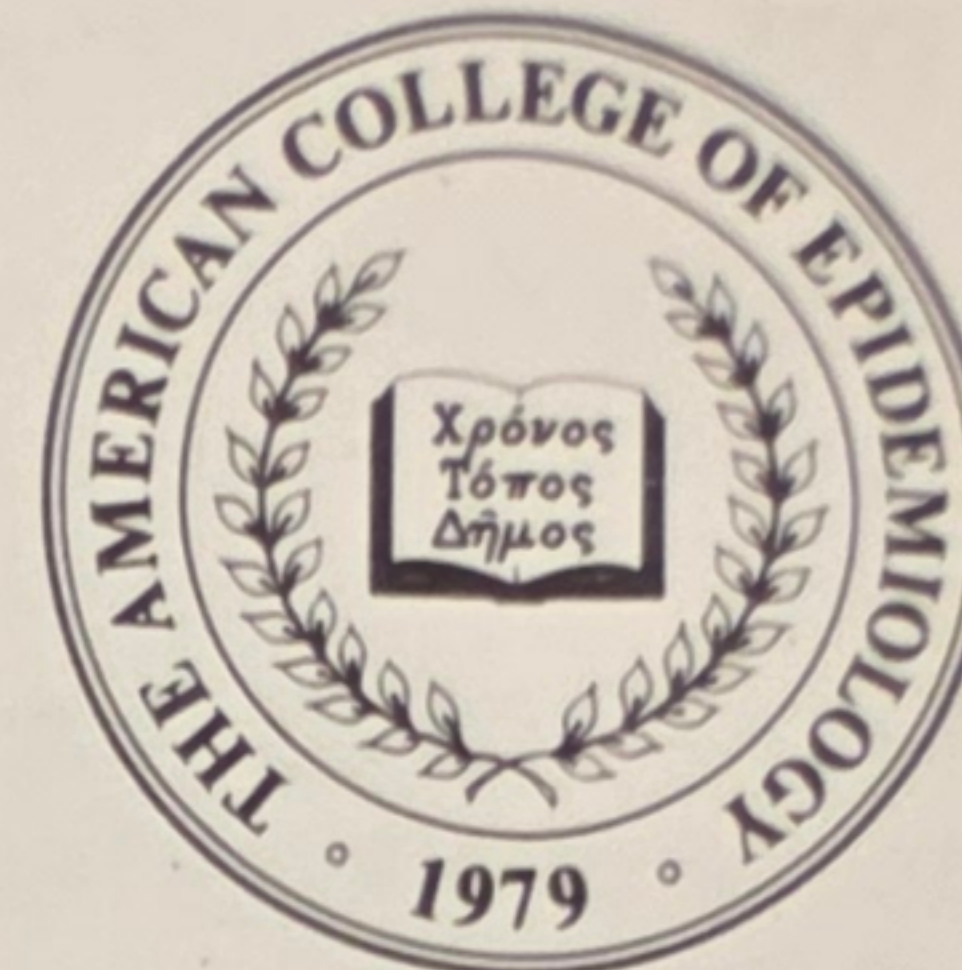




PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Paul D. Stolley, M.D., F.A.C.E.

Dear Friends and Colleagues:

Let me take this opportunity to wish all of you a happy New Year, a year that may bring a more peaceful world and a year that will bring progress towards the achievement of important health goals.

The College enjoyed an excellent annual meeting in October, hosted by the University of Michigan School of Public Health and its Department of Epidemiology, chaired by **David Schottenfeld**. Some of the fine papers presented at this meeting may be published in the new journal with which the College has associated. This new journal is an important venture for the College; the Board of Directors and I are delighted that **Charles Hennekens** and **Julie**

Buring will be editing it. The name of the journal is not yet chosen, but it will start as a quarterly with the intention of expanding to bi-monthly. Negotiations with a publisher are proceeding. One of the most useful features being planned for the journal is a calendar for epidemiologists listing important upcoming meetings of special interest. The journal will be sent to all "members and Fellows in good standing" of the College. Dues will be adjusted upwards once the cost is determined. The College will have representation on the editorial board and one or two pages of each issue will be available for College news. Proceedings of the annual meeting of the College will be considered for publication at the close of each meeting, with appropriate peer-review and editorial discretion. The first issue is planned for January, 1990 or shortly thereafter.

Our next annual meeting will be held in Washington, D.C. on the campus of Georgetown University and hosted by the Department of Community Medicine with **Sylvan Green**, the program chairperson, aided by **Leonard Chiazze** and **Robert Hirsch**. The hotel accommodations and meeting will be in a beautiful new conference center on campus overlooking Georgetown and the Potomac River. I am very pleased with the meeting site and think you will be too, if you decide to come. The themes of the meeting are listed on page 3 of this newsletter.

The final announcement has to do with the Policy Committee and the statement on the prevention of homicide this committee prepared. You received this statement in a previous mailing, but assuming you have not memorized it, you may recall that it reviewed the epidemiology of homicide and recommended that experiments in handgun control be conducted in selected communities to see if it was feasible and actually reduced the homicide rate as epidemiologic data suggests it should. A press release was issued in early January describing the policy statement and it received reasonable coverage in the media. Copies also were sent to important legislators. **Manning Feinleib** is the Chair of the Policy Committee and he welcomes suggestions for areas where you may think policy development is important and our College can make a contribution.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Jess F. Kraus, Ph.D., F.A.C.E.

The balance in the treasury of the American College of Epidemiology is still relatively healthy, but the increasing costs of doing business for the College is depleting the small reserve available. As has been announced previously, the College will be sponsoring a new quarterly journal, which will be a benefit to the membership of the College. This new journal will cost considerably less to members than to nonmembers of the College and very much less than institutional subscriptions.

Whereas the dues structure for 1990 (the first year of the journal) has not been established, there will be, nonetheless, a need to increase them substantially. Announcement of the dues level for 1990 will be made during 1989. Hence, the Treasurer's office will be collecting dues only for 1989, and a two-year 10 percent discount will not be offered to the membership this year.

On or about the first of the year, some members will be receiving from the Treasurer's office a request for dues payment. Those who have paid their dues through the 1989 calendar year will receive a brief questionnaire on their areas of expertise and availability for expert consultation. Those receiving a dues notice will also receive a questionnaire.

One of the major cost items in the Treasurer's office is the collection of dues; therefore, in 1989 we will send only one notice and one reminder. Thereafter, we will be obliged to follow the Bylaws of the College, which stipulate the suspension of membership privileges (including subscription privileges) if dues are not paid during the membership year. A third and fourth reminder will not be sent, as has been the practice in the past, resulting in a substantial saving in Treasurer's costs.

Many of our members move each year, and it is difficult for us to keep accurate mailing addresses for them. If any member in good standing (i.e., with dues paid through 1988) has not received the proceedings from the 1987 scientific meeting of the College, please contact my office and one will be mailed immediately. The proceedings were mailed second class and, unfortunately, if the mailing address was not correct, the proceedings did not reach you.

The Treasurer wishes all of the members a healthy and prosperous 1989. I look forward to working with the membership in developing expanded scientific communications for our membership.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

G. Marie Swanson, Ph.D., M.P.H., F.A.C.E.

During 1988, two major projects were completed. The first was the preparation and distribution of certificates for all Members of the College. In the past, only Fellows had received certificates of membership. The final group of certificates were sent out in December of 1988.

The second was updating office addresses for the purpose of publishing a new membership directory. The directory was completed and mailed to all American College of Epidemiology members in December of 1988. This is the second directory published by the College. In the future, plans are to update the directory on a bi-annual schedule.

Best wishes for a healthful 1989.

OFFICERS, BOARD OF TRUSTEES, AND COMMITTEE CHAIRS FOR 1989

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Two committees have been inactivated because they have had no business to conduct for the past two years: International Affairs and Finance.

ADMISSIONS COMMITTEE NEWS

The Admissions Committee reviewed applicants for membership and for advancement to Fellow in October of 1988. The first of two reviews of applications for 1989 is underway now. The next deadline for applications for membership or for advancement to Fellow is August 15, 1989. Applications received after December 31, 1988 will be reviewed during the October, 1989 meeting.

The following Members and Fellows are welcomed to the College:

NEW MEMBERS

Edward A. Bortnichak

Joseph T. Horman

Wolfgang Koenig (Overseas)

William A. Satariano

NEW FELLOW

J. Michael McGinnis

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EXAMINATIONS COMMITTEE NEWS

During 1989, examinations for College membership will be returned to their original schedule. The examination will be held once per year, in June. All applicants who are eligible to take this examination during 1989 will be notified of their eligibility.

CALL FOR ABSTRACT - - 8TH ANNUAL MEETING OF THE AMERICAN COLLEGE OF EPIDEMIOLOGY

OCTOBER 5 AND 6, 1989

WASHINGTON, DC

Sylvan Green has announced that three of the topics for the 1989 scientific meeting have been selected by the Program Committee. He is issuing an early call for abstracts for members interested in presenting papers in these sessions.

The three topics selected to date include:

1. Modeling and monitoring of the AIDS Epidemic.
2. Current Issues in Conducting and Interpreting International Studies.
3. Is Alcohol Consumption in Moderation Good, Bad, or Neutral: Investigating Low and Moderate Risk.

Please send abstracts by June, 1 directly to:

Sylvan B. Green

Head

Clinical and Diagnostic Trials Section

National Cancer Institute

Executive Plaza North, Room 344

Bethesda, MD 20892

(301) 496-8547

Please put the annual meeting on your calendar now - - it will be an invigorating scientific meeting in an exciting location. In addition, a seminar is scheduled for October 4, 1989 (on the day preceding the annual meeting). The preliminary title: Advances in Epidemiologic Methodology and Multivariable Modeling.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF PROPOSED BYLAW CHANGES

The Board of Directors will be proposing to the membership a series of bylaw changes effective with the 1989 Annual Meeting of the College. These changes will be specified in the spring newsletter and will cover: (1.) a proposed reduction in the size of the Board of Directors; (2.) changes in membership admission rules; (3.) naming a new standing committee; and (4.) minor wording changes pertaining to these modifications.

J.F. Kraus
Treasurer

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