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EDINBURGH 15-16th April 1993

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12th May 1993

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Further information from Dr T J Anderson Department of Pathology University of Edinburgh Medical School Teviot Place Edinburgh EH8 9AG. Tel. 031-650-2888.

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Further information from Mrs M Cameron Training Co-ordinator Jarvis Screening and Training Centre Stoughton Road Guildford Surrey GU1 1LJ. Tel. 0483 571821.

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Further information from Dr S Humphreys Department of Morbid Anatomy King's College Hospital Denmark Hill London SE5. Tel 071-274 6222.

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Further information from Mrs B Price Training Co-ordinator Breast Screening Training Unit City Hospital Hucknall Road Nottingham NG5 1PB. Tel. 0602/691689.

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Further information from: Dr P A Trott Department of Cytopathology Royal Marsden Hospital Fulham Road London SW3 6JJ. Tel 071-352-8171.

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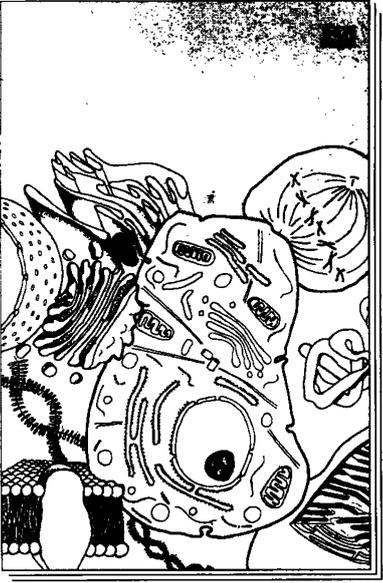
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Monday 16 November 1992

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The course fee is £60.00 plus VAT (£70.50). VAT is not applicable to most English health authorities, but is payable by delegates from Scotland, Ireland and Wales; delegates from overseas and certain other authorities not within the "body corporate" (please contact the Training Centre if you require clarification of this).

If you are interested in attending this course please contact:

Mrs Betty Price, Training Co-ordinator, Nottingham National Breast Screening Training Centre, City Hospital, Hucknall Road, Nottingham, NG5 1PB
Tel: 0602 691689 Fax: 0602 627707

An update in dermatopathology

St Thomas's Hospital

Friday, 22 January, 1993

Topics covered will include melanocytic lesions, lymphocytic infiltrates, keratin abnormalities in dermatopathology, connective tissue tumours, oncogenes in dermatopathology, malignant eccrine tumours, T cell receptor gene rearrangements in dermatopathology and "new entities".

For further information please contact:

Dr PH McKee
Department of Histopathology, St Thomas's Hospital, London SE1 7EH
Tel: 071 928 9292 Exn: 2899
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Melanoma '93

A joint meeting of the Royal College of Pathologists and the Melanoma Study Group, sponsored by the South East Thames Regional Health Authority Quality Initiative.

6 and 7 May 1993, Brighton Conference Centre

This two day consensus conference will address problems in the biopsy diagnosis of melanocytic disorders. As well as formal presentations by Bernard Ackerman (New York) and David Elder (Philadelphia), the programme will include presentations and discussions of proffered cases and papers. Hotel accommodation and car parking will be available at discount rates. The conference takes place during the Brighton International Festival. A spouse programme will be available.

Further details are available from Dr N Kirkham, Dept. of Histopathology, Royal Sussex County Hospital, Brighton BN2 5BE, UK. Fax: 0273-600182.

St Thomas's Hospital 1993 dermatopathology course

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Cardiac necropsy, Interpreting cardiac biopsy specimens, recent advances in understanding the cardiomyopathies

29 March 1993

Course Organiser: Professor R H Anderson

Lung tumours

Cell biology, cytology, pathology, radiology, staging, surgery, chemotherapy, radiotherapy, diagnosis, prognosis, genetic, oncogenes

30-31 March 1993

Course Organiser: Dr M Sheppard

Mediastinal tumours

Pathology, radiology, diagnosis, thymomas, lymphomas, germ cell tumours, cysts, neural tumours, infections, surgery, chemotherapy

1-2 April 1993

Course Organiser: Dr M Sheppard and Mr P Goldstraw

For further details please contact:

Postgraduate Education Centre
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Dovehouse Street
London SW3 6LY
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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, 221 Preston Road, Brighton BN1 6SA. (0273) 561188.