

unexpectedly it has increased in size by 10%, reflecting the startling expansion in the body of laboratory haematological science in those seven years. It is probably true that some pruning of historical and outdated material might have slimmed the volume.

As before the book comprises 17 chapters, two on the physiology of the blood and blood forming organs, six on general laboratory haematology practice, six on blood and disorders with laboratory implications, and finally three on haemostasis and thrombosis.

The general tenor of the chapters exemplifies the wide and deep experience of the authors. The cutting edge falters occasionally when clinical issues are touched on, but the text as a whole is excellent in its range. Its stated intent to provide a textbook that is more than adequate for first qualifications of haematology MLSOs is wholly met. All medical candidates for Parts 1 and 2 of the examination for the diploma of MRCPATH should read it.

Student MLSOs entering haematology departments with or without degrees are trained both theoretically and practically in general haematology and blood transfusion serology. For the latter, students would need a text additional to this. Have the authors considered a third serological author to provide a single text to cover the whole syllabus?

In a future edition I would exhort the publishers to print the photomicrographs in colour. Perhaps the authors might consider a chapter on managerial aspects of good haematology laboratory practice, health and safety, organisational audit and the impact of the health service reforms on haematology laboratories.

My guess is that all haematology departments and all student MLSOs in those departments will wish to buy a copy of this second edition.

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NOTICES

1992 Zimmerman Conference

Progress in Vascular Biology, Haemostasis and Thrombosis

27-29 February 1992

Sheraton Grande Torrey Pines Hotel, La Jolla, California

The main symposia will focus on the following topics: platelets as targets of antithrombotic treatment, evaluation of antithrombotic treatment, coagulation and coagulation inhibitors, molecular genetics of thrombosis-haemostasis, endothelium and matrix, and fibrinolysis.

For further information contact: Department of Academic Affairs, 403C Scripps Clinic and Research Foundation, 10666 N Torrey Pines Road, La Jolla, CA 92037 Telephone (619) 554-8556.

Certificate of Competence in Cytology Screening recognised by the Department of Health for entry to the Cytology Screener Grade

Examination dates and venues:

Monday 3 February 1992—Northwick
Park Hospital, London

(Closing date for applications:
20 December 1991)

Thursday 26 March 1992—Newcastle
General Hospital, Newcastle

(Closing date for applications:
7 February 1992)

Thursday 18 June 1992—Llandough
Hospital, Cardiff

(Closing date for applications:
1 May 1992)

October 1992—Manchester
(Date to be arranged)

Further particulars and application forms from: Dr E McGoogan, Chairman BSCC Examination Committee, Department of Pathology, University of Edinburgh Medical School, Teviot Place, Edinburgh EH8 9AG. Tel: 031 667 2903.

Nottingham Breast Screening Training Centre

Screening for Breast Cancer Multi-Disciplinary Courses will be held at the Nottingham Breast Screening Unit, City Hospital, Nottingham on the following dates: 2-4 December 1991, 8-10 June 1992.

These courses are open to senior registrars, new screeners, and interested non-screeners.

Course fees for pathologists are £200 + VAT (+£100 for placement) and include lunches, refreshments, and a course dinner. Reasonably priced accommodation is available on site or at local hotels.

Multidisciplinary update courses will be held on:

7/8 October 1991
(Triple Assessment)
27/28 February 1992
(Interval Cancer)
8/9 October 1992
(Triple Assessment)

For further information and registration forms:

Mrs Betty Price, Training Coordinator,
Nottingham Breast Screening Training
Centre, City Hospital, Hucknall Road,
Nottingham NG5 1PB
Tel: (0602) 691689 Fax (0602) 627707

Nottingham Breast Screening Training Centre

A Fine Needle Aspiration Cytology of the Breast Course will be held at the Nottingham Breast Screening Unit, City Hospital, Nottingham on:

23/24 March 1992

This is a comprehensive course covering technique interpretations, reporting, triple assessment, screening and new laboratory techniques. The course is organised with complementary lecture and workshop sessions. Lecturers are nationally recognised experts in the field.

Course fees on application. Residential or non-residential options available.

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Update in Cardiopulmonary Pathology I—Cardiology

Congenital Heart Disease, Cardiomyopathies, Innervation, Conduction Defects

26-27 March 1992

Course Organiser: Professor R H
Anderson

Update in Cardiopulmonary Pathology II—Lung Tumours

Cell Biology, Pathology, Radiology, Staging, Surgery, Chemotherapy, Radiotherapy, Terminal Care

6-7 April 1992

Course Organiser: Dr M Sheppard

For further details please contact:

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National Heart & Lung Institute
Dovehouse Street
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