

occasionally when one would almost certainly discover something of interest.

DR TURNER

**Handbook of the Hemopoietic Micro-environment.** Ed Mehdi Tavassoli. (Pp 472; \$89.50.) The Humana Press Inc. 1989. ISBN 0-89603-147-0.

This handbook provides what is probably the first review of an area of increasing interest to experimental haematologists. As a handbook for those involved in this field it covers the subject thoroughly, although it suffers from an overemphasis of detail in places that is out of context in a review of this type. For those unfamiliar with this type of work an introductory chapter simply defining terminology and current concepts would greatly enhance its appeal.

These criticisms aside, the text covers a wide range of topics, including experimental techniques such as *in vivo* microscopy, which should at least assist in understanding the increasing current literature. Furthermore, the excellent chapters by Tavassoli, Zipori, and Quesenberry may stimulate the reader to a greater interest in "environmental issues". There are some superb photographs and overall this publication would be a useful addition to the reference library of any haematology department.

JM BRIDGES

**Directory of On-Going Research in Cancer Epidemiology 1989/90.** Ed M Coleman, J Wahrendorf. IARC Scientific Publications No 101. (Pp 828) Oxford University Press. 1989.

This directory of research in cancer epidemiology is a useful compilation of studies. The studies are listed according to country and there are several useful additional indexes. Under each research project there is a brief description of the research, together with type of study, the cancer site being investigated, the calendar years over which the study has been performed and, if a Cancer Registry is involved, the name of the Registry. Studies using biological material banks are identified. Biochemical epidemiology is an active area of research, reflecting a productive collaboration between epidemiologists and laboratory scientists. The indexes are available on diskette as well as within the body of the volume.

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## Foreword to Instructions to authors

### Techniques

The Journal has been receiving more papers about laboratory techniques over the past few years and the time for segregating them from the rest of the contents now seems to have passed. Accordingly, there will be no separate section on "Techniques" from September 1990, and methodological studies will be placed as Papers or Short Reports in the same way as all other articles, depending on their length and importance.

### Short reports

It was recently decided by the editors and the

editorial board that, with effect from January 1991, the Journal will cease to include Letters in the list of contents on the front cover and will instead introduce a new category of papers that will be referred to as Short Reports.

This format will be the usual one in which case reports, short technical notes, and brief investigative studies—particularly those with negative results—will be presented. The constraints will be that length should not exceed 1000 words, there should be up to two figures or tables, and no more than 10 references. Authors submitting papers as letters or full articles thought by the editors to be more suitable for a Short Report will be invited to revise their manuscript accordingly. Submissions specifically styled as Short Reports will be welcome and considered on that basis: all will be subjected to the usual process of peer review.

Articles already accepted for publication as Indexed Letters will continue to be published as such and will be listed on the front cover, but from August 1990 no more will be accepted. Letters will still be encouraged, and will still be limited to 500 words, five references, and one figure or table, but, unless thought suitable for revision as a Short Report, will now be grouped under a generic heading of "Correspondence". There will be no separate section on Matters Arising.

The purpose of this change is to have a more convenient vehicle for interesting case reports and other brief papers, where they may sit more easily than in the letters section.

## NOTICES

### Breast Screening Pathology

Guildford Breast Pathology  
Training Centre  
Royal Surrey County Hospital,  
Guildford

November 1 and 2

The course will focus around workshop presentations of the cytology and histology of breast lesions seen more commonly as a result of screening, with additional techniques which need to be used. The principles of screening from both clinical and epidemiological points of view will be presented and the interrelationships of mammography and specimen radiology and pathology will be emphasised.

In addition, a major international authority on breast pathology, Professor Vincenzo Eusebi, will give a keynote lecture on *in situ* carcinoma.

Registration (2 days, including course dinner and lunches) £140  
Lecture fee (per half day) £15  
No restriction in numbers.

For registration and further details please contact:

Mr M G Cook or Dr Grace McKee  
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### Association of Clinical Pathologists Junior Membership

Junior membership of the Association is available to medical practitioners who have been engaged in the practice of pathology for a period of less than four years. Junior members are able to remain in this category for a maximum of six years or on the attainment of consultant status. The annual subscription is £24 for those resident in the United Kingdom and £55 for those overseas. The annual subscription may be claimed against tax.

Junior members receive the *Journal of Clinical Pathology* each month. Other benefits are reduced registration fees to attend ACP scientific meetings, all the documents regularly sent to full members of the Association including *ACP News*, which has a regular column for juniors, and the twice yearly summary of pathology courses included in the ACP programme of postgraduate education. Junior members have their own representative body, the Junior Members' Group, which has a direct input to Council.

For Junior Membership apply to: The Honorary Secretary, Association of Clinical Pathologists, School of Biological Sciences, Falmer, Brighton, BN1 9QG. (0273) 678435.



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### Histopathology Course 1990-1991

There will be a course for SHO's and registrars to provide training in histopathology for the new MRCP Path Part 1 examination which begins in May 1992. It will be held on Wednesday afternoons at St Bartholomew's Hospital, and will consist of lectures and slide seminars with emphasis on diagnosis and mechanisms of disease.

The course will run from 3 October 1990-13 March 1991 and is the first in a series of three. The second and third courses will be offered from October 1991 and October 1992 respectively.

Places are restricted and early application is advised.

Cost £517

Application forms, which must be returned by 24 August 1990, may be obtained from:

The Education Department, BPMF, 33  
Millman Street, London WC1N 3EJ.  
Telephone 071-831 6222 extension 155