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about lymphoma, and others are mainly about lymphoma and have nothing about proliferation. The styles of writing are extremely variable, so that there is rarely a smooth transition from one chapter to the other. However, for anyone interested in a basic overview of proliferation in lymphoma and how it might be measured, this book provides a reasonable starting point. But I suspect that it has slightly missed any identifiable market.

For anyone studying for examinations which might include lymphoma as a topic, this book is too long winded and disjointed to fit into a tight examination revision schedule. For those genuinely interested in studying proliferation in lymphoma, either for diagnostic or research purposes, there is just not adequate information or sufficient detail to make this an authoritative text. However, it is the only text which brings all of these disparate subjects together and this marks it out as a bold concept. Perhaps in the second edition there will be an improvement in the continuity between the different areas, and it will emerge as a text to satisfy one or other of the potential readership markets.

KC GATTER

**Serological Tumour Markers.** JE ROULSTON, RCE LEONARD. (Pp 192; £40). Churchill Livingstone. 1993. ISBN 0-443-04511-9.

This informative and useful book provides a sound introduction to serological tumour markers and a useful summary of current knowledge. It will be of interest to laboratory scientists and clinicians in most fields of modern medicine.

The book is divided into three main sections. The first section covers the historical background and classification of tumour related molecular species involved in cancer screening, diagnosis, and therapeutic monitoring. The theoretical aspects of disease incidence and prevalence, screening optimisation, sensitivity, specificity, predictive values, and multiple marker panels are clearly described.

The second section deals with clinical applications. Individual chapters cover cancers of the gastrointestinal tract, liver, pancreas, ovary, breast and lung, tumours of germ cell and endocrine origin, and haematological cancers. Each chapter outlines the natural history of the disease, and the part played by tumour markers in screening programmes, and in staging and monitoring disease progression after surgery or chemotherapy. The chapters are well referenced up to 1991 and there are suggestions for further reading.

The final section deals with techniques. It describes the production of antibodies and their clinical and laboratory uses. Antibodies labelled with radioisotopes help localise and visualise tumours in situ. Linked to cytotoxic drugs or toxins, they are being developed for chemotherapeutic targeting. In the laboratory, antibodies are used extensively as reagents for immunohistochemistry and immunoassay. The principles of radioimmunoassay and immunoradiometric analysis, assay optimisation, and non-equilibrium assays are covered in some detail, but there is very little mention of non-isotopic immunoassays which are now commonplace. The section ends with a comprehensive overview of quality assurance related to tumour marker assay.

PETER DAWKINS

## Notices

### FNA cytology using the Cytospin method

6 October 1994

Royal Preston Hospital, Preston, England

This course is aimed at consultants and trainees, and MLSOs involved in cytopathology.

**Cost: £60.00 to include lunch and refreshments**

For further information, please contact: Dr A J Howat, Department of Histopathology, Royal Preston Hospital, Preston PR2 4HG, UK. Tel: 0772-710141. Fax: 0772-710181.

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Further details from  
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### VTEC '94 2nd International Symposium and Workshop on Verocytotoxin (Shiga-like toxin)-producing *Escherichia coli* infections

June 27-30 1994

Conference Hall "Giovanni XXIII",  
Seminario Vescovile, via Arena 11,  
Upper Old Town, Bergamo, Italy

February 15

Deadline for Advanced Registration  
Deadline for Abstract Submission

June 27

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(Nobel Laureate, 1977).

June 28

SYMPOSIUM 1: public health; epidemiology; food safety; laboratory diagnosis.

SYMPOSIUM 2: toxin structure: function, receptors, cell biology.

June 29 and June 30

SYMPOSIUM 3: pathogenesis I (virulence mechanisms; mucosal colonization adherence; animal models; veterinary disease).

SYMPOSIUM 4: pathogenesis II (clinical and pathophysiological aspects of HUS; risk factors for HUS; experimental models of systemic disease; endothelial cell biology; inflammatory mediators and immunity).

Further details and application forms can be obtained from: VTEC '94 Scientific Secretariat: Microbiology Institute, Ospedali Riuniti, 1, Largo Barozzi, 241000 Bergamo, Italy. Phone: +39.35.269516. Fax: +39.35.255358 +39.35.269666.

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October 9-14 1994

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