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Rose and Jerry Stamler
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Dear Rose and Jerry:

I see Darwin has gotten back to the Committee issues of future directions for the 10-Day ISFC Teaching Seminar. We're all grateful to you for the initiative you took in "fingering" him and K.T. Khaw for future responsibilities. I believe that decisions should be taken by the Council based on recommendations of the Seminar Committee and should probably be made both to the working group on the future of the 10-Day Teaching Seminar, and to me. Because two "appointees" were not officially designated through normal channels, and no dates for transition of responsibility were set, there are uncertainties which should be corrected.

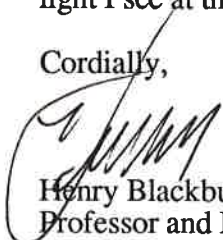
So I would be grateful to you to consult with members of the Seminar Committee, if you would, and make a formal recommendation, with appropriate details, for a shift of functions and responsibilities. I am sure that we will be able to act promptly on those recommendations.

We hope you are having a happy time in Shangri La. I enclose notes made from the dinner in San Diego. I also enclose the essentials of something that I have sent you in detail by express mail to Chicago. It is a very troubling development in Council on which I need your advice.

Ancel is back and doing well but we have not gotten together yet.

I am requesting September 1st as my firm cut-off date as Division Director. There is a fair chance that a replacement will be named by that time or shortly thereafter. I am hoping now that the little light I see at the end of the tunnel is not an onrushing locomotive!

Cordially,



Henry Blackburn, MD
Professor and Director

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Enclosures

**Summary of Henry Blackburn's comments
in recognition of Jeremiah Stamler
at the American Heart Association Council Dinner
San Diego, CA
March 29, 1990**

In the beginning there was God.

Then came Jeremiah.

Then came earth, water, air and fire.

On the international scene in our field, Jerry Stamler has been centrally involved from the outset, particularly in the activities of the Research Committee of the International Society of Cardiology. This was founded by Ancel Keys and Paul Dudley White at the 1958 World Congress of Cardiology in Brussels. From that moment on Jerry was in the fray, planning, (and sometimes plotting) the reorganization of the International Society of Cardiology into Scientific Councils a la American Heart. Jerry led those Councils in a critical period for the International Society and Foundation of Cardiology, always effectively dunning the Board, and the organizing committees of the World Congresses of Cardiology, for appropriate and full recognition of preventive cardiology and epidemiology in the program.

Jerry was centrally involved in the planning of both International Conferences on Preventive Cardiology. As President of the second, 1989 Washington conference he did much to make it a remarkable intellectual, professional, social and economic success. Of the substantial surplus, \$84,000 accrues to this AHA council and \$84,000 to the account of the ISFC Council on Epidemiology and Prevention.

But I'm getting ahead of the story. Jerry was a part of that very seminal meeting for world cardiovascular disease epidemiology and prevention, held in Makarska in 1968 where representatives of American Heart Association, Scientific Councils, the National Heart and Lung Institute, the Seven Countries Study Investigators, and officers of the ISFC, set forth a basic structure under which developed the 1970 NHLBI report on Arteriosclerosis, and the subsequent generation of NHLBI trials. At the same time, it helped set in motion the community research

demonstrations, starting in North Karelia in '71 and Stanford in '72 and in Minnesota and Rhode Island in '79.

Jerry and Rose were centrally involved in organization of the International 10-day seminars, the first of which was held at that famous Makarska Conference, and the second the following year, in Pioppi, Italy, their current home.

As to Jerry Stamler's contribution to our field, and to science and the public health, his conceptual and analytical skills, his wide and intense curiosity, his penetrating analyses and syntheses, his awesome, actually awful, energy, all these have put him in the forefront of leadership in our field. No one has provided more ideas. No one has mobilized more needed resources. No one has organized projects and programs more effectively. No one has inspired more people. No one has trained more people or advanced more careers. Jerry has made careers for dozens among us whom he has tapped for numerous central and collaborative undertakings, from the Diet-Heart Study to the Coronary Drug Project, HDFP, MRFIT and on up to Intersalt, and on and on.

Jerry Stamler has "shown us the way." He is the model of a rigorous scientific investigator comfortably combined with an effective activist and public health leader. Finally, he is an international figure in professional responsibility and human rights.

It's the "right thing" that we do here, as a Council, and as colleagues and friends, to recognize Jerry's contributions at this meeting of our Council, coincident with his 70th anniversary!

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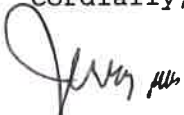
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