The Scripps Research Institute Hires Administrative Services Staff

La Jolla, CA. January 12, 1994 — The Scripps Research Institute has added three new members to its administrative support services staff in an attempt to provide increasingly specialized services to its group of research scientists.

According to William H. Beers, Ph.D., Senior Vice President and Chief Operating Officer, "The operation of a biomedical research institution carries with it a unique set of circumstances quite different from that of a health care organization or biotechnology company. By tailoring the support services to best suit the needs of our scientists, we can best serve the organization and the community which benefits from the research discoveries."

Frank Mitzel, Director of Engineering Services, is responsible for the supervision of all engineering, construction management and facilities operations. Prior to his recent appointment, he served as Chief Engineer for the North American Division of SPP-LET International, a property management and development company based in San Diego. Mitzel previously has held engineering positions for other property management and engineering consulting organizations. He received a BS in mechanical engineering from South Dakota State University in 1980.
Greg Benjamin has been named Manager of Business Computing. A ten-year employee of Scripps Clinic and Research Foundation, Benjamin will provide for the information systems needs of administrative services departments throughout the Institute. From 1984 to 1994 he held several positions at Scripps, most recently that of senior programmer analyst. He holds an associate degree in information systems from San Diego State University.

Tom Thistle is the Research Institute’s new Manager of Telecommunications. He will be responsible for the operation of all voice and data devices and will provide technical and analytical support. From 1987 to 1993 he served as the operations manager of telecommunications at Scripps Clinic and Research Foundation. Thistle began his career at Scripps in 1978 as a telecommunications technician. He attended San Diego State University and completed technical training in the U.S. Navy and Submarine Service.

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