

adian system in the South Western region in the mid-1970s and on many more recent results obtained by different independent workers and management consultants in various other laboratories. We would draw Mr Brownhill's attention to the cautionary statement further down page 20, "Laboratory directors finding that they consistently achieve very high productivity should question their results". Numbers approaching (and even exceeding) 60 units

per paid hour simply must be incorrect, as they would imply that no member of staff ever takes annual or sick leaves, enjoys day release, or has a teabreak; and furthermore, that every one of them is engaged on producing tests results all the time! We are certainly all a long way from achieving accuracy in costing, but some seem to be a good deal farther off than others.

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Book reviews

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.

Radiologic Management of Musculoskeletal Tumors. H Pettersson, DS Springfield, WF Enneking. (Pp 153; 112 figs; £62.) Springer, 1986. ISBN 0-387-16756-0.

Recent Advances in Arterial Diseases: Atherosclerosis, Hypertension, and Vasospasm. Progress in Clinical and Biological Research. Vol 219. Ed TN Tulenko, RH Cox. (Pp 404; £50.) Alan R Liss Inc, 1986. ISBN 0-8451-5069-3.

Geriatric Nephrology. Developments in Nephrology, Ed DG Oreopoulos. (Pp 293; £54.95.) Martinus Nijhoff, 1986. ISBN 0-89838-781-7.

Biology of Copper Complexes. Ed JRJ Sorenson. (Pp 600; £89.50.) The Humana Press, 1987. ISBN 0-89603-123-3.

TNM Classification of Malignant Tumours. 4th fully revised ed. Ed P Hermanek, LH Sobin. (Pp 197; soft cover DM 22.) Springer. (Originally published by UICC) ISBN 3-540-17366-8.

Aspects of Hypoxia. Proceedings of a Symposium held at the University of Liverpool 9-11 April 1986. Ed D Heath. (Pp 288; £28.) Liverpool University Press. 1986. ISBN 0-85323-295-4.

This book is a collection of the papers presented at a symposium on "Aspects of Hypoxia" held in Liverpool in 1986, and it is to Professor Heath's and the publishers' credit that the book was produced only eight months later. The subject matter is weighted in favour of the carotid body, its anatomy, function, and pathology, but includes chapters on epidemiological and pulmonary changes in hypoxia. Most of the chapters discuss the experimental work of the authors. Apart from one or two murky figures, the production is good.

Each chapter is followed by a short discussion taken from questions asked after the papers were presented. It is a little disorientating to be referred to illustrations shown in the presentations which do not appear in the book, and the discussions contain apparent non-sequiturs which I am sure would not have been so in context, but they bring up some fascinating points. What, for instance, could carotid body cells be doing in the prostate?

This book is entertaining, stimulating, and provides as many questions as answers in this developing field. At £28, it is also relatively cheap. It can be recommended to anyone interested in this field, though they will probably already have a copy by now.

D LOWE

Pathology of Neoplasia in Children and Adolescents. Major Problems in Pathology. Vol 18. James L Bennington (Pp 481; £60.) WB Saunders Company. 1986. ISBN 0-7216-1337-3.

This is number 18 in the series of *Major*

Problems in Pathology. The series in general has an excellent reputation for high standards and this book is no exception.

The volume is multiauthor and comprises seventeen chapters. The early chapters make excellent general reading providing an updated review of the hereditary, cytogenetic, and immune deficiency mechanisms important in the pathogenesis of paediatric cancers and including a discussion on oncogenes. The following chapters cover all the major childhood malignancies, highlighting the various difficulties encountered with each group, their differential diagnosis, and recent advances in diagnostic methods.

This monogram will be particularly useful to the general surgical pathologist and the specialist paediatric pathologist as a working guide to the diagnosis and classification of paediatric neoplasms and also to provide more extensive information if required. Other specialists such as paediatricians, surgeons, oncologists, radiologists, and anyone with an interest in childhood malignancies would also find this book very useful.

HELENE C REES

Atlas of Gastrointestinal Endoscopy. FE Silverstein, GNJ Tytgat, KJ Isselbacher. (£79.95.) Churchill Livingstone. 1987. ISBN 0443-03862-7.

The excitement of modern gastrointestinal endoscopy has produced a rash of atlases, as taking pictures seems so easy. None compares with this superb new atlas. The quality, sharpness, detail, and colour reproduction in this book are quite exceptional. Clearly the authors have rigorously excluded all but technically excellent pictures. Dr Tytgat is a master of the technique of endoscopic photography. It is also detailed and extensive in covering normal

Notices

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.

ASSOCIATION OF CLINICAL PATHOLOGISTS

JUNIOR MEMBERSHIP

Junior membership of the Association is available to all trainees in pathology for up to six years after the start of training. The annual subscription is £15 and may be claimed against tax. All junior members receive copies of the *Journal of Clinical Pathology*. Other benefits include membership of the Junior Members' Group and a regular junior members' newsletter; the ACP Newsletter and all other documents regularly sent to full members including the postgraduate education programme.

Apply to: Dr PP Anthony, Education Secretary, Postgraduate Medical School, Barrack Road, Exeter EX2 5DW, Devon.

International Symposium on Molecular Probes: technology and medical applications Florence, Congress Palace April 11-13, 1988

Sessions: Molecular probes in genetic diseases, oncology, and infectious diseases

Further information from: Fondazione Giovanni Lorenzini, Via Monte Napoleon 23, 20121 Milano, Italy.

XIIIth European Symposium on Hormones and Cell Regulation Ste-Odile (near Strasbourg), France, 26-29 September, 1988

Call for abstracts for poster presentation
Organiser: Professor RM Denton, Department of Biochemistry, University of Bristol, Medical School, University Walk, Bristol BS8 1TD, United Kingdom

Update in Histopathology: value of new techniques Pathology Section of the Royal Society of Medicine, Tuesday 19 April 1988

Well known speakers will present critical accounts of the value of new techniques in diagnostic histopathology. Systems to be covered include female genital tract, breast, gastrointestinal tract, lung, bone, kidney and lymphoid system. The symposium will be of interest to practising histopathologists as well as to trainees.

For further information please contact: Miss Judy Cook, Sections Officer, The Royal Society of Medicine, 1 Wimpole Street, London W1M 8AE.

DNA probes—applications to pathology services

The symposium will be held at the Queen Elizabeth Postgraduate Medical Centre, Birmingham, on Wednesday 27 April 1988. The meeting will be of interest to senior laboratory staff in all disciplines, physicians, geneticists and molecular biologists. Prior registration (£15 to include coffee, lunch, and tea) will be essential.

Further details are available from Dr J A Matthews, Wolfson Research Laboratories, Queen Elizabeth Medical Centre, Birmingham B15 2TH (021 472 1311 ext 4544).

Aetiology and Pathogenesis of Cancer Joint Meeting of Sections of Pathology and Oncology, Royal Society of Medicine Wednesday 1-Thursday 2 June 1988

This meeting will comprise four symposia spread over the two days:

Inherited cancer syndromes; cell mechanisms in tumour development; differentiation and evolution of cancer; viruses and cancer.

For further information please contact: Miss Judy Cook, Sections Officer, The Royal Society of Medicine, 1 Wimpole Street, London W1M 8AE

20th Congressional Meeting of the Italian Society of Clinical Biochemistry Rome, Italy, October 25-28 1988

- Exhibition of apparatus and equipment for chemical analyses
- Courses in up to date techniques
- Poster session
- Simultaneous translation

For further details, please contact:
Organising Secretary, Congresso SIBIOC '88, Emmezeta sr. 1, Via Carlo Farini 70, 20159 Milano, Italy.

Association of Clinical Pathologists Research Award Revised Rules for 1988

1. Council of the Association has decided to award an annual prize of £500 for the best paper presented by a member who has not yet reached the status of Consultant or equivalent. Papers will be presented at the Autumn general meeting of the Association.

2. The prize will be awarded by Council on the recommendation of a panel of adjudicators from the Education Committee at their January meeting following presentations. Criteria for assessing the merit of entries will include originality, scientific importance and lucidity of presentation. The award will be made at the next Spring general meeting. The expenses of the recipient will be met by the Association.

3. A paper that is offered for the award may have been read at a meeting but must not have appeared in print before the last date for receipt of entries (Rule 5).

4. Work that had been carried out by more than one person must be accompanied by a statement of the extent of the contribution to the work made by the member presenting the paper. Joint work is acceptable provided that the substantial part of the work was carried out by the candidate for the award. Others involved in the project, e.g. a supervisor, must indicate their approval in writing.

5. In order to give the papers of candidates for the award a degree of priority on the programme of meetings, a member presenting a paper for consideration must give written notice to that effect to the Meetings Secretary. The last date for receipt of this notice will be 1 May preceding the Autumn Meeting. An abstract (about 250 words in length) of the paper must be sent with the notice.