

Area Network such as the Internet or CompuServe, users will be able to harness the power of the pathology information explosion effortlessly and focus it precisely on the generation of their reports.

The project is still recruiting and so any pathologist in the UK or elsewhere who is interested in contributing, is welcome to contact the author by post or E-mail (CompuServe 100255,2131).

#### I read with interest the paper by . . .

In his letter<sup>1</sup> dealing with letters that begin "I read with interest the paper by . . ." (IRWITPB) Dr O'Brien should have addressed the authors' reply that so frequently starts, "We thank Bloggs for his/her interest in our paper" (WTBFHIIOP). What the authors of such letters probably mean is, "Trust Bloggs to point out that he/she published a larger series than ours 10 years ago" or "Damn Bloggs for noticing that our p values are out by a factor of 10".

Over the years, I have noticed that it is uncommon for writers of WTBFHIIOP letters ever to admit honestly their mistakes even when these are pointed out to them in unambiguous terms, preferring to deny, obfuscate, or side-step their errors. Perhaps the problem lies with the fact that letters and authors' replies are not subject to peer review, merely to the perfunctory scrutiny of an over-worked editor. Perhaps that is how this one got through or am I to expect an ITWFHIIML reply?

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1 O'Brien DS. I read with interest the paper by . . . [letter]. *J Clin Pathol* 1994;47:868.

## Notices

### The Royal Society of Health

presents the following courses

#### Care at Home and Quality of Life (CH411)

Date: Tuesday, 29 November 1994  
Venue: Hotel Ibis, Ladywell Walk,  
Birmingham B5 4ST  
Fee: To be announced

#### Care at Home and Quality of Life (CH412)

Date: Tuesday, 13 December 1994  
Venue: Regent's College, Regents Park,  
London NW1 4NS  
Fee: To be announced

For further information, please contact:  
Anne Faichney,  
Conference Department,  
The Royal Society of Health,  
RSH House, 38A St George's Drive,  
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### Briançon Congrès of Dermatopathology

6-10 February 1995

Parc Hotel, Briançon, France

The programme includes slide seminars in dermatopathology as well as case presentations and discussions. Seminars will be given by Dr Jeanine Wéchsler of Paris and Dr Lorenzo Cerroni of Graz. Other seminars will be given by British pathologists. Delegates may also submit cases for presentation and discussion. In addition to interesting and difficult cases there will be a special prize for "The Best Mistake" presented in the special session devoted to this interesting phenomenon in diagnostic histopathology. The week will be suitable for 20 cognate points for CME. This meeting offers an opportunity to meet in the pleasant atmosphere of "the highest fortified town in Europe", in the sunny southern Alps. Delegates will attend from many countries in Europe.

Apply to: Dr N Kirkham, P.O. Box 334, Histopathology Department, Royal Sussex County Hospital, Brighton BN2 5BG. Tel: 0273 664501. Fax: 0273 600182 or Dr J-H Oddou, B.P. 8, 05000 Gap, France. Fax: (33) 92 51 92 55.

### Postgraduate course in gynecologic and obstetric pathology with clinical correlation

March 27-31 1995

The Departments of Pathology, Massachusetts General Hospital and Brigham and Women's Hospital, Harvard Medical School will present a postgraduate course in Gynecologic and Obstetric Pathology under the direction of Drs Robert E Scully, Robert H Young, and Christopher P Crum, to be held at the Four Seasons Hotel, Boston.

This course is designed for pathologists and obstetricians/gynecologists at resident and practitioner levels. It will provide an in-depth review of gynecologic and obstetric pathology with emphasis on morphologic diagnostic features and clinicopathologic correlation including management. Special attention will be paid to recent advances and newly recognised entities. Instruction will be primarily by lecture, but will also include case presentations and discussion periods. Each participant will receive a comprehensive course syllabus.

The course has Category 1 accreditation for approximately 35 hours CME credit by the American Medical Association and 35 cognates, formal learning, by the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists. The fee for the course is \$775.00 (residents and fellows \$600.00). For further information, please contact: Department of Continuing Education, Harvard Medical School, 25 Shattuck Street, Boston, MA 02115 (Tel: 617 432 1525; fax 617 432 1562).

### Melanoma

10-12 May 1995

Conference Centre, Brighton, UK

The *Melanoma Study Group* are holding a three day multidisciplinary conference on all aspects of melanoma diagnosis and treatment. The programme includes slide seminars given by a number of experts in the field. A wide range of biopsy material will be available for examination. Abstracts for oral or poster presentation and biopsy cases for discussion are invited. The conference will be suitable for 15 cognate points for CME and takes place during the Brighton International Festival.

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### Correction

In the October issue of the journal a printing error occurred in the paper by Ohsawa M, Kanno H, Machii T, Aozasa K (*J Clin Pathol* 1994;47:928-932). Figure 1 was labelled incorrectly as (A), (B), (A) but should read (A), (B), (C). The correct version of fig 1C is reproduced here.

Figure 1 Monocytoid cells near the sheath artery of the spleen (A) haematoxylin and eosin. Monocytoid cells showing a positive reaction for CD20 (B), but not for DBA.44 (C) (ABC method).

(C)

