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be a practical manual for the non-specialist surgical pathologist; a secondary aim is to serve interested ophthalmologists. However, it is on its stated primary objective that the book should be judged and it seems that there are three basic criteria on which to do so.

Firstly, is the range of entities covered appropriate? The layout follows a conventional anatomical basis and includes the eyelids and orbit in addition to peculiarly ocular structures. Few of the disorders that the average histopathologist serving an eye unit will encounter are missing.

Secondly, are the photomicrographs adequate for their purpose? Overall, most figures are of excellent quality and relevance. There are some exceptions, however, which possibly reflect limitations of available specimens, and some are too pale and lacking in basophilic staining.

Thirdly, is the accompanying text useful and accurate? In addition to the figure legends, succinct accounts are given of most of the conditions depicted and these are invariably apposite and reliable.

There are occasional errors, some of them amusing, for instance the reference to Charcot-laden crystals and the description of the calotte (or cap), that is conventionally removed from an eyeball to allow gross examination of the intraocular structures, as a culotte (or divided skirt!). However, with faults as trivial as those, this is a very useful book which will serve the intended readership well. Ophthalmologists preparing for their professional examinations would also benefit.

ALEC GARNER

Notices

The Royal Society of Medicine The Section of Pathology Error and liability in cytopathology and histopathology

Tuesday 7 June 1994:
4.30pm-9.00pm

Programme

Duty and Performance in Medical Screening and Clinical Consultation
Professor N J Wald, London
Liability of the Laboratory in Cytology Screening Programmes *Dr E McGoogan, Edinburgh*
Liability of the Public Health Departments in Screening Programmes
Professor N Day, Cambridge
Keeping Medicine up to the Mark
Miss Celia Hall, Medical Editor, The Independent
Error Detection and its Consequences in Histopathology *Professor I Lauder, Leicester*
Turning "Audit" into "Avoid it"
Dr G Roberts, Medical Defence Union
Self Regulation of Professional Standards
Dr D R Davies, Oxford

For further information and a registration form please contact Miss Claire Cheesman, Sections Officer, The Royal Society of Medicine, 1 Wimpole Street, London W1M 8AE

Royal Society of Health

Suicide in the 1990s

Date: Wednesday June 8, 1994.
Venue: Society of Chemical Industry (SCI), 14-15 Belgrave Square, London SW1.
Fee: £80 for Non-members, £50 for RSH members and Charities. £30 for retired RSH members and students; £70 per head for groups of three or more.

Management of Trust Hospitals

Date: Thursday, June 16, 1994.
Venue: The University of Leeds, Clinical Sciences Building, Leeds LS9 7TF.
Fee: £80 Non-members; £50 for RSH members and Charities. £30 for retired RSH members and students; £70 per head for groups of three or more.

All enquiries:

Iris Murphy, Conference Department, The Royal Society of Health, RSH House, 38A St George's Drive, London SW1V 4BH. Tel: 071 630 0121. Fax: 071-976 6847.

Lung Pathology. November 1-4 1994. London, UK: National Heart and Lung Institute.

For further information, contact: Professor B Corrin, Histopathology, Brompton Hospital, London SW3 6NP. Fax: 44-71-351-8435.

Jean Brihaye Scholarship

The European Association of Neurosurgical Societies (EANS) will award the first Jean Brihaye Scholarship on the occasion of the 10th European Congress of Neurosurgery in Berlin, May 7-12, 1995.

The scholarship amounts to ECU 12,000, and will be awarded to a European neurosurgeon under the age of 45 (on May 12, 1995) for an unpublished scientific work in the field of neurosciences related to neurosurgery. The manuscript must have a maximum of 20 double-spaced typewritten pages. One original and eight photocopies must be sent **before September 30, 1994** to: Professor Mario Brock, President of the E.A.N.S., Universitätsklinikum Steglitz, Abteilung für Neurochirurgie, Hindenburgdamm 30, 12200 Berlin.

Association of Clinical Pathologists National Scientific Meeting 20-21 October 1994

The Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea, The Town Hall, Hornton Street, London W8

There will be full two-day programmes for each of the major branches of pathology.

Histopathology—Dermatopathology including slide seminar.

Haematology—Interferon treatment: what the district general hospital haematologist needs to know: acute leukaemia-modern aids to diagnosis (including slide seminar): what's new with iron?

Microbiology—HIV: sexually transmitted diseases—an update: marketing and the microbiology laboratory: epidemiology—how to do it.

Chemical Pathology—current topics: joint meeting with Association of Clinical Biochemists on medical informatics now.

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