

exception of diagnosis of neurological lesions, it is no longer common practice in this country, possibly because the older histopathologists who report on frozen sections have had little experience of cytological diagnosis. More recently the correlation of endoscopic brush specimens and fine needle aspirations with histological sections has focused attention on the superior quality of cellular detail which can be seen in cytological preparations. For this reason the book can be recommended to histopathologists who are concerned with intraoperative diagnosis. The authors emphasise the importance of preparation techniques and if these are not followed the results are likely to be disappointing. The coloured illustrations are of a high quality with excellent cellular detail but it would have added to the value of the book if these had been correlated with histological sections from the same tissue.

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#### Breast Aspiration Cytodiagnosis Workshop

Royal Marsden Hospital, Fulham Road, London SW3

Friday, 3 March, 1989 at 9.30 am

The emphasis of this course will be on microscopy, and a wide range of examples of cases will be available for study with the counterpart histopathology. It is intended for histopathologists confronted willingly or unwillingly with the prospect of embarking on breast aspiration cytodiagnosis and as part of the National Breast Screening Programme. There will be constant supervision and lectures from Dr John Sloane and a specialist breast surgeon from the Marsden Breast Unit. Fee: £20.00 including lunch.

Please apply to: Dr PA Trott, Department of Cytopathology, The Royal Marsden Hospital, Fulham Road, London SW3 6JJ.

#### National Breast Screening Education Programme

Pathology of Breast Cancer Screening At: Nottingham Training Centre

1989 course dates:

6, 7, 8 March

5, 6, 7 June

11, 12, 13 September

4, 5, 6 December

The course programme begins with a three day multidisciplinary introductory meeting, the third day being devoted to a specialised course for each discipline. The pathology course includes lectures and workshops with particular reference to the normal breast, benign disease, borderline lesions, malignant tumours, preoperative diagnostic techniques and quality control.

Over the subsequent three months course members may, if they wish, attend assessment and referral clinics, cytology reporting, specimen cut up and reporting and assessment case discussion sessions. Further details and registration forms from: Mrs Betty Price, Helen Garrod Breast Screening Unit, City Hospital, Nottingham NG5 1PB. Tel: (0602) 691689.

#### External Quality Assessment in Histopathology and Cytopathology

External Quality Assessment is of increasing importance in histopathology and cytology. With the advent of the cytology proficiency testing scheme and the need to control quality of the newly implemented breast cancer screening, the Royal College of Pathologists and the Association of Clinical Pathologists are presenting a special one day symposium at St Bartholomew's Hospital, London EC1, on Monday April 24, 1989. Fee £40.00 including buffet lunch.

Further details from: Professor G Slavin, Department of Histopathology, St Bartholomew's Hospital, West Smithfield, London EC1.

#### Association of Clinical Pathologists Junior Membership

Junior Membership of the Association of Clinical Pathologists is available to trainees in all branches of pathology who have practised pathology for less than four years. The annual subscription is £18 which may be claimed against tax.

All Junior Members receive monthly copies of the *Journal of Clinical Pathology*. Other benefits include a regular Junior Members newsletter, the ACP newsletter, and all the documents regularly sent to full members of the Association. These include the twice yearly summary of pathology courses included in the ACP Postgraduate Education Programme.

For Junior Membership apply to: Dr WR Timperley, Secretary, Association of Clinical Pathologists, 57 Lower Belgrave Street, London SW1W 0LR.

## Notices

#### British Society for Haematology (BCSH General Haematology Task Force)

#### Monitoring the Acute Phase Response

Royal Society of Medicine, London

Friday May 19 1989 — 09.30–16.30 hours

This one day conference for clinicians and laboratory scientists will be devoted to diagnostic tests of the acute phase response (C-reactive protein, erythrocyte sedimentation rate, erythrocyte aggregation, and plasma viscosity) together with their clinical application to atherosclerosis, collagen-vascular disease, infection, tropical disorders, and haematological malignancy.

Further information from Professor J Stuart, Haematology Department, Medical School, Birmingham B15 2TJ.

#### 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 DH Orrell, Department of Pathology, Royal Lancaster Infirmary, Ashton Road, Lancaster LA1 4RP.