

journal's "histological" readership to purchase Robert Riddell's book. He has assembled 28 contributors who provide 20 chapters. For ordinary mortals these will at least mention the iatrogenic pathology they seek and at most will provide a clear and detailed account with microphotographs. All the body systems are represented and it is a great pleasure to flick through the pages of this book. I say "flick through the pages" as this is a reference book and more likely to be read in sections as they become relevant to a current problem. It carries 3800 references, and the editor's own chapter on the gastrointestinal tract sets the pace with 677 references. The inner ear and testis bring up the rear with 26 and 34 references respectively, but this in no way detracts for their own value in the book. Interestingly enough the current issue of Mims doesn't list 3000 drugs!

In diagnostic histopathology there is a constant worry of misinterpreting drug induced pathology as primary disease. It is a pleasure to have this book, brim full of information, close at hand. There is no uniformity of style and the editor has allowed each contributor the "freedom of the press". Most chapters carry a general review of the sort of mechanisms involved in drug induced pathology pertinent to the organ under consideration before giving more detailed listings of the pathology induced by named drugs.

There is also a good introductory chapter pointing out the problems of identifying an adverse drug reaction. In some chapters it is a help to find lists of drugs and their adverse reactions while in the chapter on pulmonary iatrogenic pathology the references are annotated to direct one to good light and electron microscopy.

From any reference work an obscure piece of information stands out which for some perverse reason is remembered to the exclusion of more useful data. I am stuck with two such facts from this book, firstly that the Quokka, a native of the Rottneest Islands, is a good experimental model of the muscle abnormality in Vitamin E deficiency, and second, if you eat too much licorice don't be surprised to experience general muscle weakness!

This is a book of great practical value, well presented, and well worth purchasing. Might I suggest that, in addition to the index at the end of the book, there ought to be a table of all the drugs mentioned, their brand names, and the page reference.

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Notices

Ninth European Symposium on Hormones and Cell Regulation

The ninth European symposium on hormones and cell regulation will be held in Ste-Odile (near Strasbourg), France from 24 to 27 September 1984. Abstracts for poster presentation are invited. For information please write to Dr B Hamprecht, Physiol-Chemisches Inst der Universität, Koellikerstrasse 2, Wurzburg 87, West Germany.

Sixth International Symposium on Prevention and Detection of Cancer

An international symposium on the prevention and detection of cancer will be held in Vienna, Austria, on 26-29 November 1984. The symposium is sponsored by the International Society for Preventive Oncology, the World Health Organisation, the Austrian Cancer Society-Austrian Cancer League, and the Association of Clinical Scientists-USA.

The programme includes overview lectures, panels, poster sessions, scientific exhibits, and special workshops designed for critical appraisal of current data. Discussions are to concentrate on actions to be taken and on the implementation of existing knowledge for effective cancer control by primary and secondary prevention. Reports are to present progress in multifactorial aetiology of oncogenesis, molecular biology, identification of high risk groups, tumour susceptibility, and clinical and laboratory manifestations of cancer including tumour markers. Participants include clinicians, epidemiologists, pathologists, experimental oncologists, immunologists, socioeconomists, educators and members of health care teams.

Abstracts of presentations are invited by 15 June 1984. Abstracts and programme will appear in *Cancer Detection and Prevention* 1984;7(6). Award(s) for outstanding investigation(s) will be presented by ISPO.

Inquiries by Phone: Toll free in USA: 1-800-527-0297; outside Europe: (USA-214) 392-3663; in Europe: (Austria 43-222) 52-0544.

Inquiries by Mail: Prevention and Detection of Cancer, AMEX POB # 790459, Dallas, Texas 75379, USA.

International Conference on Multiple Myeloma

An international conference on multiple myeloma will be held in Padua, Italy, on 12 and 13 April 1984. The purpose of the conference is to present and discuss the most recent progress in the biology and therapy of the disease. Further information can be obtained from Dr A Paccagnella, Divisione di Oncologia Medica, Ospedale Civile USL 21-35100 Padova, Italy. Tel 049/661.011 ext 620, 635.

International Congress of the International Academy of Pathology

The 15th International Congress of the International Academy of Pathology will be held at the Fontainebleau Hilton in Miami Beach, Florida on 3-7 September 1984. The scientific programme will include symposia, slide seminars, plenary lectures, scientific papers presented in poster sessions, and a long course entitled "New Concepts in Neoplasia as Applied to Diagnostic Pathology" directed by Dr Cecilia Fenoglio and Dr Ronald Weinstein. Three symposia and three slide seminars will be presented in Spanish. Further information may be obtained from the Congress Secretariat, United States-Canadian Division of the International Academy of Pathology, 1003 Chafee Avenue, Augusta, Georgia 30904. Telephone (404) 724-2973.

Some new titles

The receipt of books is acknowledged, and this listing must be regarded as sufficient return for the courtesy of the sender. Books that appear to be of particular interest will be reviewed as space permits.

Biology of Vitamin E. Ciba Foundation Symposium 101. (Pp 260; £25.) Pitman. 1983.

Cancer Incidence in the USSR. IARC Scientific Publications no 48. Ed NP Napal'kov, GF Tserkovy and VM Merabishvili (USSR) and DM Parkin, M Smans and CS Muir (Lyon). (Pp 111; Sw fr 30.) World Health Organisation. 1983.

History of Staining. 3rd ed. George Clark and Frederick H Kasten. (Pp 304; £22.25.) Williams & Wilkins. 1983.