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Notes and activities

The British Society of Gastroenterology

The annual meeting of the Society will be held in the Medical School of the University of Birmingham from Thursday to Saturday, 19-21 September 1974, inclusive.

Accommodation is being arranged in university halls of residence and hotels by Transglobe Midlands Ltd.

An attractive social programme has been arranged for wives (and husbands). The galleries of the Barber Institute of Fine Arts on the University campus will be open to conference delegates. A special exhibition of medical books has been arranged by the Curator of the Johnson Birthplace Trust at Lichfield to which an excursion is planned. In the Medical School Library a collection of old books will be on display.

On the evening of Thursday 19 September a civic reception and buffet supper will be given by the Lord Mayor of Birmingham. This is to be held in the Council House and City Art Gallery, which houses an outstanding collection.

The annual dinner will take place on Friday 20 September. Even though places are limited to 350, wives and guests are welcome. Alternative entertainments for the evening have been arranged.

Owing to the difficulties experienced in recent years the Council has decided to impose a late booking surcharge of £4.

The registration fee payable for members and guests includes tea and coffee and lunches on Thursday and Friday. There is no registration fee for wives.

All enquiries relating to accommodation should be sent to Transglobe Midlands Ltd., Conference Dept., Piccadilly Arcade, New Street, Birmingham. B2 4HE. (021-643 2821, 021-643 3561).

The local organizing secretary is Dr P. Asquith, General Hospital, Birmingham. B4 6NH. (021-236 8611).

Applied Gastroenterology: A Symposium on Selected Topics

The fifth of these two-yearly meetings will take place on Thursday afternoon, 31 October and Friday 1 November 1974 at the London Hospital, and will consist of three sessions: Colon (Chairman, Dr J. Lennard-Jones); Oesophagus (Chairman, Mr G. Flavell); Duodenum (Chairman, Professor R. Cameron Harrison).

Further details can be obtained from The Secretary, Department of Surgical Studies, The London Hospital, Whitechapel, London, E1 1BB.

This course is on the approved list of courses for which study leave applications will be considered.

Paediatric Gastroenterology

A conference on paediatric gastroenterology will be held in Indianapolis, Indiana, at the Stouffer's Indianapolis Inn on 11 and 12 December 1974.

For further information please contact Dr Joseph F. Fitzgerald, Indiana University Medical Center, 1100 West Michigan Street, Indianapolis, Indiana 46202.

Notes on books

Clinics in Gastroenterology Volume 3, Number 1, January 1974, **Coeliac Disease** edited by W. T. Cooke and P. Asquith. (Pp. 238; illustrated. Annual subscription to three consecutive issues: £9.00. Single copy: £4.50). W. B. Saunders Co., Ltd, London, Philadelphia, and Toronto. 1974. This latest publication in the 'Clinics in Gastroenterology' series covers in depth another important field, bringing together both the basic facts and the main growing points of knowledge, including cell kinetics (Alexander J. Watson and Nicholas A. Wright), electron microscopy (Margot Shiner), and immunology (P. Asquith). Another important publication for all gastroenterologists.

The Neurology of Gastrointestinal Disease

By Christopher A. Pallis and Paul D. Lewis (Volume 3 in the Series, **Major Problems in Neurology**.) (Pp. 272; illustrated. £5.50.) W. B. Saunders Co., London, Philadelphia, and Toronto. 1973. Gastroenterology has close links with neurology, as indeed it has with other systems of the body. Although written primarily for neurologists, it significantly overlaps both specialties and is really of great interest for gastroenterologists. Malabsorption, vitamin deficiencies, remote effects of gastrointestinal neoplasms, pancreatic encephalopathy, and the infective diarrhoeas are some of the subjects discussed.

Chronic Pancreatitis

Edited by B. J. Vakil and A. B. Tambe. (Pp. x + 97; illustrated. No price given). Bayer (India) Ltd, Bombay. This reports a symposium on chronic pancreatitis held at Goa Medical College in October 1972. There are contributions from Peter A. Banks (USA) and H. Sarles (France). Clinical aspects, pathology, and management are covered in 19 papers.

BOOK RECEIVED

Experimental Surgery on Small Ruminants

By John F. Hecker. (Pp. ix + 322; illustrated. £7.00.) Butterworths, London. 1974.