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the less common stains is commented upon in the explanatory paragraphs which give a clear description of the condition illustrated and emphasise important diagnostic features.

A short bibliography groups the major standard texts according to discipline and refers to more general texts and review articles. The atlas ends with a simple clear index. It is a work which will prove invaluable to the diagnostic histopathologist, and should amply succeed in its intention of extending his experience.

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Books received

Mucus in health and disease – II Edited by E N Chantler, J B Elder, and Max Elstein. (Pp 441; illustrated; \$49.50.) New York: Plenum Press. 1982.

Acute renal failure Edited by H E Eliahou. (Pp. 310; illustrated; £24.00.) London: Libbey. 1982.

Basic science in gastroenterology. Structure of the gut Edited by J M Polak, S R Bloom, N A Wright, and M J Daly. (Pp. 488; illustrated; UK £7.00; Overseas £11.00.) Hertfordshire: Glaxo. 1982.

News

BSG Research Award 1983

A three page summary of personal research work is invited by the Awards Committee who will recommend to Council the recipient of the Award for 1983. A bibliography may also be submitted if desired. The Award consists of a medal and £100 prize. Entrants must be 40 years or less (on 31 December 1983) but need not be a member of the BSG. All (or a substantial part) of the work must have been performed in the UK or Eire. The recipient will be required to deliver a 40 minute lecture at the Plenary Session of the Spring meeting in 1984. Applications (six copies) should be made to: The Honorary Secretary, BSG, The Rayne Institute, 5 University Street, London WC1E 6JJ, by 1 December 1983.

Dr V S Chadwick

Dr Chadwick will shortly be taking up a new appointment as Professor of Experimental Medicine, and Director of the Wellcome Research Institute at the University of Otago, Dunedin, New Zealand.

World Organization of Gastroenterology

The World Organization of Gastroenterology has established a Young Investigator Scholarship. These awards are intended to encourage investigators under the age of 35 in countries with developing academic programmes. Further information can be obtained from the Secretary-General of OMGE, Professor I A D Bouchier, University Department of Medicine, Ninewells Hospital and Medical School, Dundee DD1 9SY.

Mechanisms of gastrointestinal motility and secretion

A NATO advanced study institute on the above subject will take place on 5–16 September 1983 in Erice, Sicily. Further information from Professor Alan Bennett, Department of Surgery, King's College Hospital Medical School, The Rayne Institute, 123 Coldharbour Lane, London SE5 9NU.

International Society for Diseases of the Esophagus

The second International Congress of this Society will take place in Rome, Italy, from 3–6 October 1983. Further details may be obtained from the Organising Secretary, Masson Italia Congressi, Via G Pascoli 55, 20133, Milan, Italy.

Fourth International Symposium on Neonatal Diarrhoea

This symposium will be held at the University of Saskatchewan, Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, Canada, from 3–5 October 1983. Further details from Programme Chairman, VIDO, 124 Veterinary Road, Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, Canada S7N 0W0.

Correction

Effects of porcine gastric fundic factor, somatostatin, substance P, glucagon, neurotensin, bombesin, VIP, motilin, and pentagastrin on jejunal glucose absorption in the rat: N J Andrews, S Rinno-Barmada, K Burdett, and J B Elder (April issue, *Gut* 24: 326–32). The dose ranges in Figs. 6 and 8 should read: 10, 100, and 1000 ng/rat on the actual Figures. The legends for the Figures and the doses stated in Table 2 are correct.



The Medical Council on Alcoholism

A One Day Seminar

“THE PROBLEM DRINKER AND SURGICAL PRACTICE”

Royal College of Surgeons, Wednesday 6th July 1983

- 9.30 a.m. Registration and Coffee
- 10.00 a.m. Welcome by Professor G. Slaney, President of the Royal College of Surgeons
Chairman: Sir Reginald Murley, Chairman of the Medical Council on Alcoholism
- 10.10 a.m. Consumption Indices and Clinical Diagnosis of Alcohol Related Liver Disease – Dr. R. Williams, Director, Liver Unit, Kings College Hospital
- 10.50 a.m. “Alcoholism” and Injury – Mr. R. F. Evans, Consultant Surgeon, Birmingham Accident Hospital
- 11.30 a.m. Some Surgical Complications of “Alcoholism” – Professor K. E. F. Hobbs, Royal Free Hospital
- 12.10 p.m. Anaesthesia and the Problem Drinker – Professor J. P. Payne, Director, Research Department of Anaesthetics, Royal College of Surgeons
- 1.00 p.m. Lunch
- 2.00 p.m. Alcohol Abuse and Oral Health – Dr. F. Nally, Head of Department and Consultant in Oral Medicine, Eastman Dental Hospital, London
- 3.00 p.m. Surgical Referrals from General Practitioners – Dr. D. I. Acres, Family Practitioner
- 3.40 p.m. Tea
- 4.00 p.m. Recognition and Management of Drinking Problems – Professor S. Brandon, Professor of Psychiatry, Leicester Royal Infirmary

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The Registration fee of £30 includes lunch and tea. Cheques should be made payable to the Medical Council on Alcoholism