

will keep it out of briefcases and on shelves, and its price will confine it to institutions rather than individuals.

It will primarily be of value to consultant haematologists and senior trainees, and particularly those with a special interest in paediatrics. Is it truly a "gold standard"? At the risk of being quoted out of context, I would say it probably is, and could almost be described as a joyous experience. Let's see what the publishers make of that when the fifth edition comes out.

JS LILLEYMAN

Paediatric Haematology. Ed J S Lilleyman, I M Hann. (Pp 498; £65.) Churchill Livingstone. 1992. ISBN 0-443-04366-3.

In their preface the editors wonder whether this volume might become a surrogate "Willoughby II", some 15 years after Michael Willoughby's book appeared. I think it will. It smells like the paediatric haematology I see on this side of the Atlantic and contains chapters by many deeply involved in its current practice. Probably its most striking virtue is the chapter on normal ranges, uniquely presented as its first. Much of paediatric haematology is "regular" haematology provided that appropriate normal ranges are considered. Such information has often been restricted to large, expensive tomes and rarely consulted by general haematologists or paediatricians.

As with many compact books (and this is less than half the size and price of some comprehensive texts) the personal view, style, and experience of individuals comes through strongly. On the whole I think the vigour of such views weighs favourably against the exhaustive, balanced but dry nature of reviews in some larger texts. One is prepared to forgive the occasional broad brushstroke such as ignoring population-based incidence data derived from tumour registries on chronic granulocytic leukaemia in order to emphasise the relative paucity of such data in children. One could quibble with other details, but those concerned with such minutiae usually have access to other sources of information. I commend this book as a bargain and hope that the editors and contributors maintain their enthusiasm so that we do not have to wait another 15 years for such an accessible volume on paediatric haematology.

MM REID

Bone Marrow Pathology. B J Pain, D M Clark, I A Lampert. (Pp 270; £79.50.) Blackwell Scientific Publications. 1992. ISBN 0-632-03401-7.

The reporting of bone marrow aspirates is an essential component of the work of most haematologists; that of marrow trephine biopsies often lies in the no-man's land between haematologists and histopathologists with neither side very keen to claim it. All trainees should therefore aim to become adequate and competent morphologists—able to provide an expert opinion in diagnosing a wide variety of pathology involving the bone marrow. There are no short cuts

to acquiring such knowledge. It requires time, patience, good teaching and good textbooks.

I consider this publication to be the best book currently available on interpreting bone marrow pathology and recommend its purchase to both haematologists and histopathologists. A full range of disorders affecting the bone marrow is described, including haemopoietic malignancies, infection, metastatic and miscellaneous disorders, and bone diseases. Also included is a very important chapter on normal appearances. There are many colour illustrations of an exceptionally high quality but the book is far more than an atlas since the authors succeed in their aim of placing bone marrow abnormalities within the broader context of clinical and peripheral blood features. Dr Bain, as a haematologist, and Drs Clark and Lampert, as histopathologists, emphasise the importance of both marrow aspirates and trephine biopsies in reaching a correct diagnosis and their joint work should serve as a model, for the reader, of the benefits to be gained by close collaboration between these two disciplines in diagnosing bone marrow pathology.

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Notices

Royal College of Pathologists of Australasia

1993

Royal College of Pathologists of Australasia
38th Annual Scientific Meeting
Hyatt Hotel, Perth, Western Australia
September 27–October 1, 1993

1994

Royal College of Pathologists of Australasia
39th Annual Scientific Meeting
Adelaide Convention Centre, Adelaide,
South Australia

1995

Royal College of Pathologists of Australasia
40th Annual Scientific Meeting
Sheraton Hotel, Auckland, New Zealand
October 9–13, 1995

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10th European Congress of Neurosurgery

May 7–12, 1995, in Berlin

All major topics of Neurosurgery will be covered. Highlights will be: spinal neurosurgery; minimally invasive neurosurgery; neuronavigation; interventional procedures; neuro-oncology; paediatric neurosurgery; functional neurosurgery and neurotraumatology.

Lunch Seminars will be held daily by outstanding experts, and will cover topics of practical interest. There will be an extensive social programme.

Information can be obtained from:

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1994 Sleep Medicine Update

February 26, 1994

This continuing medical education conference will be held at Scripps Clinic and Research Foundation in La Jolla, California. Sponsored by Scripps Clinic and Research Foundation the course will offer seven hours of Category I CME credit.

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IMLS Symposia

16–19 September, Sheffield
Microbe 93

1–3 October, Coventry
Cellular pathology

2 October
Transplantation
Multidisciplinary update

22 October, London
ACP/IMLS joint meeting

4–6 March 1994, Preston
Cellular pathology

12 March 1994, Birmingham
Microbiology
Micropath '94

12 March 1994, Cambridge
Leukaemia review

April 1994, Durham
Microbiology North East '94

April 1994, Sheffield
Haematology

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