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CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE

by *Dennis E. Bullard, MD*

Since its origin, the Joint Section on Tumors has evolved to become the largest national organization devoted to neuro-oncology and is the largest joint section. The Section has attempted the different task of balancing its programs to include both basic research and clinical topics. Over the past two years, several major projects have been completed, including the establishment of the Preuss Resident's Research and the Mahaley Clinical Award, which are presented at each National Meeting. The Section has also developed an up-to-date listing of brain tumor support groups, and has developed a newsletter, which you are now reading and which provides an excellent ongoing review of progress in this area. At the time of our next newsletter, we will also be distributing copies of the "Directory of Patient Educational Materials for Brain Tumor Patients," published by The American Brain Tumor Association.

The Section is currently addressing both new and old projects. Dr. Michael Prados, Associate Professor and Head of Neuro-oncology at the University of California, San Francisco, as chairman of one of our task forces, is attempting to develop a proposal for the uniform staging of CNS tumors. Representatives from multiple disciplines and organizations are involved. The initial project will include astrocytic tumors. A successful outcome would impact on all disciplines and would likely serve as the model for future uniform

staging projects. This ambitious project will hopefully show fruition within the next 10 to 12 months.

Dr. Mark Bernstein and Jim Rutka have agreed to take on two new major projects. The first of these will be abstracting into a workable form the active brain tumor protocols in North America. The second will be assembling a list of all available neuro-oncology fellowships. It is anticipated that both projects will result in publications in addition to separate pamphlets which can be distributed to the membership of the Section.

The following newsletter reflects the level of activity of the Section. A tremendous amount of time and energy has been expended by the committee chairmen involved. The Joint Section wants to remain receptive to the needs of its members. I would encourage any member or individual who wishes to participate in the Section or who has specific suggestions to contact me directly.

Dennis E. Bullard, MD, Chairman
Joint Section on Tumors - AANS and CNS

MOSES STEPHEN (STEVE) MAHALEY, JR., MD, PhD

by *Darrell Bigner, MD, PhD*

Dr. Moses Stephen Mahaley, Jr., an internationally known neurosurgeon, died March 8, 1992, at his home in Maggie Valley, NC, of cancer. Dr. Mahaley attended Charlotte College and Wake Forest College and graduated from Duke University with his M.D. in 1959. Early on, he developed an interest in neurosurgery, but also attained a PhD at Duke as well in anatomy in 1959. His success in doing so led to the development, at Duke, of one of the first MD-PhD programs for training physician scientists in the nation. Dr. Mahaley chose his work in anatomy because, at that time, he, Dr. Barnes Woodhall, and Dr. Guy Odom were doing some of the first arterial infusions of chemotherapy for brain tumors in the country. Dr. Mahaley completed

an internship and residency in Neurosurgery at Duke in 1965 and won the first of many awards, the Resident's Award for research from the American Academy of Neurological Surgeons. Other national and international awards followed throughout his career. He was a member of Phi Beta Kappa and Alpha Omega Alpha and the founder and a member of the Odom-Woodhall legion, a group of eminent neurosurgeons trained by Drs. Odom and Woodhall. In 1985 he received the National Farber Award from the American Academy of Neurology for outstanding research in brain tumors. From the University of Charlotte, he received the Distinguished Alumnus Award in 1986, and, in

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