomas, Dept of Medicine, New York Univ., Bellevue Medical Center, New York, N.Y.)

15-17. World Food Forum, Washington, D.C. (J. K. McClarren, U.S. Dept. of Agriculture, 409 Administration Bldg., Washington 25)

15-19. International College of Surgeons, European federation, surgical congr., Amsterdam, Netherlands. (J. Blazenbourg, ICS Netherlands Section, A. Perkstraat 57, Hilversum, Netherlands)

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