

SEATA Newsletter for October 2002

Message from the District Director, Chuck Kimmel

Dear SEATA Members,

It was great to see so many members and friends at the Dallas Annual Meeting in June. I hope that each of you who were able to attend enjoyed the educational sessions and recreational opportunities provided. It was flattering to learn that District 9 was most represented district at the Annual Meeting. This, once again, shows our District's active support of the Association.

The Board of Directors has been very busy. Since the SEATA Meeting, it has met in May in Seattle and in June in Dallas. Please refer to the *NATA News* and the summaries that are printed there. If, at any time, you have any question about Board business or matters of a national interest, do not hesitate to call on me. I am most grateful for the overwhelming support of the dues increase for 2003. As I hope I made clear, the leadership and national office are very concerned that the money is used as wisely as possible. However, because of the increasing numbers of members, practice settings, and issues that you and the NATA are facing more resources are needed. It is my sincerest hope that as we continue to move our profession forward that each and every member will feel a sense of ownership and pride for what the Association does on its behalf.

As a person who was humbled in Dallas with a most cherished honor, I want to recognize the other District 9 members who were recipients of NATA Honors and Awards in Dallas. Service Award winners were **Marisa Brunett**, **Mary Kirkland**, and **Stephanie Lennon** of Florida. Also receiving Service Awards from Tennessee were **Mark Parsons** and **Therese Sparn**. Each of these five people has made countless contributions to their state's organizations. Receiving Honorary Membership was **Dr. Harlan Selesnick**, MD, from Miami, Florida. Most Distinguished Athletic Trainer Award recipients were **Bob Nevil** and **Carl Williams**. Finally, and most importantly, our Hall of Fame inductee was **Jack Redgren**. Jack has been a leader in our profession for many years and is most deserving of our Association's highest honor.

My complements to the other SEATA officers, **Frank Grimaldi**, **Jim Mackie**, and **MaryBeth Horodyski** for the move to web based activities within the Association. As is often the case, SEATA is a leader in this area and both the Symposia Registration and Newsletter were well done and presented in a professional fashion. As the NATA moves more and more toward technology with the *Journal of Athletic Training*, payment of dues, surveys, notification on relevant and important issues, etc., I will proudly speak to how well District 9's move into technology is going and how the membership is benefiting. This will amaze my colleagues, as they know that I have had nothing to do with this progress since I am still trying to learn how to use a calculator!

It is an honor to serve such a vibrant and active membership. SEATA has always been and continues to be a source of leadership within the NATA and to be able to be a

part of this group is an honor. It is reassuring to know that if a member has a question or opinion that they will not hesitate to call on me and express it. It is gratifying to be allowed to serve a second term as Director. I realize, as is always the case, that SEATA has a rich history of leadership and that each Director before me would have loved to have had the opportunity I am enjoying and would have continued doing an outstanding job representing the membership. I welcome every chance to see you and hope that you will call on me if I can ever be of service to you.

Best wishes to you in the coming months. I hope that the fall is a wonderful time of the year for you with many successes both on and off the fields and arenas of competition.

Message from Frank Grimaldi's, District 9, President

Nothing makes me feel better than to be able to educate others about the profession of athletic training.

I was fortunate to be asked to travel to Nagykanisa, Hungary, and this past summer to act as the head athletic trainer for the International baseball team from Greece. We played in the European Championships and had a wonderful showing by winning the B-pool play to qualify for the A-pool play next year in Holland in preparation for the 2004 Olympics Games in Athens, Greece.

Many other country teams have no idea about the benefits of having an athletic trainer on staff, stretching techniques or why we use so much ice for treatments, injury preventative measures and replenishing fluids.

I was honored to pass the word about the profession of athletic training to many other countries; they were extremely interested in what we can contribute. I was available to treat a couple of their players who were injured. Outside of the USA, ice is not as available or used in athletics, and the idea of having cold water to drink in large amounts is not a consideration. The use of gloves to deal with an injured athlete is something we as athletic trainers do without a thought. I received some extremely strange looks from other teams when I put on my gloves to deal with their blood-related injuries.

Our team was fortunate to have our expenses, including lodging, meals, equipment and uniforms, provided by the Greek International Baseball Federation and Mr. Angelos, the owner of the Baltimore Orioles. On the other hand, one team traveled 36+ hours by bus and stayed in a not so comfortable hotel with \$5.00 a-day meal money. Another team actually lived in tents for a week on the field next to the stadium.

Fall season is upon us and there are many things to do. I hope you all have a safe and successful season in all your sports. Athletic training is one of the few health care fields that shares information amongst the professionals. There have been too many tragedies in athletics, in the past couple years, and I hope there will not be many more.

SEATA elections are coming soon. The positions of President and Treasurer are open for those interested in becoming involved at the district level. Contact Jim Mackie, SEATA Secretary, with your interest in running for either position.

The SEATA Members Symposium will be held March 27 – 30, 2003, at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Atlanta, Georgia. The SEATA student Symposium will be held February 14 – 15, 2003, at the same location. Both meetings were extremely successful and are growing every year. SEATA has excellent individuals who have dedicated tremendous amounts of their own time to creating outstanding programs. Mark your calendars now for a great educational experience.

I'm looking forward to hearing from each member. Please let me or your state presidents know what SEATA can do to help promote the profession of athletic training.

Message from Mary Beth Horodyski, District 9, Treasurer

SEATA is doing well at this time. We currently have available \$32,450.59 in checking; \$25, 909.26 in savings; \$178,539.55 in investments

Message from Jim Mackie, District 9, Secretary

As many of you know we have been experiencing problems with access to the server & SEATA home page. This was a complex problem caused by a change in the ownership of the domain name. It has now been resolved and hopefully we can have full access through the Internet and offer the timely information and services for our membership. The Web Page will be taking on anew look with drop down access screens and hopefully will be more user friendly. We apologize for any inconveniences this downtime may have caused.

Recently I was appointed to serve as the Newsletter Editor. Please send all information to me at the following address: Jim Mackie, 12133 Cheyenne Trail, Jacksonville, Florida 32223 or e-mail to jdmackie@attbi.com.

The Newsletter is now on line as you can see and we trust that this will be accessible and helpful for our membership. This not only ushers us into the latest technology, but does so with a substantial cost savings to the district.

Call for Nominations for up-coming elections

Elections will be held in December 2002 for President and Treasurer. Please send all Nominations to Jim Mackie, District 9, Secretary by October 31, 2002. Candidates should forward a shot biography for review by the membership. Ballots will be mailed to the membership in November.

SEATA Executive Committee Meeting

Sunday June 16, 2002
Hyatt Reverchaun Room
Dallas, Texas

Present at meeting: Chuck Kimmel, District Director; Frank Grimaldi, President; MaryBeth Horodyski, Treasurer; Jim Mackie, Secretary; Marisa Brunett, FL; Matt Smith, stand-in MS; Nick Pappas, TN; Chris Gillispie, AL; Larry D'Antoni, stand-in LA; JC Anderson, stand-in, GA; no representative from KY present.
Guest: David Jones, Governmental Affairs, David Green, and SEATA Exhibitors Chair

Meeting called to order at 8:35 AM by Frank Grimaldi, President

A roll call vote was taken and approved 7-0 to raise national dues as discussed by \$10.00. Frank passed on the vote results from Kentucky for JW Durst. Frank was present at the Kentucky state meeting when the vote was passed.

Minutes of March executive board meeting approved 6-0 Chris Gillespie, AL, Marisa Brunett, FL, seconded, motioned to approve.

General Meeting Information:

- 1) Georgia: Tom Bair has stepped down as GA president; Dana Cravey will finish the term.
- 2) Tom Kaminski has resigned from Research & Education Committee. Carl Mattacola from UK will replace him.
- 3) Honoraria guidelines from March meeting were distributed. Board Minutes from March meeting are in Newsletter.
- 4) SEATA Symposium and Members Business Meeting held March 2001 had 552 in attendance, with 52 vendors participated. We are still trying to resolve billing issues with the hotel and are withholding payment at this time.

Officer Reports:

Secretary's Report

Jim Mackie, District Secretary, will serve as newsletter editor. Frank Grimaldi thanked Traci Gearhart for her efforts with the newsletter and all her work assisting SEATA at student and members meetings the past several years.

Elections for President and Treasurer will be in 2003. Anyone interested has a year to contact Frank or MaryBeth to get additional information pertaining to each position.

Treasurer's report

MaryBeth Horodyski reported that SEATA is doing well at this time. We currently have available \$32,450.59 in checking; \$25, 909.26 in savings; \$178,539.55 in investments.

Chris Gillespie asked about loss on SEATA financial report from the March meeting. MaryBeth stated we have accumulated a surplus in the past, which will cover loss.

All dues checks should have been received by each state and will be sent to states, as funds become available. National office will provide membership database by August and this will be available and share with states. MaryBeth requested that each state designate a membership or computer person who can handle membership database. The person must be familiar with Microsoft applications. The State Presidents were asked to send the e-mail address of designated person to Jim Mackie. States may request mailing lists electronically or pay the ground shipping as applicable.

In a effort to save costs the NATA has made some changes to procedures. The Journal of Athletic Training will soon be sent electronically unless the member requests differently. Membership cards will no longer be printed unless requested.

Finally, MaryBeth reported that states with annual income of over \$25,000 should be incorporated and consider using an accountant for reporting taxes and accountability of assets.

District Directors Report:

Chuck Kimmel gave a report from Seattle Board Meeting in January. In the future, members will receive Journal of Athletic Training by request only as checked on your membership renewal form, otherwise it will be available online. The Journal of Athletic Training will no longer be sent to students (non certified). The Journal and membership card changes are part of the NATA cost saving plan.

The Board has requested the NATA office to become more web based. On-line registration for the NATA meeting was received well.

In order to help create more jobs for Athletic Trainers a Jobs Task force has been created and a bulk of the \$165k surplus has been designated to assist in this effort. HIPPA guidelines were discussed and we encourage members to be proactive in this area July NATA News will focus on education reform. Graduate standards and guidelines for program accreditation passed. JRCAT has some concerns with CAHEP, which was discussed by Board of Directors and they have asked CAHEP to respond to those concerns. Board will meet again Tuesday and in Nashville. Members Reception will be December 13th

District 9 award winners were recognized:

Hall of Fame: Jack Redgren, TN

Honorary Membership: Dr. Harlan Selznick, FL

Most Distinguished Athletic Trainer

Bob Nevil, TN

Carl Williams

Chuck Kimmel, TN

Athletic Training Service Award

Marisa Brunet, FL

Mary Kirkland, FL

Stephanie Lennon, FL

Mark Parsons, TN

Theresa Sparn, TN

MaryBeth discussed and asked that conformation of all requests and receipts are to be sent to Rich Rogers in NATA office for legislative funds.

David Jones, Governmental Affairs

David Jones reported that he needs help determining each state Governmental Affairs members (needs KY & GA rep names). Keith Webster will make a proposal to NATA Board regarding matching funds. With respect to information regarding HIPPA, there seems to be more questions than solutions at this time, response due June 26th. The deadline for compliance is April 14, 2003. (www.HIPAA.gov is best web site to research rules & guidelines, www.AHA.org also has guidelines) SEATA members need to read and become familiar with HIPAA.

A meeting will be held in Boca Raton to discuss HIPAA issues along with other insurance concerns for the college and university setting on June 28-30, 2002, Contact Bo McDougal (Jacksonville University) or Brian Anderson (Florida Atlantic University).

Sunrise review mentioned:

It may serve to have records of reported violation activity when approaching this process.

David Jones may be reached at jonesd@jacksonhospital.net

New Business:

Frank discussed we need to consider future raise of district dues in range of \$3-10 in year 2004. This must be approved all states to occur. An increase in dues will be added to the state allocations for state membership.

Bobby Barton Scholarship Award was presented for the first time this year at the student athletic trainers awards breakfast. A graduate student from the University of Florida (Sheri Walters) was its first recipient.

Nick Pappas raised question about the SEATA Web site contacts because Tennessee is modifying their web site. DHS International is the SEATA web provider.

New NATA information services contact is Rick Hess.

State Presidents Reports

Alabama: State Meeting May 2003.

Georgia: State Meeting January 2003 in Atlanta, GA.

Florida: State Meeting April 11-13, 2003 Maitland, FL.

Kentucky:

Louisiana: State Meeting June 2003.

Mississippi: State Meeting January 2-4, 2003 in Jackson, MS.

Tennessee: State Meeting January 18-19, 2003 in Murfreesboro @ Tennessee State University.

Future Meetings:

Feb 14-16, 2003 Student SEATA Meeting, Crown Ravinia, Atlanta GA.

March 27-30, 2003 SEATA Symposium, Crown Ravinia, Atlanta, GA.

June 24-28, 2003 NATA National Symposium, St. Louis, MO

Nick Pappas (TN), Motioned to adjourn, Marisa Brunett (FL), Seconded, approved 6-0 Meeting Adjourned @ 10:00 AM.

Committee Reports

Andy Plemons; Chair, SEATA Scholarships

SEATA SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE

Now is the time to initiate the application process for SEATA's \$1,000.00 scholarships. If you are a full time undergraduate or graduate student pursuing a degree in the athletic training arena, do not hesitate to apply. Applicants must be a junior or senior in academic standing, have at least a 'B' average in their overall curriculum and be members of the Southeastern Athletic Trainers' Association.

If interested, send a note or letter to request the application. This should be sent to:

Andy Plemons
UAB Sports Medicine Clinic
1600 7th Avenue South, Suite 402
Birmingham, Alabama 35223

Also, if you are a District 9 member and presently have a dependent enrolled as a junior or senior in an accredited college or university, \$500.00 scholarships are available for you as well

Jane Steinberg; Chair SEATA Honors & Awards

I simply want to remind all SEATA members that the NATA Awards (Educational Multimedia, Journal, Service, Most Distinguished, and Hall of Fame) nomination forms will be available on-line in August. District Nine has had tremendous representation every year at the NATA Honors and Awards Luncheon.

Receiving awards in Dallas included:

Educational Multimedia Software: Gary Harrelson(AL),
Deidre Leaver-Dunn(AL), and Jason Bennett(TN)

Most Distinguished Athletic Trainer: Chuck Kimmel (TN),
Robert Nevil (TN), Carl Williams (LA)

Hall of Fame: Jack Redgren (TN)

Complete nomination forms are due at the national office the first week of January.

Continue to nominate your mentors and colleagues!

Exhibits Committee: David Green

We will soon be sending out information concerning the 2003 SEATA Annual Meeting and Clinical Symposium to all potential attendees including Potential exhibitors. If you have a new representative that may be calling on you and your company, university or high school, PLEASE check with them and ask if they know about the 2003 meeting. If they do remind them to register early and if they are not aware of the annual meeting have them contact me or give them my address and phone number. Your cooperation in this matter is greatly appreciated. The more exhibitors and partner program participates the better the meeting will be as these companies help in funding the programs, lectures, and social gatherings.

Please support our exhibitors as they help in making our SEATA Annual Meeting and Clinical Symposium the great success that it has become. If anyone has any companies or leads, please have them contact me at:

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Future Meeting Information:

SEATA Student Meeting, February 14-15, 2003, Atlanta GA. Crown Ravinia Hotel, Contact: MaryBeth Horodyski horodmb@ortho.ufl.edu or Jim Mackie jdmackie@attbi.com

SEATA Annual Symposium, March 27-30, 2003, Atlanta, GA. Crown Ravinia Hotel, Contact: MaryBeth Horodyski or Jim Mackie

NATA Annual Symposium, June 24-28, 2003, St. Louis, MO

**SEATA Research Grant
Request for Proposals**

The SEATA Research and Education Committee is pleased to announce that they are accepting grant proposals for Research Grants up to \$1,500.00.

Priority will be given to those grant proposals which include an NATA-BOC certified athletic trainer who is a member of NATA District 9 (SEATA). The deadline for grant proposals is February 14, 2003. For more information, contact

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Or visit the SEATA website at: <http://www.seata.org/>

**SEATA Research and Education Committee
CALL FOR ABSTRACTS**

**SEATA Research Seminar
Southeast Athletic Trainers' Association Annual Meeting
Atlanta, Georgia • March 27 – March 30, 2003**

DEADLINE FOR ABSTRACT SUBMISSION: JANUARY 14, 2003

Reports on experimental research, injury surveys, case studies, and/or other research projects that are pertinent to the practice of athletic training are welcomed from athletic trainers, physicians, exercise physiologists, biomechanists, educators, and other health care professionals. All abstracts will undergo blind review.

Submit abstracts according to the following directions:

1. The abstract should follow the structured format utilized by the *Journal of Athletic Training* for manuscript articles (see item #17 in the JAT Authors' Guide or http://www.journalofathletictraining.org/auguide_2002.htm). Components of a structured abstract differ by the type of presentation but should include: **Original Research:** Objective, Design and Setting, Subjects, Measurements, Results and Conclusions; **Case Reports:** Objective, Background, Differential Diagnosis, Treatment, Uniqueness, and Conclusions.

2. The abstract is limited to **400** words and must be typed, single spaced, on a single page with 1' margins on all sides. Type the title of the paper/abstract in all CAPITAL letters starting at the left margin.

3. On the next line, indent 3 spaces and type the names of all authors, with the presenting author listed first. Type the last name, then initials (without periods), followed by a comma; continue with the other authors (if any), ending with a colon.

4. Indicate the institution (including the city and state) where the research or case report was conducted on the same line following the name(s) of the author(s). Double space and begin typing the text of the abstract flush left in a single paragraph with no indentations. Do not justify the right margin.

5. Please forward a cover letter, original abstract, and a blind copy (that which does not indicate any information concerning the author's name or establishment) via e-mail to carlmat@uky.edu. The e-mail attachments may be formatted as an MS Word or WordPerfect document. The cover letter should include the presenter's mailing address, city, state, zip code, work phone, fax, and e-mail address. In the cover letter please indicate your preference for either an oral or poster presentation format. Specifically, please title the subject line of the e-mail message "SEATA REC 2003". Please title your (3) file attachments as follows:

- Cover Letter - Include your last name and the word “Cover” (e.g., Jones.Cover.doc)
- Original Abstract - Include your last name and the word “Abstract” (e.g., Jones.Abstract.doc)
- Blind Copy - Include your last name and the word “Blind” (e.g., Jones.Blind.doc)

6. If accepted for presentation, the original abstract will appear as submitted in the conference proceeding notebook. Be sure to carefully check for spelling and grammatical errors before submitting the abstract for review.

7. If you are unable to submit the abstract as via e-mail, please forward the abstract and cover letter to:

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State Reports

Florida

Several educational programs have been offered this summer. DR’s. Joel Beam & Chris Joyce of the University of North Florida and Bo McDougal of Jacksonville University presented a Lightning and Safety Issues program for coaches, athletic trainers and officials. The primary speaker was a scientist from the National Weather Service. Lightening detection devices and policies were also discussed from the NATA, NCAA, and State High School Associations.

Bo McDougal, Jacksonville University and David Anderson of Florida Atlantic University hosted a unique program for Athletic Trainers and College and University Athletic Administrators in which were representatives from 22 institutions attended. The forum allowed for discussion of issues regarding policies and procedures and will serve as a model for future annual meetings.

Georgia

The Georgia Athletic Trainers Association (GATA) provided speakers on various sports medicine related topics and an informational booth staffed by GATA members at the 2002 Georgia Athletic Coaches Association (GACA) meeting held in Atlanta, Ga. Certified Athletic Trainers, Stan Robinson, Deborah MacLean, Courtney Boswell, Dana Cravey, and Jeff Weems staffed the booth and were on hand to discuss the profession of Athletic Training and field questions from attendees.

In addition to the GATA's booth, a number of ATC's served as educational guest speakers to coaches in attendance. The educational sessions began Sunday night, with Gary Scott, MS, ATC serving as the session moderator. During Sunday's session, Mike Ferrara, Ph.D, ATC spoke on Concussions, Harris Patel, MS, ATC spoke about Emergency Field Management and Action Plans, Darren Gravat, ATC discussed the High School Athletic Trainer and Hiring Methods, while Gary Scoffield ATC, CSCS and Curt Bazemore, ATC spoke about Functional Training for Athletes. Monday morning provided the second educational session provided by ATCs as Gene Kirkpatrick, ATC spoke on Lightning Safety/Policy, Mitch Hadinger, M.Ed, ATC spoke on Speed Training, Lindsey Smith, ATC spoke on Heat Illness and Liability, and Jeff Weems, M.Ed, ATC spoke on Pre-participation Physical Exams and HIPAA. Dana Cravey, MS, ATC served as the moderator for Monday's session.

Prior to the 2002 GATA meeting, Gary Scott, MS, ATC and the Athens Orthopedic Clinic hosted a benefit golf tournament at The Georgia Club outside of Athens, Ga. on June 22nd. Approximately 78 local high school coaches, physicians, University of Georgia athletic trainers, and sponsors played in the tournament. As a result, \$1,000.00 was raised for the University of Georgia Student Athletic Trainers Club.

For more information please contact Jeff Weems at (912) 383-5678 or at patoweem@accessatc.net

Georgia Athletic Trainers' Association Recognizes House Representative Alan Powell as Legislator of the Year.

September 24th 2002, Athens, Georgia - The Georgia Athletic Trainers' Association (GATA) proudly presented Georgia House Representative Alan Powell of Hartwell, Georgia with The Legislator of the Year Award. The ceremony and reception were held at the Georgia Center on the campus of the University of Georgia. Following the presentation Representative Powell was taken for a tour of The Bull Dog Athletic Facilities. This included the Sports Medicine Facilities/Educational Lab inside the Butts-Mehre building. A special thanks goes out to Mike Ferrara ATC and Ron Courson ATC, PT for their hospitality. Many other Certified Athletic Trainers' from across the state were able to attend the awards ceremony. Gary Scott ATC, Jeff Tanner ATC, Tamera Hunt ATC, Adam Ricks ATC, Warren Morris ATC, Ken Wells ATC, Andrew Graham ATC, Dana Cravey ATC, and Bruce Getz ATC. Arthur 'Skin' Edge and John

Bozman from the Georgia Link Public Affairs Group also were very instrumental in the festivities of the day.

Representative Powell shared that he was very impressed to see the critical role the Certified Athletic Trainer plays in the health and well being of the student-athletes. The technology that is so prevalent in sports medicine today was also an eye opener for Powell. Representative Powell played a key role in House Bill 1083 being signed into law during the 2002 legislative session. House Bill 1083 provides increased protection for the general public by raising the requirements for an individual to become a Licensed Athletic Trainer within the state of Georgia. The passage of this legislation was necessary to ensure that Georgia's requirements for licensure comply with the standards set forth by the National Athletic Trainers' Association Board of Certification. Representative Powell also shared that he welcomed our ideas and appreciated our support. "Working with Skin and John helped. But you guys placed me in a position that allowed this to transform itself, I was truly impressed with your professionalism and networking capabilities"

The Warren Morris Golf Classic.

Saturday March 29, 2003, 2:00 PM @ Emerald Pointe Golf Course

Cost: \$80.00

Contact Bruce Getz @ 706-576-3352 for more information

TENNESSEE ATHLETIC TRAINERS SOCIETY

- Nashville, TN September 6, 2002: Members of the Tennessee Athletic Trainers Society have been quietly making progress in a number of areas since the state meeting in January. TATS president Nick Pappas announced that the annual meeting and symposium would go to a two-day format as well as being moved to a new location at Middle Tennessee State University. Next year's gathering will take place on Saturday, January 18th and Sunday, January 19th, 2003. Chair Malissa Martin and her committees are planning a great program. Scholarship chair Allan Overby and Vice-president Joe Erdeljac, Honors and Awards chair, remind members to submit nominations for these respective awards.

The Executive Committee has been busy with a number of practice act issues. Jane Steinberg, chair of the Ethics and Compliance, asks the membership for their continued cooperation in the effort to protect our profession and credentials. Other areas of note include some good work by the Secondary School committee led by Kevin Wolf, future projects by the Public Relations committee (chaired by Mark Parsons) and Governmental Affairs (chaired by Chris Snoddy). In addition, there has been some excellent work done by Ty Butler with the Reimbursement Task Force.

In spite of the huge time commitment needed to deal with practice act and related issues, the delay is about to end for the launch of the new TATS website. The actual release will be announced through e-mail and postcards. The website will become the primary vehicle for communication related to athletic training in the State of Tennessee. TATS members will need to know their NATA membership number (not their NATABOC certification number!!!) in order to access the Members Only section. This initial launch will continue to be updated with new features over time and "filling in the blanks" where information was not available at release time. Go to www.tnata.org to check it out !!!