

histopathologist are excellent articles on specimen management after osteosarcoma chemotherapy by Raymond and Ayala, and round cell tumours of bone by Triche and Cavazzana. A review of the preliminary role of flow cytometry is given by Mankin and his colleagues, and other chapters include grading and staging of bone tumours, and the pathology of osteosarcoma and fibrohistiocytic tumours.

It is an excellent book and will be warmly welcomed by all those with an interest in the management of bone tumours. While not a histopathologist's bench manual, it should also be of interest to general pathologists and be a useful addition to a departmental library.

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**Histopathology of the Endometrium.** 4th revised and enlarged ed. G Dallenbach-Hellweg. (Pp 416; DM 220.) Springer. 1987. ISBN 3-540-18156-3.

I read the fourth edition of this well known monograph with my mind unsullied by having read any of the other three. I have to report that there are major problems with this book. The recent bibliography appears to have been selected in a highly idiosyncratic manner reflecting the inherent prejudices of the author. The views of Professor Dallenbach-Hellweg on stromal granulocytes are outdated and in many respects almost certainly wrong. The implication that the Arias-Stella phenomenon is indicative of fetal death and the criteria for invasive mole are misleading. The use of the term adenomatous hyperplasia is anachronistic and there is an unconvincing attempt to equate its use with more realistic modern terminology. The most amazing deficiency, however, is the complete failure to acknowledge the existence of endovascular trophoblast and the physiological changes that occur in uteroplacental arteries during pregnancy.

There are some redeeming features; the descriptions of endometrial morphology associated with deficient ovarian function and luteal phase insufficiency are still arguably the best available.

Postgraduate examination candidates should be warned lest they repeat some of these unsubstantiated opinions at their peril.

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## 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.

**Ankle Arthroscopy. Pathology and Surgical Techniques.** JF Guhl. (Pp 162; £67-45.) John Wiley. 1988. ISBN 0-943432-62-6.

**Cancer Incidence in Five Continents.** Vol V. Ed C Muir, J Waterhouse, T Mack, J Powell, S Whelan. (Pp 970; £50.) Oxford University Press for IARC. 1988. ISBN 92-832-1188-X.

## Notices

### Gastrointestinal Pathology

Tuesday 11 April 1989

#### Institute of Pathology, University of Leeds

This year's course covers the recent changes which have taken place in gastrointestinal pathology. The speakers, who are experienced gastrointestinal pathologists, have played no small part in unravelling the facets of the topics on which they are lecturing. The Slide Seminar will cover the entire field of gastrointestinal pathology.

#### Topics:

Oesophageal pathology  
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Crohn's and small bowel ulceration  
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#### Speakers:

JM Sloan, Belfast  
JI Wyatt, Leeds  
J Piris, Edinburgh  
H Gilmour, Edinburgh  
P Quirke, Leeds  
MF Dixon, Leeds

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Course limited to 25 registrants.

Apply to: Dr MF Dixon, Department of Pathology, University of Leeds, Leeds LS2 9JT.

### 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

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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.

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