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deliberately diverse backgrounds, and the book is probably only an echo of the meeting, the real delight of which must have been the discussions outside the formal presentations. None the less we have a structured collection of 18 short contributions that range from descriptive views of morphogenesis and cellular architecture through reductionist investigations of cell biology to the minutiae of molecular genetics. The specialists will find accounts of their own interests cursory and idiosyncratic, but they and a wide range of other readers should gain from the accounts of work outside their own field. I found large portions of the book both stimulating and informative, and its relatively low price places it within the reach of curious individual buyers who wish to enlarge their horizons and would like an introduction to various aspects of developmental biology.

Volume 45 of *Advances in Cancer Research* is another matter entirely. As part of an august and lengthy series it contains reviews of generally high quality, but the main criterion for inclusion seems to be topicality (with very wide terms of reference) or, worse still, amenability of contributing authors. As a consequence, each volume lacks structure, and I cannot imagine the individual reader, no matter how catholic his or her tastes, buying these costly volumes and ploughing through them. None the less they are compulsory for libraries of all cancer research institutes. The authoritative reviews are often comprehensive (only seven in 300 closely printed pages in this volume), and they not only provide a useful service to specialist readers but were also probably salutary tasks for their authors. The topics in this volume mainly address aspects of molecular biology (DNA repair and structure and function of oncogenes) and immunology (virus induced immunosuppression and the elusive antitumour immune response), with one chapter on chemical carcinogens (fungal metabolites). This weighting of subjects roughly reflects current emphases in laboratory research and, on the one hand, I congratulate the editors on maintaining the miscellany and ensuring that each volume has something for nearly everyone. The specialist in me, however, wishes he could be sent for review a volume of similar size that contains a collection of related chapters, which have been carefully edited, so that they provide a stimulating, penetrating, and up to date account of a limited yet important area of cancer biology. Neither book provides this degree of satisfaction.

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## Notices

### Pathology in Africa?

Many retired pathologists have still a great deal to offer, and some would welcome a period working in Africa where the work is rewarding.

Any recently retired histopathologist who would like to work in the Medical School, University of Ghana, Accra, should contact Professor EQ Archampong, Dean, School of Medicine, PO Box 4236, Accra, Ghana.

### International Congress on the Biological and Clinical Aspects of Phagocyte Function

Organised by the Italian Society of Haematology, the conference will be held at the University of Pavia, Italy from Sunday September 7 to Wednesday September 10 1986.

Topics will be covered by an international array of speakers and will include: membrane metabolism; leucocyte random locomotion; pharmacological manipulation; genetic control of phagocyte function; the role of phagocytes in inflammation; leucocytes and prostaglandins; membrane chemotactic and phagocyte function; clinical aspects of phagocyte disorders.

Further information can be obtained from: Organising Secretariat: Centro Italiano Congressi C.I.C. s.r.l., Piazza Armando Diaz 6 - 20123 Milano. Tel: 02/866967-866659, Telx: 334338 CEPSE, or Scientific Secretariat: Giovanni Ricevuti, Istituto di Patologia Speciale Medica 1<sup>a</sup>, Università di Pavia, 27100 Pavia - Italy. Tel: 0382/390590.

### Sarstedt Research Prize 1986

The German Society for Clinical Chemistry is to award the Sarstedt Research Prize every two years, and the first award of DM 50000 will be made in 1986 on the occasion of the twenty-fifth jubilee of Sarstedt, Nuembrecht, West Germany. The prize will be awarded for outstanding work in the field of clinical chemistry, haematology, blood coagulation, and automated analysis related to the development of diagnostic methods in the field of early diagnosis of disease.

Competitors for the 1986 prize should submit papers for consideration, which have been published, or have been accepted for publication during the period June 1 1983 and June 30 1986, to:

Professor H Grieling, Secretary of the Sarstedt Research Prize, Department of Clinical Chemistry and Pathobiochemistry, Technical University (RWTH) Aachen, Pauwelsstrasse, D-5100 Aachen, West Germany.

The closing date for entries is June 30 1986.

### Tutorial organised by the British Lymphoma Pathology Group: recent advances in lymphoma pathology

The tutorial will be held at Southampton General Hospital, Thursday to Friday 25-26 September 1986.

Topics will include: gene rearrangement in lymphoma diagnosis; the histogenesis of the Reed-Sternberg and Hodgkin's cells; advances in immunohistochemistry of lymphomas; clinicopathological correlation.

Workshop and slide seminars will include: reactive and inflammatory conditions, including AIDS; Hodgkin's disease (problem cases); extranodal lymphomas; large cell lymphoma.

For further information please contact: Professor DH Wright, Department of Pathology, Level E, South Block, Southampton General Hospital, Tremona Road, Southampton SO94XY.

### The Bayliss and Starling Society meeting, Liverpool, 29-30 September 1986

The programme will include a symposium on mechanisms of regulatory peptide biosynthesis and free communications on regulatory peptides of gut and brain. The meeting will coincide with the University of Liverpool Sherrington lecture to be given by Professor S Numa on the molecular structure and function of ionic channels.

Further details from Professor GJ Dockray, Physiological Laboratory, University of Liverpool, Brownlow Hill, PO Box 147, Liverpool L69 3BX.

### ACP Locum Bureau

The Association of Clinical Pathologists runs a locum bureau for consultant pathologists.

Applicants with the MRC Path who would like to do locums and anyone requiring a locum should contact Dr David Melcher, Histopathology Department, Sussex County Hospital, Eastern Road, Brighton BN2 5BE.