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Notes and activities

Developments in Specialist Training

The Joint Committee on Higher Medical Training (JCHMT) was set up following recommendations about postgraduate training made by the Royal Commission on Medical Education (Todd Report). It consists, among others, of representatives from 17 specialist associations. After two and a half years' work it published its first report in October 1972 (price 20p obtainable from the Secretary of the JCHMT, Royal College of Physicians, London). This report gives full details about its constitution and work.

The Specialist Advisory Committee (SAC) for Gastroenterology has six members. Four are nominated by the British Society of Gastroenterology (at present Dr M. Atkinson, Dr N. F. Coghill, Dr R. T. Holmes, and Dr W. Sircus) and two by the JCHMT (at present Dr J. Lennard-Jones and Dr G. Watkinson). Two of these members will retire each year. At present the chairman of the SAC represents it on the JCHMT.

The first report of the JCHMT contains a synopsis of the training programme for gastroenterology. The JCHMT will send a copy of the full training programme to anyone wishing to enter training in this specialty or the SAC will supply one.

The process of training specialists may be regarded as going through an evolutionary phase. The SAC welcomes comments.

The Royal College of Physicians (London) has set up a Standing Committee on Gastroenterology. The present members are: The President, J. R. Bennett, I. A. D. Bouchier, B. N. Brooke, A. M. Dawson, C. F. Hawkins, Sir Francis Avery Jones, J. E. Lennard-Jones, A. E. A. Read, S. Sherlock, and R. S. Williams. The immediate work of this committee will be to promote recognition of the specialty by the Department of Health and Social Security, and to study the organization of a gastroenterological service for a district general hospital and for a regional centre.

The British Society of Gastroenterology has set up a Committee on Training and Education. Its membership is to be drawn from the membership of the Society and will contain surgeons, a pathologist, a radiologist, and members from different parts of the UK. It will contain three members of the SAC for gastroenterology

and the two EEC gastroenterology representatives, and also a representative from the British Society for Digestive Endoscopy. There will be a representative from the Standing Committee on Gastroenterology of the Royal College of Physicians (London).

The main functions of this committee will be to obtain information from members of the specialty about facilities for training in gastroenterology in the UK, and about the number and situation of consultant posts held by gastroenterologists. It will offer advice to appropriate bodies about the number of trainees required for consultant posts and make suggestions about new posts in the specialty. It will study teaching methods and facilities as part of a general concern to secure high standards of attainment by doctors training in the specialty. It will promote liaison between physicians and surgeons and others in the specialty and foster integration of their work.

Steps have been taken to ensure that these three bodies do not overlap in their work.

British Society for Digestive Endoscopy

The spring meeting of the society will be held in Oxford, 4-5 April 1973, immediately preceding the spring meeting of the British Society of Gastroenterology which will take place in Cardiff. At the Oxford meeting there will be a teaching day on 'Running a gastrointestinal endoscopy service'. The programme will include symposia on instrumentation, care of the patient, pathology and cytology, training and documentation, and organization, and is aimed not only at endoscopists but also at nurses and technicians working in this field. The following day, 5 April, will be devoted to a symposium on colonoscopy and to a session of free papers. Members of the Society will be sent full details in due course. Preliminary information may be obtained from Dr K. F. R. Schiller, Hon. Secretary, British Society for Digestive Endoscopy, St Peter's Hospital, Chertsey, KT16 0PZ.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Drs D. G. Colin-Jones and C. B. Williams have been elected to the Executive Committee in place of Professor Ian McColl and Dr Richard Whitehead who have retired from the Executive Committee.

Notes on books

Richard Asher Talking Sense. A selection of his papers edited by Sir Francis Avery Jones with a foreword by Lord Rosenheim and an introductory appreciation by Professor William Bean. (Pp. x + 179. Paperback: £1.50.) Pitman Medical, London, 1972. In his foreword, Lord Rosenheim comments, 'His great interest in the exact meaning of words and in their use and misuse lead to a precision and simplicity in his writing which will delight the readers of this book and should serve as an inspiration to future medical authors'. Recommended reading for future contributors to *Gut*!

Methods and Achievements in Experimental Pathology Vol. 6 Nutritional Pathobiology edited by E. Bajusz and G. Jasmin. (Pp. 245.—£13.20.) S. Karger, Basel, München, Paris, London, New York, Sydney. 1972. This sixth volume in this series covers aspects of intestinal absorption of ions, acute alcoholic liver injury, choline deficiency, and riboflavin deficiency in liver cells. There are also papers on experimental amyloidosis.

Recent Progress in the Study of Disorders of the Colon and Rectum edited by S. Drobni and M. Fehér. (Pp. 538; illustrated. £8.50.) Akadémiai Kiadó, Budapest, Publishing House of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences. 1972. This is the proceedings of the fourth International Congress of Hedrologicum Conlegium held in Budapest in June 1970. It includes papers on history of the diseases of the colon and congenital anomalies, in addition to many on inflammatory diseases and malignant and benign tumours.

The Carcinoid Syndrome by David G. Grahame-Smith. (Pp. vii + 96; illustrated. £3.75.) William Heinemann Medical Books Ltd, London. 1972. The web which the carcinoid syndrome weaves envelopes biochemistry, pharmacology, the cell biology of cancer, and varied aspects of clinical medicine. This monograph brings all these aspects together and makes a most interesting and useful publication.