

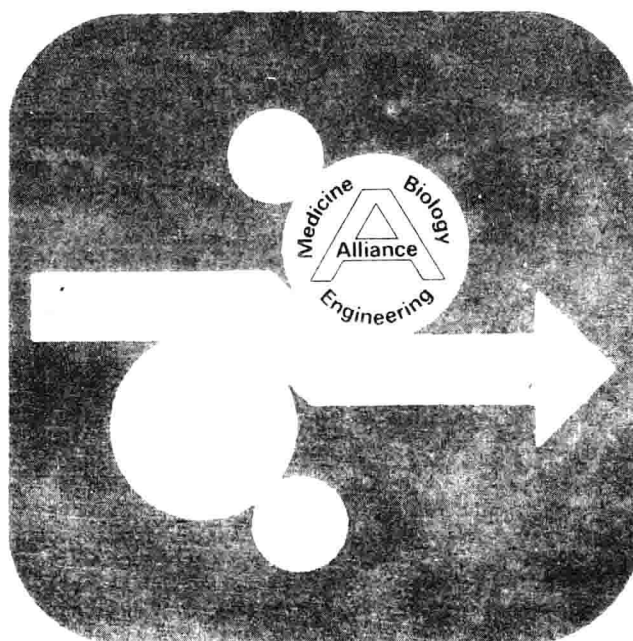


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# Annual Conference on Engineering in Medicine and Biology

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As the oldest bioengineering conference in existence, the Annual Conference on Engineering in Medicine and Biology (ACEMB) has played a critical role in the professional development of thousands of scientists, engineers and physicians. Providing an environment where colleagues could interact on a "state of the art" level in individual sessions, and where one could also get a feel for the "state of the field" has not always been easy, but this goal has been the tradition of the ACEMB. In structuring the Scientific Program we have attempted to continue and reinforce this tradition in Chicago. We hope you will agree that we have succeeded.

This year's Scientific Program consists of approximately 400 papers organized into 48 traditional sessions and a single poster session consisting of 42 presentations. Posters have been highlighted this year by combining the Poster Session with the opening reception. In keeping with the practice of previous years, many of the sessions were organized by experts who were invited to gather the best people in their fields for an in-depth exchange of ideas and developments. We feel that the program is an impressive reflection of the depth and maturity of bioengineering.

These Proceedings contain virtually all of the abstracts comprising the Program, invited and contributed traditional papers, and poster papers. As in previous years papers are grouped by session, and listed in order of presentation within sessions. To ease the process of selecting which sessions to attend, a listing of sessions organized by professional interest tracks appears on the back cover of the Proceedings.

We are gratified by the willing contribution of effort by hundreds of our colleagues. As a result of these efforts, we feel that this year's Program carries on the best of the traditions of the ACEMB.



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AMERICAN ASSOCIATION FOR MEDICAL  
SYSTEMS AND INFORMATICS (AAMSI)  
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The American Association for Medical Systems and Informatics is the nation's leading organization applying advanced systems and information technologies to promote excellence in health care.

Inasmuch as medical systems, and the computers that are an integral part of such systems, will play an increasingly major role in patient care in the coming decades, the members of AAMSI have a responsibility to use their professional expertise to ensure a continuing flow of information, research, and education within the health care field.

The AAMSI contributes in three ways: (1) through the development of scientific and educational programs and the dissemination of information, (2) by promoting the development and implementation of systems for health care and medical informatics in support of patient care, teaching, research, and health administration, and (3) fostering medical computing and medical information technology through an interdisciplinary forum dedicated to improving patient care and the general health of the public.

These goals are accomplished through a variety of activities that AAMSI offers:

- Conducting scientific, technical, and educational meetings--one of which is the annual meeting of the association.
  - Maintaining a Professional Specialty Program whereby members can interact with each other within their specialty fields. The emphasis is on the use of computer technology to improve direct patient care.
  - Providing a communications network via telematics (information, technology, computers, and telematics).
  - Publishing and disseminating digests, reports, proceedings, and other pertinent documents, independently and in professional literature.
  - Providing a focus for the development of standard terminology, coding systems, and guidelines.
  - Representing the United States in the international arena of medical systems and informatics.
- Membership in the American Association for Medical Systems and Informatics provides a means of staying abreast of the rapid changes in medical systems and informatics and is open to individuals and organizations with a demonstrated interest in the field.

The Association's newsletter is published quarterly and serves as a forum for exchanging information and ideas and as a vehicle for informing the membership about important developments in medical systems and informatics.

A scientific congress and annual meeting are held in the spring and a meeting in conjunction with SCAMC is held in the fall. Individuals at every level of knowledge and expertise are encouraged to participate actively in these meetings. Members receive reduced rates on conference registration fees and proceedings.

For additional information, write to AAMSI.

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF PHYSICISTS IN MEDICINE  
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The American Association of Physicists in Medicine, established in 1958, has a current membership of approximately 2,200. The Association's purposes are to promote the application of physics to medicine and biology, to encourage interest and training in medical physics and to prepare and disseminate technical information in this and related fields. The Association's scientific activities lean heavily towards radiological physics (physics of x-ray diagnosis and therapy, radiation safety, etc.) but there is an increasing emphasis on the physics of other, non-radiological techniques for the diagnosis and treatment of disease.

The primary professional activity of Full Members must be in medical physics but certain other membership categories are open to those who do not meet this requirement. Corporate membership is available to industrial organizations.

The principal scientific meeting is held in the Summer, usually in conjunction with an AAPM organized Summer School. A Winter meeting is mounted jointly with the Radiological Society of North America, and the Association through its membership in the International Organization of Medical Physics (IOMP) has sponsored several international conferences. The Association's Regional Chapters, now numbering 18, also hold frequent meetings and symposia.

The Association publishes a bimonthly journal Medical Physics and a Newsletter covering Association affairs. Jointly with the Canadian and British medical physics organizations and with IOMP, AAPM sponsors a second bimonthly journal Physics in Medicine and Biology. Monographs, Technical Reports, and other scientific and educational materials are published.

An important activity is the accreditation of Regional Calibration Laboratories to supplement National Bureau of Standards instrument calibration services.

Under contract to the National Institutes of Health and Human Services, the AAPM coordinates the activities of six Centers for Radiological Physics which are under contract to the National Cancer Institute.

The Association is a Member Society of the American Institute of Physics.

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The American College of Radiology  
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The ACR was founded in 1923 with the objective of creating "a fellowship among medical men who have distinguished themselves in the science of radiology."

Member and fellow are the two principal categories of membership in the ACR. Members are those physicians practicing radiology who have been certified by the American Board of Radiology or in radiology by the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada. They also are required to be members of their College chapter.

Members and fellows in Physics are elected from those physicists certified by the American Board of Radiology. The Board of Chancellors elects Gold Medalists and honorary fellows.

College fellows are elected from the membership on the basis of contributions and service to radiology. A minimum of 5 years of membership is required. Fellowship nominations are approved by the Board of Chancellors and election is by the College fellows.

Residents in radiology in approved programs are eligible to become junior members of the ACR upon nomination of their preceptors. Such membership extends for the training period and entitles the resident to receive publications and attend meetings of the College.

Since its reorganization in 1939, the College has functioned as the spokesman for radiology. It has developed programs in radiation protection, professional and public education, technologist training, practice standards, public relations, legislation, and health care insurance.

The College opened a Washington office in 1969 for government liaison and for contact with other organizations of interest to radiologists. It also has offices in Philadelphia and Walnut Creek, California, to carry out special projects.

Late in 1985, the College consolidated its Chicago and Washington offices in a new building in Reston, Virginia.

The officers of the College are the president, vice president and secretary-treasurer. They serve 1-year terms. The president, vice president and sixteen Chancellors are elected by the membership. The administrative head of the College is its executive director. Working with the executive director are an associate executive director; directors of public relations, education and administration; a comptroller, and other assistants. Legal counsel and legislative consultant also are available.

The American College of Radiology Foundation was created in 1958 to carry out educational and other beneficial activities for radiology. The Foundation has begun to accumulate an endowment and has undertaken several projects.

The Professional Bureau is a placement service designed to aid radiologists, radiology residents, medical clinics and hospital medical staffs.

American Institute of Chemical Engineers  
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The American Institute of Chemical Engineers, a technical and professional society of over 60,000 chemical engineers (including students) is dedicated to advancing chemical engineering in theory and practice, to maintaining a high professional standards among its members, and to serving society, particularly where chemical engineering can contribute to the public interest. It is directed by a Council consisting of the officers--President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Past President--and 12 directors elected for three year terms.

Much of the accomplishment of the AIChE originates in its nearly 30 committees, devoted to such interests as energy, professional development, meeting programs, continuing education and research. In addition, the AIChE has 12 divisions covering the environment; nuclear energy; food, pharmaceutical and bioengineering; forest products; fuels and petrochemicals; heat transfer and energy conversion; computer systems and technology; materials engineering and sciences; safety and health; marketing; management and engineering and construction contracting. Over 104 local sections offer the members in their areas monthly meetings, one-day technical sessions, continuing education programs, plant trips, etc., and there are 400 student chapters.

The American Institute of Chemical Engineers - which celebrated its Diamond Jubilee in 1983 - was the first society to accredit engineering curricula, a function it has performed since 1925. Today the AIChE works with the Accreditation Board for Engineering and Technology in the accreditation process.

During the year AIChE holds three meetings and sponsors the Petrochemical and Refining Exposition every year. Special meetings are also held in cooperation with other societies and with agencies such as the National Science Foundation.

Among its publications are the monthly Chemical Engineering Progress & AIChE Journal, the quarterlies International Chemical Engineering, Environmental Progress, Energy Progress, Biotechnology Progress, & Plant/Operations Progress, the AIChE Monograph & Symposium Series, equipment testing procedures, the Student Annual & Chemical Engineering Faculties.

AIChE is a member of the Accreditation Board for Engineering and Technology, American Association of Engineering Societies, and the Interamerican Confederation of Chemical Engineering, among other groups, and is represented on numerous councils and national committees.

Membership grades are Fellow, Member, Associate Member, Affiliate Member, and Student Member. The AIChE has its headquarters in the United Engineering Center in New York.

AMERICAN SOCIETY FOR ENGINEERING EDUCATION (ASEE)  
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The American Society for Engineering Education, founded in 1893, is dedicated to the advancement and improvement of all aspects of higher and continuing education concerned with the teaching and training of professional engineers and technologists. With 10,000 individual and 600 institutional members, it serves these aims by giving direct aid to the development of more effective teaching faculty and engineering college administrators, producing advanced instructional materials to stimulate new curricula and programs, improving the content and support of engineering research, and by enhancing ethics and standards in the profession. The Society coordinates the interests and activities of its members through a set of institutional councils, professional interest councils, on-campus activity coordinators or committees at member schools, and geographic zones. Members affiliate themselves with a wide variety of divisions and committees devoted to particular areas of interest, including educational research and methods, liberal studies, continuing and cooperative education, biomedical engineering, environmental engineering, governmental relations, engineering economy, engineering design, energy conservation, nuclear engineering, and engineering design graphics. ASEE confers 13 national awards annually upon engineering educators for distinguished teaching, for outstanding research contributions and for other significant service to engineering education. Under the direction of the executive director, the Society maintains headquarters at Eleven Dupont Circle, Suite 200, Washington, DC 20036, telephone 202/293-7080. The Society to keep in direct contact with federal agencies and other national organizations concerned with engineering manpower and with the role of engineering in developing societies abroad. ASEE has sponsored a congress of engineering educators from throughout the world. As a measure of its recent leadership, the Society has administered or cosponsored over thirty research and study projects, including a study to improve the retention rate of undergraduate engineering students, and activities for the development of predominantly black engineering colleges. ASEE is vigorously pursuing the goal of encouraging more women, as well as members of minority groups, to undertake the scholastic preparation for successful careers in engineering and engineering technology, and encouraging greater awareness among children of junior high school age of opportunities in these fields. During the academic year, ASEE publishes a journal devoted to innovative teaching ideas, Engineering Education, one issue of which is a directory of engineering college research and graduate study. It also publishes a monthly newspaper, Engineering Education News, devoted to current developments in the Society's main areas of interest. Eight Society divisions also produce periodicals.

The American Society for Hospital Engineering (ASHE), the largest of the 15 health manpower societies, affiliated with the American Hospital Association, embraces multiple engineering disciplines utilized in the delivery of health care services in an institutional setting. Plant engineering, clinical engineering technology, and telecommunications are the major disciplines. Special sections for clinical engineering technology and telecommunications have recently been formed.

ASHE publications include a monthly newsletter, monthly technical reports, the Hospital Engineering Handbook, a hospital recall and reporting system for medical devices, a report on automated infusion devices, a policies and procedures guide, a preventive maintenance manual for small hospitals, video tapes of a symposium on environmental safety issues, special alert bulletins, and more.

Topical areas addressed by committee work include: Codes and Safety, Energy, Technology Radiological Engineers, Equipment Purchasing, Environment, Professional Development and Shared Services.

The ASHE sponsors 15-20 programs a year, the major program being the annual Hospital Engineering Conference.

American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM)  
1916 Race Street  
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The American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM) is the country's leading management system for the development of voluntary consensus standards. Thirty-three thousand experts participate on 140 technical committees to develop standards on a wide range of materials, products, systems and services. Over seven thousand ASTM standards are published each year in the sixty-six volume ASTM Book of Standards.

Standards for medical devices and diagnostic products are a significant part of ASTM's overall program. Committee F-4 on Medical and Surgical Materials and Devices (formerly Surgical Implants) was organized in 1962. Committee F-4's scope is the development of standard definitions of terms, methods of test, specifications and performance requirements for medical and surgical materials and devices. Over four hundred bioengineers, biomaterial scientist physicians, industrial engineers, quality control specialist, government scientist and association representatives are working on F-4 subcommittees on Resources, Orthopaedics, Cardiovascular, Neurosurgery, Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery, Medical/Surgical Instruments and Urology. In addition to over one hundred published standards (Volume 13.01), there are draft technical standards being reviewed on polymers, metals, ceramics, composites, test methods, biocompatibility, device retrieval, packaging, osteosynthesis joint replacement, cardiovascular, neurosurgical, urological, and surgical instruments.

Committee F-19 on Orthotics and External Prosthetics was organized in 1974 to develop standard definitions, classifications, recommended practices, specifications, test methods and performance requirements for Orthoses, Prostheses and Mobility Aids. The ASTM Committees also provide the expertise for U. S. Technical Advisory Groups (TAGS) for the International Standards Organization Technical Committees, 150 on Surgical Implants, 168 on Prostheses and Orthotics.

Medical related standards are also being developed in ASTM Committee D-11 on Rubber and Rubber-Like Materials, D-20 on Plastics, E-20 on Temperature Measurement, E-25 on Microscopy, E-31 on Computerized Laboratory Systems and E-41 on Laboratory Apparatus.

For further information, contact Ray Sansone at (215) 299-5521.

AMERICAN SOCIETY OF AGRICULTURAL ENGINEERS  
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ASAE is a technical society serving engineering in agriculture. Its objectives are to promote the science and art of engineering in agriculture; to encourage original research; to foster agricultural engineering education; to advance the standards of agricultural engineering; to increase and extend the association of agricultural engineers among themselves and with allied scientists and technologists. Founded in 1907, the Society serves 11,000 members in North America and over 100 other countries.

It is organized into 5 major technical interest areas. The Power and Machinery Division is concerned with agricultural tractors and implements for planting, harvesting, transporting and processing food, feed and agricultural fiber. The Soil and Water Division is concerned with irrigation, drainage, hydrology, erosion control and land use planning. The Electric Power and Processing Division is concerned with efficient handling and processing of agricultural products on the farmstead which frequently requires the use of electric power. The Structures and Environment Division is concerned with structures for livestock and plant production as well as storage of agricultural products and waste management. The Food Engineering Division is concerned with production processing, packaging, storage and distribution of food from the farm to the consumer.

In addition there are numerous Society-wide committees that coordinate special interests of concern to all technical interest areas such as safety, standards, instrumentation, energy, environmental quality, countryside development, and bioengineering. One of these, the ASAE Bioengineering Committee, is responsible for coordinating bioengineering interests for the Society. This committee is concerned with the role of agricultural engineering in bioengineering and encourages interest in bioengineering among ASAE members. Recent activities include technical programs on agribioengineering in plant and animal systems; bioengineering for maximum crop production through photosynthesis research, genetic manipulation and mathematical modeling; and bioengineering instruction in agricultural engineering.

THE AMERICAN SOCIETY OF MECHANICAL  
ENGINEERS

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The American Society of Mechanical Engineers was founded in 1880 as an educational and technical society of individual members, which currently total some 111,000 men and women here and abroad. While its principal aims and objectives are: providing continuing education to mechanical engineers, industry, and society as a whole through the development and dissemination of technical information; developing mechanical standards, codes, safety procedures and operating principles; and encouraging the personal and professional development of practicing and student engineers, the Society also conducts programs which will bring a better understanding of technology to legislators, other professionals and the public at large.

To carry out these objectives the Society receives policy direction from a volunteer body of members and officers, and general administration from a Headquarters staff of some 250 in New York, and four Field Service offices in Washington, D.C., Dallas, Chicago, and San Francisco. The Society also maintains an additional office in Washington, D.C. to monitor legislative activities and to provide technical expertise to Congress and the Executive Branch of the Government.

Members can participate in one or several of the 35 Technical Divisions which sponsor or participate in national and international meetings and symposia (approximately 30 per year), and which contribute to the technical literature. In fact ASME conducts one of the largest technical publications operations in the world, committing a broad spectrum of engineering experience and research to the printed word. Spokesman for ASME is the monthly magazine MECHANICAL ENGINEERING.

The Society also plays a coordinating role in engineering research by sponsoring projects which are conducted by research organizations.

## Biomedical Engineering Society

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The Biomedical Engineering Society was incorporated as a non-profit organization on February 1, 1968 in response to a need to give equal status representation to both biomedical and engineering interests. The purpose of the Society is to promote the increase of biomedical engineering knowledge and its utilization.

### MEMBERSHIP

**Senior Membership:** Senior Membership is the highest designation for which application may be made. It is designed for those who have exhibited substantial achievement in, as well as sustained devotion to the goals of the Society. These qualifications may be demonstrated in research, education, professional practice, or administration and management in fields relevant to the activities of the Society. Except under very exceptional circumstances, Senior Membership is awarded only to Members in good standing for at least six years.

**Membership:** Members must have a degree in biomedical engineering or a related field and documented evidence of interest and achievement in biomedical engineering. Members must have conducted meritorious original research, or development, or application, or teaching, in biomedical engineering and must now be engaged in biomedical engineering.

**Student Membership:** Students pursuing a course of study in biomedical engineering or in related sciences may be admitted to Student Membership for a period not exceeding five years.

**Sustaining Membership:** A Sustaining Member is a person, firm or corporation which, at the time of application, supports the stated purposes of the Society.

### PUBLICATIONS

The Biomedical Engineering Society publishes a quarterly Bulletin and an annual Directory for its members. The ANNALS OF BIOMEDICAL ENGINEERING, the journal of the Biomedical Engineering Society, publishes original research in biomaterials, biomechanics, rehabilitation engineering, instrumentation, and physiological systems analysis.

### MEETINGS

The Biomedical Engineering Society holds an Annual Meeting for the presentation of technical papers and the conduct of Society business. A membership is held by the Society in the Alliance for Engineering in Medicine and Biology.

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INSTRUMENT SOCIETY OF AMERICA  
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The Engineering in Medicine and Biology Society of the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (EMBS/IEEE) is an association of 7595 members concerned with the application of engineering science and methodology to biology, medicine and health care delivery systems. Participation in a Society of IEEE offers the advantages of membership in a specialized field as well as identification with the world's largest professional engineering organization of 248,000 members. The purposes of IEEE are directed toward advancement of the theory and practice of electrical engineering and allied disciplines and to advancement of members of the profession. IEEE programs include: technical activities furthering the state of the art; publications (SPECTRUM, PROCEEDINGS, TRANSACTIONS, JOURNALS, MAGAZINES, IEEE Press Books); local, regional, national and international conferences and meetings; standards development, and recognition through an Awards Program. An IEEE office in Washington, DC, facilitates exchange of information between IEEE members and U.S. governmental agencies.

Biomedical professionals who do not wish to join the IEEE parent organization may join EMBS as affiliate members and participate fully in all EMBS programs and activities which are planned and administered by an elected governing body of EMBS. EMBS activities include: Publications-THE IEEE TRANSACTIONS ON BIOMEDICAL ENGINEERING is a monthly publication of reviewed articles reporting original research and development, short communications, tutorials and reviews. The EMB MAGAZINE contains news and events of current interest to biomedical engineering professionals. Conferences-In addition to the annual EMBS conference, the Society also co-sponsors and cooperates in other national and regional biomedical conferences. Conference Proceedings may be purchased at member prices from IEEE. Technical & Professional Committees-EMBS Committees organize conference sessions, workshops, publications and special activities on behalf of the Society. Regional Councils and Chapters-Society members have the opportunity to associate with other members residing in the same geographic area to exchange technical and professional information through the 7 EMBS Regional Councils and more than 37 Chapters. Students participate in these as well as the many Student IEEE and Student EMBS/IEEE Chapters.

Membership in EMBS/IEEE is open to all qualified persons in grades designated student, associate, member, senior member, fellow and affiliate.

Further information may be obtained from Dr. Joseph Bronzino, President, IEEE/EMBS, Director, Biomedical Engineering, Trinity College, Hartford, CT 06106, 203/527-3151.

The Instrument Society of America is a technical, scientific and educational organization dedicated to advancing and reinforcing the arts and sciences related to the theory, design, manufacture and use of instruments and controls in the various sciences and technologies for the benefit of mankind. With over 37,000 members, ISA identifies, defines and reflects the needs and objectives of engineers, scientists, managers, technicians, and students involved with instrumentation, systems and automation -- worldwide.

ISA was established in 1945 and maintains its International Headquarters at Research Triangle Park, NC. Its membership is distributed throughout 201 Sections in 13 geographical districts in the United States, Canada, Mexico and nine other countries.

ISA publishes a monthly journal, InTech, a quarterly journal, ISA Transactions, an annual product directory, The ISA Directory of Instrumentation, meeting proceedings, monographs, handbooks, films, video tapes and other educational aids. ISA is an ANSI-accredited standards writing body. Members are given the opportunity to prepare publications; organize conferences and symposia and participate in the activities of twenty-four Special Interest Divisions in the Technology and Industries and Sciences Departments.

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## NEUROELECTRIC SOCIETY

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The Neuroelectric Society was formed in 1967 for the purpose of studying the effects of electrical currents on biological systems. The Society is dedicated to the furtherance of investigation in the following areas related to the application of electrical currents and their effects on physiological systems:

- Effects of focal and diffuse electrical currents on the central and peripheral nervous systems
  - Neurophysiological effects
  - Ultrastructure
  - Drug interaction
- Neuroanatomical investigations
- Behavioral effects of electrical currents
- Instrumentation and neurophysiological monitoring systems. Safety standards
- Neurological monitoring
- Current density and impedance measurement
- Mathematical and physical models of brain characteristics
- Effects of currents on cardiovascular, respiratory and endocrine systems
- Electroprostheses devices
- Electroneuronal implant systems
- Biomechanical analysis of head and spine injuries

The Society encourages scientific research in these fields, disseminates results to the members and assists intracommunication of research groups and appropriate national and international societies.

After several meetings of various interested groups, the 1st Annual Meeting of the Neuroelectric Society was held in Milwaukee, WI, Oct. 1967. Recently, the 11th Meeting was held in Key Biscayne, FL, Dec. 14-18, 1980. The 12th Meeting was held in conjunction with the 6th International Symposium on Electrostimulation in Albena, Bulgaria, Sep. 24-28, 1981. The 13th Meeting, an International Symposium on the Biomechanics of Head and Spine Trauma, was held in Marco Beach, FL, Nov. 15-20, 1983. The 14th Meeting, an International Symposium on the Biomechanics of Muscle, was held in Athens, Greece, June 16-21, 1985.

Members receive the Neuroelectric News which reviews foreign and national publications. Membership information and meeting registration forms can be obtained from:

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## Rehabilitation Engineering Society of North America (RESNA)

The Rehabilitation Engineering Society of North America (RESNA) was founded in Atlanta, Georgia, in 1979. Its membership includes rehabilitation professionals, providers, and consumers. RESNA is dedicated to promoting interaction among these groups so that the benefits of modern technology will be put to work for disabled persons.

RESNA's Annual Conferences are held at various locations in North America. In 1986 the meeting will be held at the Radisson South in Minneapolis, Minnesota, June 23-27, and in 1987 it will be held in San Jose, California. In addition to publishing the Proceedings of its annual conferences, RESNA distributes a variety of publications pertinent to the field. Many of these publications emanate from the work of RESNA's committees, especially the Education and Wheelchair committees; others are developed by rehabilitation professionals here and abroad.

RESNA also conducts special symposia and workshops to debate and seek answers to questions critical to the welfare of the disabled. A series of workshops on specially adapted and sports wheelchairs resulted in recommendations for future research and development, as well as recommendations for future action that will improve the lives of thousands of wheelchair users.

Delivering the benefits of technology to disabled persons requires a systems approach in which the interaction among the components is as important as the system itself. One of RESNA's missions is to develop strategies to deal with these interactions and to break down existing barriers that inhibit effective working of the system: barriers include the lack of an information network and a consensus on such critical questions as definition of needs, working with manufacturers to ensure high standards, and identifying funding sources, both public and private. This a tall order, but RESNA members are committed to this task so that every disabled person can enjoy daily living to the fullest extent possible.

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Alpha Eta Mu Beta was established at the request of the Alliance for Engineering in Medicine and Biology at Louisiana Tech University. Alpha Eta Mu Beta became incorporated on March 15, 1979 according to the laws of the state of Louisiana. The Alliance has pledged strong support for the honor society and this support is manifested in many ways. As Alpha Eta Mu Beta grows, further involvement with the Alliance will be sought in effort to encourage quality among Biomedical Engineers.

Alpha Eta Mu Beta was established "that those in the profession of Biomedical Engineering who, by their attainments in college or in practice, have manifested a deep interest and marked ability in their chosen life work may be brought into closer union so as to foster a spirit of liberal culture in the engineering colleges, to promote an understanding of their profession, and to mark in an outstanding manner those who, as students in Biomedical Engineering, have conferred honor on their Alma Mater by distinguished scholarship, activities, leadership and exemplary character and to aid these students to progress through association with alumni who have attained prominence." That quote from the preamble to the constitution of the organization expresses the noble purposes of Alpha Eta Mu Beta. More simply stated, Alpha Eta Mu Beta seeks to promote excellence in the field of Biomedical Engineering, primarily by recognizing outstanding scholarship and character.

Membership in Alpha Eta Mu Beta shall be by vote of members and subsequent induction. Chapters of the Association are classified as Alpha, the Beta, and Alumni. An Alpha Chapter may be established at any school which awards the B.S., M.S., or Ph.D. in Biomedical Engineering or the equivalent, or in an established engineering discipline that has an option in Biomedical Engineering and which meets the requirements of a recognized accrediting agency. One Beta Chapter exists for those students in a biomedical engineering program having too few students who are eligible for membership to establish a functional chapter. Each Alpha Chapter may devise its own method of determining which students are worthy of membership in Alpha Eta Mu Beta, based on high scholarship and character as defined in the national constitution.

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