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Notes and activities

British Society for Digestive Endoscopy

The Annual Business Meeting of the British Society for Digestive Endoscopy was held on 28 September 1972 in the Aviemore Centre.

The President, Dr Truelove, reviewed some of the activities of the Society and paid tribute to the close links which had been maintained with the British Society of Gastroenterology, represented on the Executive by Dr Lennard-Jones, and to the magnificent arrangements for the meeting made by Professor Card and his Glasgow colleagues.

The Secretary reported that during the first year the membership had risen to over 200 and Honorary Membership had been accepted by Dr Classen, Professor Demling, Mr H. C. Edwards, Professor Henning, Dr Hirschowitz, Professor Hopkins, Sir Francis Avery Jones, Dr Oi, Dr E. D. Palmer, Professor Rodgers, and Mr Hermon Taylor. Members of the Executive had organized a number of one-day courses for novice endoscopists, and audio-visual and other teaching material had been prepared, some of which was demonstrated later the same day by Dr P. Cotton and Dr P. Salmon. A list of members who would accept visitors seeking practical experience at their endoscopy sessions had been circulated.

A memorandum on the future national needs for fibre-optic endoscopy of the gastrointestinal tract had been submitted to Sir George Godber and its principles had been accepted by the Department of Health and Social Security.

The Treasurer reviewed the satisfactory financial state of the Society, due largely to the President's success in establishing a launching fund which had been generously supported by a number of firms.

The President reviewed the provisional constitution on the basis of which the Society had been operating and this was adopted by the meeting with some minor amendments.

The Office bearers remain unchanged for a further year: President, Dr S. Truelove; Hon Secretary, Dr K. F. R. Schiller; Treasurer, Professor A. E. Read. Members of the Executive: Dr G. N. Chandler, Dr P. B. Cotton, Mr A. C. B. Dean, Dr D. D. Gibbs, Professor I. McColl, Dr P. R. Salmon, Dr R. White-

head and, representing the Council of the BSG, Dr J. E. Lennard-Jones.

A report of the scientific part of the meeting will be published in a later issue.

A. C. B. D.

New Gastroenterological Laboratories at Bristol

An extension of nine rooms for the Medical Unit under Professor Alan Read was opened in October by Sir Francis Avery Jones. This includes new accommodation for endoscopic and motility studies, for laboratory work, and for a library. The Department now has six senior lecturers of consultant status, and three are mainly concerned with gastroenterological work. The interaction between rheumatology and gastroenterology is one of the active fields of research.

Queen's Award to Industry

An interesting ceremony was held at Biorex House recently when Her Majesty's Lieutenant of Greater London, Field-Marshal Sir Gerald Templer, KG, presented the Queen's Award to Industry to The Biorex Laboratories Limited. This award was made for technical innovation in relation to carbenoxolone sodium which has given an entirely new approach to the management of peptic ulcer, and has opened up new fields for research. In his presentation speech, Sir Gerald Templer commented that under 10% of firms were successful in being awarded this honour and that the Biorex Company was one of the very few which had achieved the distinction for technical innovation rather than for achievement in export, although in this respect the Biorex Company had also been remarkably successful.

Course in Gastroenterology, Oxford, 7-10 January 1973

This course is designed for consultants and registrars, including those who do not specialize in gastroenterology.

The course will consist of selected topics which are of current interest in relation to the normal functioning of the gastrointestinal tract and its diseases.

The course will be held in the Witts lecture theatre in the Radcliffe Infirmary. The fee for the course will be £10. The closing date for applications is 16 December 1972.

Accommodation will be available in

St Anne's College which is situated on the Woodstock Road immediately opposite the Radcliffe Infirmary. The cost of full board will be £10 and will cover the period from dinner on Sunday 7 January to lunch on Wednesday 10 January. Morning coffee and afternoon tea will be provided in the Radcliffe Infirmary without additional charge.

A limited number of rooms for married couples are available at St Anne's College.

Application should be made as early as possible to Dr. S. C. Truelove, The Radcliffe Infirmary, Oxford.

Cheques should be made payable to Oxford University Chest.

Postgraduate Course in Diagnostic Radiology

The 16th annual postgraduate course in diagnostic radiology will be held from 12 to 16 March 1973 at the Fairmont Hotel, San Francisco. Invited speakers include guests from Great Britain. All information can be obtained from Dr Charles A. Gooding, Programme Chairman, Department of Continuing Education in Health Sciences, 570-U, University of California, San Francisco, California 94122.

Notes on books

Cancer in South West England. A Review of Incidence and Survival for the Years 1955-1969 by R. Milnes Walker. (Pp. 124. No price given.) South Western Regional Hospital Board. Supplementary Report, South Western Regional Cancer Bureau, 1972. This annual publication brings further information on the long-term, follow-up results of treatment of malignant disease in a population of approximately three million people. Cancer of the lip and tongue is decreasing, but there is an increasing incidence of carcinoma of the pancreas and oesophagus. The unreliability of the pancreas certification is, however, still a matter for concern.

Australia Antigen and Hepatitis by B. S. Blumberg, A. I. Sutnick, W. T. London, and I. Millman. (Pp. 74; illustrated. £5.00.) Butterworth Group, London, 1972. This monograph, first published in 1971, has been reprinted with a supplementary list of publications which are not discussed within the text.

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