Notes and activities

Professor Chris Booth

Professor Chris Booth, who became editor of *Gut* in the autumn of 1975 and who has been Professor of Medicine at the Royal Postgraduate Medical School, Hammersmith, since 1966, has been appointed director of the MRC Clinical Research Centre at Northwick Park. He will take up his appointment early in 1978.

British Society for Digestive Endoscopy

The British Society for Digestive Endoscopy is holding its annual Training Meeting on 21-22 April 1977 at the Middlesex Hospital, London W.1. This is a two-day course which will be open to both nurses and doctors. Training with films, endoscopes, and teaching models for upper gastrointestinal endoscopy, ERCP, and colonoscopy will be provided. The Local Secretary again this year is Dr Mark Denyer of the Middlesex Hospital, from whom application forms may be obtained.

'Growing Points in Gastroenterology'

A course on this subject will be held from 24-25 March 1977 at the Postgraduate Medical Centre, Hope Hospital (University of Manchester School of Medicine). The course is intended for consultants and registrars and it will discuss some of the recent advances in the specialty and emphasise their clinical relevance. The programme will include sessions on biliary tract disease, small bowel disease, peptic ulcer, Crohn's disease, and liver disease. The course fee is £25 and details and application forms may be obtained from Professor L. A. Turnberg, Hope Hospital, Eccles Old Road, Salford, M6 8HD.

International Journal of Obesity

This new quarterly journal, published in collaboration with the Association for the Study of Obesity from October 1976, publishes original research papers, review articles, book reviews, and abstracts. The joint editors are Dr G. A. Bray (University of California) and Dr A. N. Howard (Department of Medicine, University of Cambridge) and there is an international editorial board. The publishers are Newman Publishing Ltd., 48 Poland Street, London W1V 4PP.

Books

Cystic Fibrosis: Manual of Diagnosis and Management Prepared by Charlotte M. Anderson and Mary C. Goodchild for The Cystic Fibrosis Research Trust. (Pp. 174; illustrated; £4.75 Blackwell Scientific Publications: Oxford. 1976.

This small book provides a simple yet comprehensive guide to the pathology, clinical manifestations, and management of cystic fibrosis. Each chapter has a brief but relevant bibliography. An account is also given of the current position in research into the, still unidentified, basic defect in this disease. This book is highly recommended for all those who are concerned with the care of children suffering from cystic fibrosis and also for those who are unfamiliar with this malady, as it provides an easily readable and up-to-date account of this important condition.

J. A. WALKER-SMITH

Duodenitis by Rodolfo Cheli and Hugo Aste. (Pp. 97; illustrated; price not stated.) Thieme: Stuttgart. 1976. This small comprehensive book with its superb photographic illustrations gives a comprehensive view of the various pathologies affecting the duodenal mucosa and the different techniques by which this part of the intestinal tract can be studied. It provides evidence that duodenitis should be regarded as mirroring the pathology of the small bowel rather than representing an entity by itself or an association with peptic ulceration.

The authors have recorded their long-standing interest in the duodenum and their comprehensive study of this part of the gut within the general framework of gastroenterology for the benefit of those readers who wish to know more about this often neglected yet very important area.

MARGOT SHINER

Comparative Animal Nutrition Vol. 1:

Carbohydrates, Lipids and Accessory Growth Factors Edited by M. Rechcigl, Jr. (Pp. 190; illustrated; \$37.75). Karger: Basel. This is the first volume of a series on comparative nutrition encompassing the whole animal kingdom from a comparative point of view, emphasising not only what is known but what is yet to be discovered. For those engaged in fundamental studies on alimentary absorption and nutrition, this book will have a special appeal.

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