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Notes and activities

A Workshop on Histological Differential Diagnosis of Liver Disease

A workshop (slide seminar) on histological differential diagnosis of liver disease will be held on Wednesday, 2 July 1975 at the Royal Free Hospital, Pond Street, Hampstead, London, NW3 2QG.

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R. N. M. MacSween (Glasgow University); H. Popper (Mount Sinai University, New York); A. E. A. Read (Bristol University); F. Schaffner (Mount Sinai University, New York); P. J. Scheuer (Royal Free Hospital Medical School, University of London); Sheila Sherlock (Royal Free Hospital Medical School, University of London).

Registration fee (includes workbook of case summaries) £20 (\$50).

A complete set of slides £20 (\$50).

The workshop is limited to 100 registrants.

Applications to Professor Sheila Sherlock, Royal Free Hospital, Pond Street, Hampstead, London, NW3 2QG.

European Association for the Study of the Liver

The tenth meeting of the European Association for the Study of the Liver will be held in Castelldefels (Barcelona, Spain) on 11-13 September 1975, with Professor F. Vilardell as President. The scientific programme will include 36 communications, two symposia, and four working parties. Papers from any European institution may be considered for presentation. Abstracts of papers to be presented at this meeting should be sent to the Secretary (Dr S. Erlinger, Unité de Recherches de Physiopathologie Hépatique, Hôpital Beaujon, 92110 Clichy, France) no later than 15 May 1975. Abstracts will be judged anonymously by the Selection Committee. Accepted papers may be read at the meeting in any European language.

Ninth International Congress of Chemotherapy

The Ninth International Congress of Chemotherapy will be held in London from 13 to 18 July 1975 under the patronage of Her Majesty the Queen and the Presidency of Professor W. Brumfit.

Following the inaugural ceremony at the Albert Hall, the scientific sessions will be held at the Imperial College of Science and Technology. Chemotherapy embraces both antimicrobial and anticancer agents, so the special symposia will explore current research and new approaches in the management of infections and cancer—chemotherapy of tuberculosis, life-threatening infections, tropical diseases, antiviral and antifungal chemotherapy, venereal diseases, leukaemia, potentiators of radiotherapy, new anticancer regimes, and immunological aspects of anticancer drugs. In addition to international symposia and invited special speakers, there are also sessions for free communications.

Full details are obtainable from the Conference Centre, 43 Charles Street, London, W1, telephone 01-499 1101.

Notes on books

Gastric Irradiation in Peptic Ulcer edited by Walter L. Palmer. (Pp. 161; illustrated, \$7.50.) University of Chicago Press, Chicago, and London. 1974. With the help of nine colleagues this book records the various studies which have extended over the editor's academic life time. It includes a detailed summary on the role and hazards of radiation. The indications remain limited but in elderly patients with intractable duodenal ulcer it may offer an alternative to surgery.

Gastrointestinal Pan-Endoscopy By Leonidas H. Berry. (Pp. xxiv + 632; illustrations, including 128 figures in colour. \$32.50.) Charles C. Thomas, Springfield, Illinois. 1974. This book, covering the whole field of gastrointestinal endoscopy, brings together contributors from all the countries where rapid progress has been made in recent years. The time is opportune for such a comprehensive manual and it will have a wide appeal. The book is very well illustrated with many colour photographs.

Functional Anatomy of the Digestive System by R. M. H. McMinn and M. H. Hobdell. (Pp. xi + 239; illustrated. £2.90.) Pitman Medical Publishing Co. Ltd, Tunbridge Wells, Kent. 1974. This book breaks new ground by bringing together structure and function with special reference to clinical relevance. It is

excellently illustrated with line drawings and appropriate photomicrographs. This book could be particularly useful for younger men and women who are taking a special interest in gastroenterology.

Gastroenterology 3rd edition Volume 1 edited by Henry L. Bockus (Pp. xxii + 1148; illustrated. £19.45.) W. B. Saunders Company, Philadelphia, London, Toronto. 1974. The publication of the first of the four volumes of the third edition of 'Gastroenterology' is a major event in world gastroenterology. The advances in this field have been so considerable that the book is being rewritten and not just revised. The tone of the edition as before remains clinical but with basic background factors very adequately included. This monumental work is indeed encyclopaedic but not ponderous.

Anaerobic Bacteria: Role in Disease Edited by Albert Balows, Raymond M. DeHaan, V. R. Dowell, Jr., and Lucien B. Guze. (Pp. xxi + 655; illustrated. \$27.50.) Charles C. Thomas, Springfield, Illinois. 1974. This is a conference publication with 66 contributors. There is much here of special interest and importance to gastroenterologists. One section is devoted to intestinal flora and their association with disease, with contributions by Dr S. Tabaqchali, Dr M. J. Hill, and Dr B. S. Drasar.

Food Poisoning and Food Hygiene: 3rd edition By Betty C. Hobbs. (Pp. ix + 308; illustrated. £4.50 board; £2.25 paperback.) Edward Arnold Ltd., London. 1974. This book is primarily written for those who have to teach the principles which govern the prevention of food poisoning. This is a subject of special concern to gastroenterologists and they should certainly be aware of this excellent publication and ensure easy access to it.

Die Oberbauchleinheit: The Upper Gastro-Intestinal Tract, a Functional Entity edited by L. Demling. (Pp. xvi + 214; illustrated.) K. F. Schattauer Verlag, Stuttgart and New York. 1974. This records an international symposium held in Vienna in June 1974. British contributors include Professor J. N. Hunt and Dr K. G. Wormsley. Full discussion is included and the meeting was a considerable success.