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I would therefore like to base the main part of my review on the previous edition of this book. I bought this in 1986 and looking at the covers and pages can see that it has had a reasonable amount of use from me and other pathologists. I have found it particularly useful for its selective bibliographies and its tables of immunophenotypes, particularly of diseases with which I am not particularly familiar. Reading the second edition, it is quite obvious that these have been brought comprehensively up to date and I am sure will receive the same amount of use as my first edition. What I have not done with my first edition, but which I felt compelled to do with my review copy of the second, is to read the text. Reading the text of

the second edition, I do not think I missed anything by ignoring it in the first edition. The other thing I have never used in the first edition are the pictures. Now, as a reviewer of the second edition, I can see that in general they are not particularly helpful. Many of them are too low power or blurred to be of any value. However, none of this detracts from the fact that the first edition, paid for with my own money, has been good value and I can see no reason why the second should not be the same. There certainly is to my knowledge no rival so I can honestly say that if I had not received this free review copy I would have gone out and bought a second edition of this book.

K C GATTER

## Notices

British Society for Medical Mycology  
presents  
**Diagnostic medical mycology**

3 April 1995

A one week lecture and practical course on the laboratory diagnosis of fungal infections is to be held in Leeds. This established course is intended for MLSOs and medical graduates working in diagnostic laboratories. The course has been awarded 5.4 credits for members of the Institute of Biomedical Science who are registered on the CPD Diploma scheme.

Course fee (excluding accommodation) £300 + VAT (reduction for BSMM and IBMS members).

For further information, please contact: Professor E G V Evans, PHLS Mycology Reference Laboratory, Department of Microbiology, University of Leeds, Leeds LS2 9JT.

A one day course in  
**Histopathology of the bone marrow**

will be held at

St Mary's Hospital Medical School

on Wednesday 12 April 1995

The Course is for Consultant Haematologists, Consultant Histopathologists and advanced trainees in Haematology and Histopathology. CME approved. The cost is £75 (light lunch included). Those wishing to participate should apply in writing, enclosing a cheque for the appropriate amount, to: Dr B J Bain, Department of Haematology, St Mary's Hospital Medical School, Norfolk Place, London W2 1PG. Cheques should be made payable to: Imperial College.

### Diagnostic cytopathology

The University of Birmingham

3 to 7 April 1995

Course Director: Dr Jennifer Young

A five day intensive course designed for trainee pathologists preparing for the MRCPATH examination, candidates for the Diploma in Cytopathology of the Royal College of Pathologists and consultant pathologists desiring further experience in cytopathology.

Subjects covered include serous fluids, respiratory and gastrointestinal tracts, development and technique of fine needle aspiration cytology, FNAC of breast, lymph nodes, thyroid, salivary glands, liver-biliary system, pancreas, upper and lower urinary tract and prostate, brain smears and CSF, soft tissue, bone and skin, imprint, and scrape cytology as an adjunct to frozen section, special techniques, self-assessment cases. Superior accommodation with ensuite facilities available.

Further enquiries to: Dr J A Young, The University of Birmingham, Department of Pathology, The Medical School, Edgbaston, Birmingham B15 2TT (tel: 0121 414 4002; office: 0121 414 4017; fax: 0121 414 4019).

Oxford Regional Cytology  
Training School,  
John Radcliffe Hospital  
presents the  
**Non-gynaecological & fine  
needle aspiration cytology course**

5-9 June 1995

This one week course is suitable for trainee medical and MLSO staff. Some accommodation is available.

Course fees: Employees of ORHA—No charge for the course, but £10.00 is required to cover administration and hospitality costs. Others: £350. The FNA cytology component may be attended separately on 8-9 June. Fee: £100.

Course Organiser: Dr I D Buley, Consultant Pathologist, Histopathology & Cytology, John Radcliffe Hospital, Oxford OX3 9DU.

Further details from Miss Patsy King on 0865 220510.

A two day course in  
**Haematology morphology**

will be held at

St Mary's Hospital Medical School

on Monday and Tuesday, 10 and 11 April 1995

This course, which includes both lectures and work at individual microscopes, is suitable for updating career grade post holders in haematology and is also valuable for trainees in haematology. CME approved. The cost is £110 including lunches or £95 without lunches. Those wishing to participate should apply in writing, enclosing a cheque for the appropriate amount, to: Dr B J Bain, Department of Haematology, St Mary's Hospital Medical School, Norfolk Place, London W2 1PG. Cheques to be made payable to: Imperial College.

Royal Brompton National  
Heart and Lung Institute  
presents the  
**Practical adult cardiovascular  
pathology course**  
on

Monday 16 October 1995

Course organisers: Professor M J Davies and Dr M N Sheppard.

This practical "hands on" course approaches in detail the problems that face the diagnostic pathologist when dealing with cardiovascular pathology. The approach to a cardiac necropsy and sudden death will be emphasised. Cardiac specimens will be made available for dissection and analysis and practical demonstrations as well as video demonstrations will be highlighted. A slide seminar with slides distributed to all participants is included. The course is aimed at trainees studying for the MRCPATH and also at senior pathologists who wish to update their knowledge.

Course fee: £75.00 (includes coffee, tea and lunch). There is a special fee of £50.00 for juniors in training.

For further information, please contact: National Heart and Lung Institute, Dovehouse Street, London SW3 6LY (tel: 0171 351 8172; fax: 0171 376 3422).