

## Book Review

**Solar and Ultraviolet Radiation. IARC Monographs on the Evaluation of Carcinogenic Risks to Humans. Vol 55.** (Pp 316; Sw fr. 65.) World Health Organization. 1992. ISBN 92-832-1255-X

This book, which conforms to the usual high standards of IARC monographs, provides a detailed account of the biophysics of ultraviolet and solar irradiation and their biochemical actions on DNA. There is much about their intriguing biological effects on cellular responses and repair, and a critical review of their tumorigenic, local immunosuppressive, and other harmful effects—for example, in causing cataract and “solar keratosis”. Fluorescent lighting is reviewed and is regarded as an unproved carcinogenic risk for man, but improper use of sunbeds is shown to be harmful. Sun screens are briefly discussed, too.

There is rightly much concern about the risks to man of excessive ultraviolet and solar irradiation. This book provides the facts to support the drive to protective measures, and at the same time it is a valuable source of information about the neglected areas of radiation pathology and toxicology.

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## Notices

### Quality '93

#### Raising quality in the NHS: what progress?

11 November London

Quality '93 follows the success of Raising Quality in the NHS held in March 1992.

Quality '93 is being organised by the BMA, the BMJ, the Kings Fund, the College of Health and Quality in Healthcare. The meeting will review progress with raising quality in the NHS and also look at what's new in raising quality. A particular focus will be on involving patients in raising quality.

The meeting is open to doctors, nurses, all health professionals, managers, politicians, researchers, policy makers, and members of the public.

For further details contact:

**Pru Walters, BMA House, Tavistock Square, London WC1H 9JP.  
Telephone: 071 383 6518.**

### Charing Cross and Westminster Medical School

#### MRCPath Part One

#### Diagnostic Histopathology Course

20–24 September 1993

This intensive five day course at Charing Cross Hospital:

- ▶ covers all important and problem areas in systemic pathology;
- ▶ consists of lectures, slide seminars and demonstrations;
- ▶ includes three evening sessions on special techniques;
- ▶ includes a course dinner.

The numbers of places on the course will be limited so early application is recommended.

The course fee (£365) includes student accommodation, breakfast, coffee, tea and lunch on each day, and the course dinner. If accommodation and breakfast are not required, the course fee will be £300.

For further details and application forms, please contact:

Professor Kristin Henry, Department of Histopathology, Charing Cross and Westminster Medical School, Fulham Palace Road, London W6 8RF.  
Tel: 081 846 7133 Fax: 081 846 1364

### 4th Breton Workshop on Autoimmunity

Brest, 15–16 April 1994

**Sjögren's syndrome** (J F Bach, H M Moutsopoulos and N Talal); **systemic lupus erythematosus** (E M Tan, D Alarcón-Segovia and G Friou); **rheumatoid arthritis** (R N Maini, I M Roitt and J Sany).

Official languages: English and French, with simultaneous translation.

Call for abstracts. Deadline for receipt of abstracts: 15 March 1994. Will be published in *Clinical Experimental Rheumatology*.

**Secretariat: Laboratory of Immunology, Brest University Medical School Hospital.  
Tel: (33) 98 22 33 84.  
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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 £34 for those resident in the United Kingdom and £65 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, 221 Preston Road, Brighton BN1 6SA. (0273) 561188.

### Errata

The following errors appeared in: Bacteriological evaluation of a down-draught necropsy table ventilation system by McLaughlin *et al*, *J Clin Pathol* 1993; 46:746–9: the third paragraph of the Results section should read:

The mean counts of the tracer organism *B subtilis* var *niger* are shown in fig 3. The effect of the local air extraction was to reduce the counts from  $>10^7/1400$  l air to  $13/1400$  l air.

The settle plate counts increased . . .

On page 748:

The mean air velocity at the level of the table should read 2.240 m/second and not 2.240 cm/second as currently printed.

### The Royal College of Pathologists

#### MEETINGS

Advances in Breast Pathology —  
Relevance to Management and  
Prognosis

Wednesday 17 November 1993

Diagnostic Developments in  
Leukaemia and Lymphoma

Wednesday 19 January 1994

Perspectives in Good Laboratory  
Management

Tuesday 22 February 1994

all at

**The Royal College of Pathologists,  
2 Carlton House Terrace,  
London SW1**

The meetings are open to members and non-members of the College.

Further details and application forms can be obtained from

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2 Carlton House Terrace, London  
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