Agrichemical group sponsors health conference

WASHINGTON - Recognizing and treating agrichemical related exposures will be the focus of a conference for health care providers, October 23-24, 1986, Hilton Palacio Del Rio, San Antonio, Texas.

The program is cosponsored by National Agricultural the Chemicals Association and Texas Tech University's Health Sciences Center, and is accredited by Texas Tech's Office of Continuing Medical Education and Continuing Nursing Education Program.

"It is important for health professionals to quickly diagnose patients who display symptoms consistent with exposure to agricultural chemicals," according to Dr. Jack D. Early, NACA President. "Accurate diagnosis is essential to proper treatment and, in cases of severe treatment can be critical.

This one and a half-day con-

ween chemical toxicity and other complaints with similar symptoms. It will feature national authorities in the areas of agrichemical toxicology, epidemiology, pharmacology and preventive medicine, in addition to an extensive list of federal and state experts involved in the regulation and use of agrichemicals.

Keynote panelists include:

John E. Davies, M.D., M.P.H., M.R.C.P., Professor and Chairman, Department of Epidemiology and Public Health, University of Miami, School of Medicine

• Wayne R. Snodgrass, M.D., Ph.D., Associate Professor, Departments of Pediatrics and Pharmacology-Toxicology, University of Texas Medical Branch, Medical Director, Texas Poison Center

Professor of Pharmacology and Toxicology, Department of Toxicology and Pharmacology, Therapeutics, University of Kansas Medical Center

• William G. Troutman, Pharm. D., Director, New Mexico Poison and Drug Information Center, University of New Mexico

• Virgil H. Freed, Ph.D., Professor Emeritus, Department of Agricultural Chemistry, Oregon State University

Topics will include:

• Recognition and treatment of acute and chronic agrichemical exposures

toxicology • Basic of agrichemicals - short and longterm effects

 Laboratory procedures for confirming exposure to agrichemicals

• Agrichemical and farm labor use patterns in various regions of the United States

• Minimizing exposure to agrichemicals through protective clothing and equipment and other proper work practices

• Federal and state regulations governing agrichemical use

 Information resources, epidemiological data bases, and health care technologies available in diagnosing and treating agrichemical related exposures

The conference is free to physicians, nurses, outreach workers, aides, administrative staff - all who work in a migrant health center, community health clinic or other health facility.

Physicians and nurses attending the conference will be awarded continuing education credits

through Texas Tech University's Health Sciences Center.

The health conference is part of NACA's ongoing effort to promote a safe work environment for farm workers through education. The program uses public service announcements and an illustrated brochure, both available in Spanish and English, to convey easy-to-understand safety tips for those working in areas treated with farm chemicals. To date, nearly 500,000 copies of the popular brochure have been distributed to farm workers.

For more information on the Texas health conference or on the farm worker education program, contact Communications Department, NACA, 1155 15th Street, NW, 9th Floor, Washington, D.C. 20005, 202-296-1585.

