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## Notices

### **Dermatopathology for the general pathologist and dermatopathologist: diagnosis and board review**

*September 28–30 1995*

The Harvard Medical School Dermatopathology Residency Training Program will present a postgraduate course in Dermatopathology under the direction of Drs Lyn M Duncan, Raymond L Barnhill, Terence J Harrant, and Steven R Tahan, to be held at the Royal Sonesta Hotel, Cambridge, Massachusetts.

Participants will review practical dermatopathology with attention to board certification and will learn to assess problems that arise in dermatopathology practice. The course is specifically aimed at practising pathologists and dermatologists as well as residents and fellows preparing for board certification examinations. The Thursday and Friday lectures cover diagnostic criteria for specific disorders organised by disease type. On Saturday, participants can select either a board certification examination review session or a special conference aimed at illustrating problem solving in dermatopathology consultations. Those who choose to participate in the consultative session will be invited to submit a case for the faculty to review prior to the course. Selected cases will be reviewed on Saturday morning; all cases will be returned with a consultative note. A detailed syllabus consisting of lecture outline material and references will be provided.

The course has Category 1 accreditation for 18 hours of CME credit by the American Medical Association. The fee for the course is \$450.00 (£285.00) (residents and fellows \$300.00 (£190.00)).

For further information, please contact: Department of Continuing Education, Harvard Medical School, 25 Shattuck Street, Boston, MA 02115, USA (tel: 617-432-1525; fax: 617-432-1562).

A two day course in  
**Haematology morphology**  
will be held at  
St Mary's Hospital Medical School  
on

*September 4–5 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. **40 places only; CME approval requested.** The cost is £120 including lunch or £105 without lunch.

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 (tel: 0171 723 1252, ext 5595; fax: 0171 724 7349).

Cheques to be made payable to: Imperial College.

### **Lung pathology course**

*October 31 to November 3 1995*

#### **National Heart and Lung Institute**

For further information, please contact: Professor B Corrin, Histopathology, Royal Brompton Hospital, London SW3 6NP (fax: 0171 351 8435).

A one day course in  
**Histopathology of the bone marrow**  
will be held at  
St Mary's Hospital Medical School  
on

*September 6 1995*

The course is for consultant haematologists, consultant histopathologists and advanced trainees in haematology and histopathology. **40 places only; CME approval has been requested.** The cost is £80 (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 (tel: 0171 723 1252, ext 5595; fax: 0171 724 7349).

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### **Texas Society of Pathologists**

*75 Years Young*

presents

#### **Pathology: Past, Present and Future**

Diamond Jubilee Celebration

*February 1–4 1996*

For further information, please contact: Paula Rigling, Texas Society of Pathologists, 401 West 15th Street, Austin, Texas 78701-1680, USA.

### **Postgraduate course Current concepts in surgical pathology**

*November 6–10 1995*

The Department of Pathology, Massachusetts General Hospital, Harvard Medical School, will present a postgraduate course in Surgical Pathology under the direction of Drs Nancy L Harris, Robert H Young and Eugene J Mark.

This course is designed for pathologists at resident and practitioner levels. It will provide an in-depth review of diagnostic surgical pathology with emphasis on morphologic features, newly recognised entities, and new techniques, presented by the faculty of the Department of Pathology, Massachusetts General Hospital. Instruction will be primarily by lecture, but will also include 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. The fee for the course is \$825.00 (£522.00) (residents and fellows \$610.00 (£386.00)).

For further information, please contact: Department of Continuing Education, Harvard Medical School, 25 Shattuck Street, Boston, MA 02115, USA (tel: (617) 432-1525).

### **The Royal College of Pathologists**

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#### **An Update on Gut Infections**

*Wednesday 5th July 1995*

and

#### **Problems in Renal Biopsy Interpretation**

*Thursday 21 September 1995*

Both courses will be held at the Royal College of Pathologists, 2 Carlton House Terrace, London SW1, and are open to both members and non-members of the College.

For further details and application forms, please contact: Scientific Meetings Officer, RCPATH, 2 Carlton House Terrace, London SW1Y 5AF (tel: 0171 930 5862 ext. 24/25).

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#### **Therapeutic Uses of Trace Elements**

*February 4–7 1996*

Main topics include: Therapeutic forms of trace elements; large epidemiological and intervention studies related to trace elements; trace element supplementation of population groups of differing ages; and trace elements, bone physiology and bone diseases, among others.

For further information, please contact: Madame A Alcaraz, Laboratoire de Biochimie C, CHURG, B.P. 217, F-38043 Grenoble Cedex 9, France (tel: (33) 76 76 54 84; fax: (33) 76 76 56 64).