Charles Henry, PhD

(1915-2010)

A great friend of the AMI, and husband of Margaret “Peggy” Henry, Charles “Chuck” Henry, PhD, BSI died on December 30, 2010, at the age of 95. As many will recall, Peggy was the AMI executive director for a great period of innovation and development, including the inception of the Fellowship program, certification, and the Vesalius Trust. Chuck was with Peggy every step of the way. He was a brilliant researcher—one of the pioneers in the field of electroencephalography—and a delightful man. With his characteristic bright white handlebar mustache and sparkling blue eyes, Chuck was well known within the AMI for his devotion to the association. He attended every meeting for years, always ready to do anything necessary to help.

Dr. Henry was born in Minneapolis and grew up in Fresno, CA. He received his bachelor’s degree from Fresno State College and his master’s and doctorate from the State University of Iowa. He was a research associate at Brown University, then an instructor in neuroanatomy at Western Reserve University. In 1943, he enlisted in the US Navy and served in its medical corps, and later was a reserve officer. After World War II, he was a psychophysiologist at the Institute for Juvenile Research in Chicago. He moved to Hartford, CT in 1948, and was an electroencephalographer at both the Institute of Living and Hartford Hospital. In 1963, he accepted the position of director of the EEG Laboratory at the Cleveland Clinic. Upon retirement from Cleveland Clinic in 1980, he moved to Richmond, VA, and became professor of Neurology at the Medical College of Virginia and chief of Neurophysiology at McGuire Veterans Administration Hospital. He was a actively and pioneering contributor to both clinical and research aspects of the electroencephalography field. He was especially interested in the standardization of recording, in interpretation and reporting of electroencephalograms (EEGs), as well as in the relationship of EEG to epilepsy, organ transplantation, and cerebral death.

With his intense interest in EEG technology, Dr. Henry served as president of the American EEG Society and several regional societies. He also was a chairperson on several major committees in national and regional EEG organizations, including the American Board of Registration of EEG Technologists, for which he also acted as an examiner for 30 years. He also served on the Editorial Board of the EEG Journal and was a manuscript referee for several other scientific journals. He was a sought-after lecturer, and authored and co-authored at least 150 scientific articles, as well as book chapters. In 1990, he was honored to become the patron of the Charles E. Henry Society for Electroneurodiagnostic (END) Technologists.

He was a voracious reader, an avid gardener, a competent woodworker and a vintage auto buff. His interest in Sherlock Holmes led to his investiture as a Baker Street Irregular (BSI). Dr. Henry leaves his wife of 47 years, Margaret Hazel Henry, and 4 children.