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Supraregional Assay and Advisory Service

Notification of Tenders Accepted by the SAAS Management Executive Board

In response to tenders received, the following laboratories have been designated to offer the Supraregional Assay and Advisory Service in the areas of expertise as follows:

Uncommon Metabolic Thyroid Diseases

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St Mary's Hospital, Praed Street, London W2 1NY

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The standard of responses to the invitations to tender were very high, and the Supraregional Assay and Advisory Service Board compliment all the laboratories who bid for these assays on the quality of their presentations.

The Board are currently soliciting tenders for the supply of Assay and Advisory Services in the area of Porphyrin Metabolism. Enquires about this area may be made from the Chairman, Professor Vincent Marks, at the following address:

Professor Vincent Marks

Dean of Medicine

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iatrogenic pathology and conditions which are non-site specific. Are there any negatives? Well, one could point to a few typographical errors (such as multiple lymphomatoid polyposis) and argue that one of the most troublesome areas of diagnostic pathology, the assessment of dysplasia in Barrett's oesophagus, is only illustrated by unequivocal dysplasia and there are no illustrations of difficult reactive/indefinite examples. Equally, one could say that the book is not quite up to date in terms of the relative incidence of primary oesophageal malignancies. A 1973 survey is quoted stating that 93% of all malignancies in the oesophagus are of squamous type, whereas most agree that squamous cell carcinoma and adenocarcinoma of the oesophagus are now equally prevalent. These are but minor quibbles and they should not detract from what is an excellent text of upper gastrointestinal tract pathology. I would recommend this as a compulsory read for all practising and trainee pathologists and gastroenterologists, particularly the sections on gastritis, helicobacter disease and AIDS.

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Notices

Clinical Pathology Accreditation
(UK) Ltd Annual Conference

Changing Traditional Roles in Pathology Services

Wednesday March 12 1997

Venue: Royal College of Physicians, 11 St Andrew's Place, London NW1 4LE (by kind permission of the Treasurer)

With the evolution of technology and the volatile environment in public and independent health services, traditional professional roles in pathology are shifting. Some welcome this, some accept it and others see it as a treat to standards. This conference will provide a platform for a diversity of views and will try to see if any consensus can be achieved. Points will be revisited at the end of the afternoon in a summing up session.

CPA will be breaking new ground this year by inviting free communications on the above theme for the afternoon session. Abstracts are now solicited and further information is available from the CPA central office.

Chairman: Morning session
Brian Edwards (Chairman CPA)

Afternoon session
John Lilleyman (Chief Executive CPA)

Registration fee: £90 (to include coffee, lunch and tea).

The Conference will be submitted for CPD and CME points.

For further information, please contact: CPA Central Office, 45 Rutland Park, Sheffield S10 2PB (tel: 0114 268 6151; fax: 0114 268 6251).

UK NEQAS for Blood Coagulation: Participants Meeting

March 12 1997

Venue: Octagon Centre, University of Sheffield, Western Bank, Sheffield S10 2TQ

A one-day meeting has been organised for participants and interested observers of the UK National External Quality Assurance Scheme for Blood Coagulation.

Invited speakers include Professor PM Mannucci, Milan, Italy; Professor M Greaves, Aberdeen; Professor GDO Lowe, Glasgow; Dr T Baglin, Cambridge; and Dr I Mackie, London. Subjects to be discussed encompass the diagnosis and management of thrombophilia, heparin-induced thrombocytopenia and thrombosis, the prediction of arterial thrombosis with thrombotic tests, near patient testing instrumentation. The topics of plasma calibrants in the prothrombin time for anticoagulant control, external quality assessment (EQA) of heparin dosage monitoring, and EQA of near patient testing systems will be discussed by Mr S Kitchen, Mr I Jennings, and Mr TAL Woods of UK NEQAS for Blood Coagulation. Opportunity will be given for open discussion.

Applications have been made for the meeting to be approved by the Royal College of Pathologists for CME and for accreditation in the Institute of Biomedical Sciences Continuing Professional Development (CPD) Scheme.

For further details, please contact: Mr TAL Woods, Scheme Manager, UK NEQAS for Blood Coagulation, 305 Western Bank, Sheffield S10 2TJ (tel: 0114 270 0862; fax: 0114 275 8989).

Diagnostic Medical Mycology

April 7-11 1997

A one-week lecture and practical course on the laboratory diagnosis of fungal infections will be held in Leeds, commencing 7 April 1997. This established course is intended for MLSOs and medical graduates working in diagnostic laboratories and is organised by the British Society for Medical Mycology. The course has been awarded 5.4 credits for members of the Institute of Biomedical Science who are registered on the CPD Diploma scheme and 30 CME credits for medical staff and clinical scientists in career grade posts who are enrolled with one of the Royal Colleges for CME purposes.

Course fee (excluding accommodation) is £340.00 + VAT (reduction for BSMM and IBMS members).

For further details, please contact: Professor EGV Evans, PHLS Mycology Reference Laboratory, Department of Microbiology, University of Leeds, Leeds LS2 9JT.

British Society for Clinical Cytology
5th Annual Tutorial

Cytopathology of the Urinary Tract and Retroperitoneum

March 21 and 22 1997

Venue: The Royal London Medical College, Whitechapel, London E1 1BB

Speakers:
Professor LG Koss
(Albert Einstein College of Medicine,
New York)

Dr E McGoogan

Dr A Al-Nafussi
(University of Edinburgh)

Dr W Gray
(John Radcliffe Hospital, Oxford)

Dr G McKee
(Royal Surrey County Hospital,
Guildford)

Lectures, case presentations, workshops

Registration fee £80; workshops £20 each.

CME Approved.

Application forms from BSCC Office, Dawley Road, Hayes, Middlesex UB3 1HH (tel: 0181 606 2511; fax: 0181 606 2563).

Postgraduate Course in Urological Surgical Pathology

May 16-18 1997

The Department of Pathology, Massachusetts General Hospital (MGH), Harvard Medical School (HMS) will present a three-day postgraduate course in Urological Surgical Pathology under the direction of Dr Robert H Young with additional MGH HMS faculty of Dr Robert E Scully and guest faculty of Dr Mahul Amin (Henry Ford Hospital), Dr David G Bostwick (Mayo Clinic) and John N Eble (Indiana University).

The objective of this course is to provide a comprehensive review of urological surgical pathology with special attention paid to recent advances and newly recognised entities. Instruction will be primarily by lecture but will also include discussion periods. Participants will have the opportunity to review glass slides of selected unusual cases in the laboratories of the Massachusetts General Hospital during the evenings. Each participant will receive a complete course syllabus.

The course has category I accreditation for 23 hours CME credit by the American Medical Association. The fee for the course is \$550.00 (£331.00) (residents and fellows \$390.00 (£235.00)).

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