

Problem Solving in Immunohematology. 3rd ed. Herbert Silver. (Pp 123; \$30.) Raven Press. 1988. ISBN 0 89189 263 X.

This excellent short book has an entertaining way of presenting a wide range of problems in blood banking. Its chapters cover processing of donor blood, tests on prospective recipients, antibody identification, blood component inventories, transfusion reactions, prenatal and neonatal testing, Rh immunoglobulin, diagnosis of HDN, and selection of blood for exchange transfusion. The only omission seems to be autoimmune haemolysis. Each section provides a surprising amount of information: a short introduction is followed by a series of exercises aimed to cover the major problems likely to arise in that area. The reader is invited to solve the problems before turning to the authors' answers and interpretations. The book is intended to develop a methodical approach to blood bank problems. It succeeds admirably, is fun to use, and will be of value to both clinical and laboratory haematologists. I thoroughly recommend it.

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Campylobacter Pylori. Ed H Menge, M Gregor, GNJ Tytgat, BJ Marshall. (Pp 249; £30.) Springer. 1988. ISBN 3 540 18761 8.

The proceedings of a symposium on a single organism sounds esoteric. This one is not. It is a collection of papers and discussions by a select group of gastroenterologists, microbiologists, histopathologists, and physiologists on the subject of gastritis and peptic ulcer disease looked at in the light of the recent discovery of *Campylobacter pylori*. This interdisciplinary approach gives a welcome breadth to the subject. Many of the 26 papers include informative reviews, for example, on current theories of the pathogenesis and medical management of peptic ulcer disease, and the cytoprotective action of bismuth salts. The book is well produced, with good photographic reproductions. There are a few phonetic misspellings of names mentioned in the discussions but otherwise the text seems to be accurate.

Books of this sort tend to go out of date quickly, but this one gives sufficient grounding in the subject to maintain its interest for many. Like most symposium reports it is rather expensive.

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Notices

Association of Clinical Pathologists

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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.

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

An International Update in Dermatology and Dermatopathology

2-5 September 1989

This international meeting, jointly organised by the Pathological Society of Gt Britain and Ireland and the British Society for Dermatology, will be held at The Dome, Brighton. Lectures and seminars will be given by a panel of invited experts. Slide seminars will be presented by Dr Richard Reed, New Orleans, and Professor AB Ackerman, New York. Abstracts are invited for poster and oral presentations. A full social programme is included.

The fee is £195.00 (registration *before* 9 June 1989) and £225.00 after that date. Further details from: Mrs L Barducci, British Association of Dermatologists, 6 St Andrew's Place, Regent's Park, London, NW1 4LB (tel 01 935 8576).

Haematological Disorders Associated with Occupational Hazards

The Health and Safety Executive, in association with the British Society for Haematology, has established a databank of blood disorders associated with exposure to occupational hazards. Clinicians are invited to notify cases to the databank.

Forms for this purpose and further information can be obtained from Mrs J Hopkins, 7th Floor Haematology Laboratory, University of Wales College of Medicine, Heath Park, Cardiff CF4 4XN.

The Leeds Course in Clinical Nutrition

5-8 September 1989 at the University of Leeds.

Further details from: Mrs H L Helme, Department of Continued Professional Education, The University, Leeds LS2 9JT.

Pathological Effects of Radiation

11-13 September 1989 at the Holiday Inn of Bethesda, Bethesda, Maryland

For further information contact: David Busch, American Registry of Pathology, Armed Forces Institute of Pathology, Washington, DC 20306-6000.

Correction

Errors were made in the text of the paper by Brandtzaeg *et al* *J Clin Pathol* 1988;41:963-70. In the Material and methods section under the heading of *Immunoblotting Experiments*, the second sentence should have read: For analytical focusing, L1 samples (~50 µg in 15 µl water) were applied near the cathode of agarose gels containing 7.5% Ampholine (LKB, Sweden), pH5 to pH 8. The legend to figure 2 should have contained the following: There are numerous S-100 protein positive, presumably interdigitating dendritic cells (left), but also many cells of similar appearance labelled by Mac 387 (right). He apologises for these oversights.