do not aid didactic teaching. These deficiencies could be remedied in a future edition. It would also be helpful if the case histories were presented in a different type so that they stood out clearly and were more discernible from the text.

Medical students, clinical biochemists, scientific officers, and those studying for postgraduate exams will all find something of value. This book must at least be on the shelves of hospital libraries even if the price is twice that of our (UK) products. The approach is stimulating; improvements are needed in the second edition before it is a best buy.

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The Chain of Immunology. George Feinberg and Mark A Jackson. (Pp 48; paperback £4.95.) Blackwell Scientific Publications. 1983.

Professor Feinberg describes the "Chain of Immunology" as an annotated route map cum lexicon and phrase book for the would-be explorer of the immunological jungle. This is just what I found it to be. The cell, the antigen, the covert and overt immune response, and their mishaps form the five chapters of the book each accompanied by a flow sheet providing everyone with all that they wanted to know about immunology but were afraid to ask.

The co-author, Mark Jackson, a medical student, has clarified the text with numerous free-hand illustrations—perhaps it is this influence of an undergraduate which has kept concepts as clear and concise as they are presented. I found two particular uses for this book: first to update my peripheral knowledge of immunology, and secondly as a reference book for immunological jargon which it puts in perspective. It has been enormously useful.

As for improvements in future editions I suggest that the flow charts be put onto individual cards and inserted into a pocket attached to the inside of the back cover so that they are available whilst reading the text; the list of acronyms and abbreviations should also be incorporated into the index. All students and especially those whose subjects border on immunology, no matter how peripheral, should buy a copy: this is real value for money at £4.95.

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Notices

The British Digestive Foundation: Scottish Appeal

The British Digestive Foundation (Scottish Appeal) exists to promote research into the alimentary tract and its diseases. The Awards Advisory Group of the Scottish Appeal invites applications from doctors and scientists in Scottish institutions who wish support for research work related to any aspects of normal or disordered structure and function whether clinical or basic science in context of the alimentary tract. A wide variety of forms of support will be considered, ranging from that required for apparatus or reagents to fellowships. There is no requirement that applicants be medically qualified.

The Awards Advisory Group meets annually to consider applications and these should be submitted before 15 September 1984.

An application form can be obtained from: The Secretary, The British Digestive Foundation (Scottish Appeal), 9 Queen Street, Edinburgh, EH2 1JQ.

Benjamin Castleman Award

The Benjamin Castleman Award is sponsored jointly by the Massachusetts General Hospital and the United States-Canada Division of the International Academy of Pathology and is financed by contributions to a fund established by former students and trainees of Dr Castleman. This award is presented at the annual meeting of the United States-Canadian Division of the International Academy of Pathology, which in 1985 will be in Toronto, 11–15 March.

This award is granted for an outstanding paper in the field of human pathology published in English during the calendar year 1984. The subject may represent any topic in pathology but *must* be based on human material with emphasis on morphological or anatomical approaches. On papers with multiple authorship, only one author is eligible. The awardee must be a pathologist or pathologist in training who has not yet reached his 40th birthday in 1984. Papers by pathology residents, trainees, and fellows are encouraged. The prize will consist of a cheque for \$1000 and a certificate (travel will not be paid).

Nominations should consist of 12 reprints (or preprints) of the manuscript and a letter attesting to the nominee's age, dates and places of residency training, and role in the investigation if other than the first author.

Nominations should be submitted to the United States-Canadian Division, International Academy of Pathology, 1003 Chafee Avenue, Augusta, GA 30904, USA. The deadline for receipt of nominations for the award is 15 January 1985.

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.

Lynch's Medical Laboratory Technology 4th ed. SS Raphael. (Pp 845; £19.50.) W B Saunders Company. 1983.

Nucleic Acid Research. Future Development. Ed K Mizobuchi, I Watanabe, J Watson. (Pp 586; \$65.00.) Academic Press Inc. 1983.

Acrylonitrile. Environmental Health Criteria 28. (Pp 125; Sw fr 12.) World Health Organization. 1983.

Evaluation of Exposure to Airborne Particles in the Work Environment. WHO Office Publication no 80. (Pp 75; Sw fr 9.) World Health Organization. 1984.

Industrial Hazards of Plastics and Synthetic Elastomers. Progress in Clinical and Biological Research Vol 141. Ed J Järvisalo, P Pfäffli, H Vainio. (Pp 460; £52.) Alan R Liss Inc.

Some Food Additives, Feed Additives and Naturally Occurring Substances. IARC Monographs on the Evaluation of the Carcinogenic Risk of Chemicals to Humans Vol 31. (Pp 316; soft cover Sw fr 60.) World Health Organization. 1983.

Polynuclear Aromatic Compounds. Part 1. Chemical, Environmental and Experimental Data. IARC Monographs on the Evaluation of the Carcinogenic Risk of Chemicals to Humans. Vol 32. (Pp 380; soft cover Sw fr 80.) World Health Organization. 1983.