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## Notes and activities

### British Society of Gastroenterology: Report on Training in Gastroenterology

The Training and Education Committee of the British Society of Gastroenterology has produced a useful report on 'Training in gastroenterology'. The recommendations are specifically designed to improve the care of patients with digestive disorders being treated by gastroenterologists working in the National Health Service. The report also focuses attention on the shortage of specialists in various disciplines in gastroenterology, and suggests that the development of a combined approach to clinical problems may encourage recruitment and help overcome these shortages.

The various sections of the report are concerned with the evolution of surgical gastroenterology and a suggested training programme; medical gastroenterology and specialist training; gastrointestinal radiology, including equipment and design of radiology departments, and the training of radiologists; and gastrointestinal pathology. There are also sections describing the desirability of training in the medical sciences for those concerned with gastrointestinal research, and the place of the university in the training of gastroenterologists and its relationship with the National Health Service.

Finally, the pamphlet emphasizes that: 'It follows from its constitution that the Society has a responsibility for teaching in order to maintain national standards in gastroenterology. The role of the Society had been mentioned in the training of pathologists and radiologists. In a specialty embracing so many branches of medicine, and one in which knowledge is expanding rapidly, it would be useful to arrange integrated courses involving representatives of all the relevant specialties within the Society.'

Copies of the report can be obtained from Professor L. A. Turnberg, Secretary, Training and Education Committee, British Society of Gastroenterology, Hope Hospital, Eccles Old Road, Salford M6 8HD.

### Anglo-French Gastroenterology

The last few years have seen a considerably increased contact between British and French gastroenterological centres — a movement which has been encouraged by

the British Council.

Professor C. C. Booth has been honoured by the University of Paris 7. On 11 March he was given the honorary degree of Docteur Honoris Causa. It was a highly entertaining and delightful occasion and the medal presented was appropriately heart-shaped!

F. A. J.

### Philip Bushell Lecturer

Dr Roger Williams has been elected Philip Bushell lecturer to The Australasian Gastroenterology Society, and will be visiting Perth, Hobart, Melbourne and Sydney.

### Intravenous Nutrition

A one-day symposium will be held on Friday 20 June 1975 at the Royal Free Hospital on intravenous nutrition.

#### BIOCHEMICAL AND CLINICAL BACKGROUND

Professor H. Lee or Dr M. J. T. Peaston.

#### INTRAVENOUS NUTRITION IN CLINICAL PRACTICE

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### Recent Advances in Surgical Gastroenterology

A specialist short course aimed at senior registrars and consultants and approved for support under the Advanced Postgraduate Training Scheme, organized by Professor R. B. Welbourn, Mr J. Spencer and Dr J. H. Baron of the Department of Surgery, will be held at the Royal Postgraduate Medical School, Hammersmith Hospital, from 27 to 31 October 1975. Topics will include peptic ulcer surgery, inflammatory bowel disease, pancreatitis, and anorectal disease.

Fee: £50 including catering.

Further details from the School Secretary, Royal Postgraduate Medical School, Hammersmith Hospital, Du Cane Road, London W12 0HS.

## Notes on books

**Gastro-Entero-Pancreatic Endocrine System: A Cell-Biological Approach** edited by T. Fujita. (Pp. x + 195; illustrated. DM 84.—) Georg Thieme Verlag, Stuttgart. Igaku Shoin Ltd, Tokyo. 1974. The gastro-enteric hormones have been thought of as tissue hormones produced from a layer of mucous membrane as a whole but are now becoming known as cell-specific products, each hormone coming from a certain type of basal granulated cell. They may be thought of as 'taste cells in the gut'. This volume is a collection of 18 papers on the GEP endocrine cells and hormones written by cytologists, physiologists, physicians, and surgeons.

**The Systemic Manifestations of Inflammatory Bowel Disease** edited by William M. Lukash and Raymond B. Johnson. (Pp. xii + 356; illustrated. \$15.50.) Charles C. Thomas, Springfield, Illinois. 1974. This is a book written for clinicians. Particular emphasis is directed toward differential diagnosis of the more obscure causes of inflammatory bowel disease, especially with attention to bacterial and parasitic diseases. There is discussion of management of the primary intestinal manifestations of inflammatory bowel disease including haemorrhage, toxic megacolon, perforation, fistulae, and cancer of the colon and rectum with a comprehensive review of the literature. There are chapters on associated liver disease, cutaneous manifestations, ocular complications, arthritis, and haematological and urological complications.

**The Child with Abdominal Pains** 2nd ed. By John Apley. (Pp. x + 117; illustrated. £2.50.) Blackwell Scientific Publications, Oxford. 1974. The second edition of this classic publication on 'little belly-achers' will be much welcomed. The book is in two parts. The first containing the bulk of the original work and now including a long-term follow-up survey. The second part is largely discussion with some original work included. The book ends with a very practical chapter on diagnosis and management.

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