

Portfolio which he had discovered at Zaragosa. These he hoped would be the beginning of a collection of mementos of Cajal for the Cajal Club.

1966 : May 13. This is the end of the Pinckney Era. A period that saw the Cajal Club grope from its early beginnings to a recognized place among scientific societies. With this has come a change that some regret. At the Kansas City Meeting in 1967 there was nostalgic evidence of the early days. Probably this will be the swan song of one aspect of our early days for the Cajal Club, like the father of Eliza in Shaw's Pygmalion, has been "delivered . . . into the hands of middle class morality."

There are three items which have not had the impact on the Cajal Club that was envisioned at the time they were adopted. First, in 1958 a committee composed of Barry Campbell, Grant L. Rasmussen and Arthur Jansen made the following report at the business session in Buffalo, New York: "It being generally agreed that chaos was bad and that order was somewhat less deplorable, the following recommendations were evolved, viz:

1. That the equivalence of American Association of Anatomists membership should be required of prospective members and that the candidates be established in their field.
2. That a three-man committee should be appointed to recommend an applicant.
3. That the committee should be empowered with discretionary powers in its selection.
4. That "boutons de passage" and honorary members be appointed by the membership committee.
5. That rules for nomination should be sent to all members with the necessary instructions.

Secondly, there was available at one time an application form. Presumably this was evolved as a result of the report of Cambell, Rasmussen and Jansen.

Finally, there is the "Covenant of the Cajal Club". To the older members this is probably strangely familiar but also probably forgotten. To the younger members, it is probably entirely new.

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AND SIX MORE YEARS

1967 - 1972

Glenn V. Russell

After the death of Pinckney J. Harman on May 13, 1966, the duties of the Apical Dendrite fell briefly on the shoulders of the founding Nucleolus, Dr. Wendell J. S. Krieg.

1967 : The 20th Annual Meeting was at the Muehlebach Hotel in Kansas City. At the business meeting, Dr. Howard A. Matzke became the official successor to Pink, and began a continuing reign as our Apical Dendrite. Emeritus Professor of Anatomy (Aberdeen) R. D. Lockhart entertained one and all at the Banquet.

1968 : The Banquet this year in New Orleans was held Monday evening in Arnaud's. This was the evening of the funeral of Martin Luther King, and so it was no surprize that Arnaud's was very shorthanded. The terribly slow arrival of food, up to 2 hours late, left some of the good members subsisting on rolls and butter. Historical papers highlighted the program this year. Professor Roofe gave a "Biography of C. Judson Herrick", Professor Frontera spoke on "Cajaliana", and Professor Figge presented "An Illustrated Lecture on Cajal's Spain". The business meeting brought an amendment of the Covenant, when it was decided to drop from membership those who were 2 years in arrears in their dues at the time of the annual meeting. The newly established "Pinckney J. Harman Memorial Fund" had reached \$1000.00 and it was decided to establish a Memorial Lectureship with the monies.

1969 : Pink was waiting for us when we gathered in the Sheraton-Boston Hotel in Boston, Mass. in 1969. Perhaps we should have been prepared for some kind of a disaster, for the Annual Meeting was scheduled for Tuesday, April 1st, with the Banquet and 1st Harman Memorial Lecture on the preceding Monday evening. What was officially called an "oversight" . . . many of us felt it was the work of the "spirit of Pink" . . . resulted in the failure of the hotel bartender to collect for the drinks at what was supposed to have been a No-Host Bar prior to the Banquet. By the time the mistake was caught, it was already too late, and the Club wound up with a whopping bill for \$555.73 which we eventually had to pay to the Hotel. It was, however, just the way HE would have wanted it, and did set the stage, in grandiose fashion, for Dr. Elizabeth Crosby's 1st Pinckney J. Harman Memorial Lecture. The 1st Cajal Memorial Prize (the "Cortical Kudos"), presented through the good offices of Wendell Krieg, was presented to Dr. Larry Stensaas. At the urging of a segment of the membership, it was decided to appoint a Committee to review the Aims and Purposes of the Club, to re-evaluate the format of the Annual Meeting, and perhaps even change the name of the Club. Dr. F. Dave Anderson was named by the new Nucleolus to be Chairman of this ad hoc Committee, and during the ensuing year was to be underwhelmed by outpourings from some 19 members of the Club.

1970 : This was the year of the great Air Controllers Strike. Some members even drove to Chicago, while some just stayed away. We had again caught a Sheraton Hotel, and approached it with caution to ensure that the "No-Host Bar Disaster" of a year before was not repeated. It was not, but we still wound up in the red because of light drinking (a surprize) on the part of the membership, and the no-shows at the banquet. Nonetheless, Howard Matzke's financial report at the business meeting showed that we had weathered the fiscal storm . . . poorer, but much wiser. The 2nd Pinckney J. Harman Memorial Lecture was presented by Dr. Antonio Villasana from Mexico City. He talked about, and showed pictures of, memorabilia of Cajal found in his desk - now located in the Department of Histology of the University of Mexico. Dr. Villasana also presented an original bronze bust of Don Santiago to the Club. The 2nd Cortical Kudos was to Dr. David Hubel. The Report of the Anderson Committee was to the effect that the Covenant be preserved . . . as is; That the

membership be kept "loose"; That the Club not be overly structured; and That the name remain unchanged. These proposals, as well as that to appoint a Program Committee, were adopted by the membership at the business meeting.

1971 : For the third year in a row we found ourselves in a Sheraton Hotel, this time in dear old Philadelphia. This year we held only a social evening rather than our customary banquet. The No-Host Bar survived for a second year without the intervention of the spirit of Pink, but the Hotel did try to ring in some 15 gallons of coffee at \$10.00 a gallon, but our alert Apical Dendrite, Howard Matzke, suffering a few extra systoles, was on his toes and sent the boys packing. The initial efforts of our Program Committee were adjudged a great success, and it was decided to appoint and elect this Committee two years in advance. The Club treasury and the Harman Fund continued to prosper, and the 3rd Cortical Kudos was presented to Dr. D. N. Pandya. Professor J. Z. Young, University College, London, presented the 3rd Annual Pinckney Harman Memorial Lecture to a full house at the end of the Scientific Session.

1972 : The 25th Annual Meeting of the Cajal Club was held in the Adolphus Hotel in Dallas, Texas on the 3rd day of April . . . 25 years to the day from the founding of the Club in Montreal, Canada. Founding Nucleolus, Wendell J.S. Krieg, placed the original copy of the Compact in the Archives of the Club during the business meeting. The membership instructed the Apical Dendrite to send to each of the Founding Synapses an expression of sincere thanks. On April 27, 1972, Apical Dendrite Howard Matzke wrote to the surviving members of the Nucleus of the Cajal Club:

"I am sure the Cajal Club, now numbering 390 members, is a far cry from what you envisioned it to be on that day in Room 8102 in the Mount Royal Hotel in Montreal. It nevertheless, serves many of the aims outlined in the original Covenant, namely: 1) to revere Cajal; 2) to provide an opportunity for congenial scientists with a special interest in the nervous system to fraternize annually; 3) to contribute to the welfare of neuroanatomy and neuroanatomists; and 4) to accomplish the above in an informal way with a minimum amount of administrative and regulative detail. . . . on behalf of the entire membership of the Cajal Club, THANKS."

Professor John Szentagothai gave the 4th Annual Pinckney J. Harman Memorial Lecture, and the membership voted to raise the dues to \$3.00, the additional \$1.00 to be used to strengthen the financial position of the Harman Lecture Fund.

And so ends the first 25 years of the Cajal Club. It has become a significant and widely recognized scientific society than can be described as strong and dedicated in its membership, substantial and timely in its scientific program, sound and secure in its financial position, but ever relaxed and informal in its way of going.

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PLATE 1. A reproduction of the COMPACT of the CAJAL CLUB showing the signatures of the 14 Charter Synapses who form the Nucleus of the Cajal Club. The original copy is in the Archives of the Club.