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Editorials

AN INSTITUTE FOR TRAINING RESEARCHERS

A training program for researchers in dentistry has been initiated and promoted by the American College of Dentists through its Committee on Research. The College has been aided in this project by a grant from the National Institute of Dental Research. This unique plan to acquaint young investigators with the concepts, methodologies, and newer techniques of research will be furthered by the establishment of an *Institute for Advanced Education in Dental Research*.

The first session of the Institute will be held later this year, and will be limited to ten trainees: five in biophysics, and five in growth and development. The 1963 Institute will divide the month of training into two sessions—August 12 to 24, and November 11 to 23; a divided session was necessary this first year due to scheduling difficulties. The Institute will be conducted at the Airlie Foundation, Warrenton, Virginia. This location is close to Washington and the National Institutes of Health, allowing access to libraries and demonstration material.

Essentially, the purpose of the Institute is to bring promising dental researchers into intimate contact with senior scientists who have and are making significant contributions to dental research. By making this contact sufficiently prolonged and informal, it is hoped to broaden and deepen the understanding of these younger workers in vital and pressing dental problems, and in some of the currently most fruitful ways to attack these problems. The expectation is that these junior investigators, after a period of training and orientation in specialized fields, will apply these generalities, resources, and techniques to their own research thus enhancing and broadening the direction of their individual enterprises.

The Institute, in the formative period, will concentrate on two promising and uniquely related aspects of a growing armory of new research tools. One of these attacks the problem of growth and development; the other deals with the biophysics that is playing an increasing role in the study of living matter. Later, according to needs and interest, other areas will be included.

The senior investigators who will constitute the faculty will be: Wallace D. Armstrong, University of Minnesota (physiological chem-