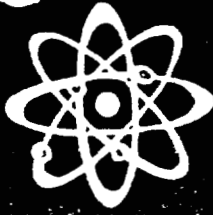


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1971 MEDICAL RESEARCH SEMINAR FOR WRITERS TO BE HELD AT  
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ATOMEDIC '71, a two-day seminar for newsmen and science writers on the most recent developments in nuclear medical research, will be held May 24 and 25 at the Atomic Energy Commission's Argonne National Laboratory.

Among the scientists who will report on their current work is Dr. James V. Neel, Chairman of the Department of Human Genetics at the University of Michigan. He will discuss cultural and environmental factors which influence genetic changes. Dr. Neel directs a large population genetics program for the AEC and National Science Foundation involving a primitive South American tribe.

Other speakers from within the medical research program supported by the AEC will be selected in the next few weeks. Suggestions for speakers and topics are welcome.

The '71 seminar, the third of a series, will follow the same format as the two previous sessions, and will provide up-to-the-minute reports by the scientists doing the work. There will also be an opportunity for writers to talk informally with the scientists taking part in the seminar.

Among the news stories from previous ATOMEDIC seminars are those reporting implantation of a nuclear powered pacemaker, the use of L-dopa to treat a rare, children's disease, and the first electron microscope photographs of single atoms.

Argonne National Laboratory will host ATOMEDIC for the first time at the '71 session. Previous sessions have been held at the AEC's Brookhaven National Laboratory.

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Argonne National Laboratory is located 27 miles southwest of Chicago. Accommodations are available at on-site dormitories and nearby motels. A tour of the laboratory will be offered at the end of the session. A full program, and registration package will be mailed in early May.

For further information on ATOMEDIC, contact AEC's Division of Public Information, Washington, D.C. 20545 (301-973-3446), AEC's Chicago Operations Office, 9800 South Cass Avenue, Argonne, Illinois 60439 (312-739-7711, extension 2108) or the Public Relations office of the Laboratory, 9700 South Cass Avenue, Argonne, Illinois 60439 (312-739-7711, extension 3731).

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