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MEASUREMENTS IN DELIVERY OF HEALTH SERVICES

Chairman: Paul I. Ahmed, Secretary's Task Force on "Medicaid and Related Health Programs" and National Institute of Mental Health

Speakers: Irving J. Lewis, Health Services and Mental Health Administration
"Management and Measurement in Health Services Programs"
Dorothy P. Rice, Social Security Administration
"Measurements of Problems in Medical Care Expenditures"

Discussants: Monroe Lerner, John Hopkins University
Joe Manes, Bureau of the Budget

When and Where: 9:30 AM to 1:00 PM, Wednesday, September 24, Conference Room B, Interdepartmental Auditorium, 14th and Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C.

Joint Conference with the Urban and Regional Information System Association.

"Breaking the Computer Bottleneck - Programming for the Non-Programmer - Rapid Information Retrieval, Report Generation and Statistical Manipulation"

When and Where: 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM, Tuesday, September 30, Conference Room B, Interdepartmental Auditorium, 14th and Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C.

Chairman: Jack C. Barrett, Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments

Speakers: John N. Maguire, Consolidated Analysis Centers, Inc. (C.A.C.I.)
"Quick Query System"
Kenneth Shapiro, National Institute of Health - "Tablemaker"
Herbert Wall, IBM Corporation - "Generalized Information System (GIS)"
Ruth N. Varner, National Bureau of Standards - "Omnitab"
Joseph Hilsemath, National Bureau of Standards - "General Purpose Programs for Data File Manipulation"

Discussant: Sidney Brownstein, IBM Corporation

The professional life of most of us has been drastically affected by the computer revolution and we are all running to keep up with it. An intensely frustrating experience many of us have had is the slow, laborious and expensive programming necessary to retrieve, manipulate and display data from computer files. Many efforts are now going on to develop generalized retrieval packages that become part of machine software and vastly reduce the complexity and time required to program computer output simple enough for non-specialists to use. Our conference will explore some of the best developed packages, each having a somewhat different focus. (Omnitab, on which we had an all-day conference last year, is being included briefly to place it in perspective with other packages.)

Baltimore Chapter

For some time, the Washington Statistical Society has supported a Baltimore Committee. The main purpose of this group was to create interest in the formation of a separate Baltimore Chapter in ASA. This group is now prepared to move forward. An organizational meeting will be held at the Baltimore Statler Hilton Hotel on October 9 to discuss and vote on a proposed constitution and slate of officers. Speakers will include Al Mindlin, President of WSS, and John Lehman, Executive Director of ASA. Further details will be sent to individuals living in the Baltimore area. Anyone desiring more information may call Harold Grossman, area code 301-944-4920 or government code 130-4920.

The WSS continued to rely during the 1968-1969 season on Building Representatives to perform a variety of functions for the Chapter. We are grateful for the help of these unsung volunteers and wish to express our thanks for a job well done. Listed below are the individuals who performed in this capacity.

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