

INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY OF CARDIOLOGY
RESEARCH COMMITTEE

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Mr. Albert M. Baer
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Dear Albert:

You asked what would be nice for the late Professor Gottsegen's family and this question stimulated me to come up with one idea that may have several merits.

Lately, Gottsegen was interested in cardiovascular epidemiology and arranged to have his assistant, Dr. G. Lamm, develop work in this field in Hungary. As you know, Dr. Lamm got his indoctrination with our team in Finland last year and Gottsegen was happy to have him join the work in Italy this spring. And shortly before Gottsegen died it was suggested that another man on Gottsegen's staff, Dr. Gyárfás, join the work in Crete this August-September.

Why not consider setting up a short-term "International Cardiology Foundation Gottsegen Memorial Fellowship," for a Hungarian to work outside of Hungary or a non-Hungarian to work in Hungary on cardiovascular epidemiology? I think of something like an award of a thousand dollars for a two-months' fellowship. Perhaps this could be awarded periodically, say every second year, if finances permit.

I suggest, further, that similar fellowships be set up in other countries as finances permit. For example, one in Greece could be named for their grand old man, Dr. Papapaneyotou who died recently or at least was soon to die the last I heard. Great care would be needed in selecting the name to be memorialized in each country. But in due course appropriate choices could be made so as to have a sizeable number of fellowships with the size and periodicity of the awards to match the purse of the Foundation. In each country it should be possible to find local support to share costs with the Foundation.

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This idea appeals to me in several ways besides recognizing good men who would be appropriate to memorialize. It would greatly help to stimulate international cooperation in a field where such cooperation is needed and is most useful. And it would provide a concrete program for which to ask funds for the Foundation.

Lots of details would need working out to set up a regular arrangement for a number of such fellowships but a start could be made with a one-shot award to Dr. Gyárfás for the coming work in Crete. Dr. Gyárfás' appointment should be checked as to suitability with people in Hungary, of course.

I am sending copies of this letter to Drs. P. D. White, Louis N. Katz, Howard Sprague, Vittorio Puddu, Jean Lequime, Pierre Duchosal, Alberto Taquini, Jeremiah Stamler, J. Kempson Maddox, Paul David, Allan L. Friedlich, M. F. Oliver, Z. Fejfar and Pavel Lukl, so as to cover the officers of the Foundation and key members of the Research Committee. So forgive the mimeo.

Good wishes,

Sincerely,

Ancel Keys, Chairman

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