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British Society of Digestive Endoscopy

The inaugural meeting of this Society will be held in Newcastle upon Tyne on Thursday 23 September 1971. Further details will be circulated to members of the British Society of Gastroenterology with the programme of the Annual Meeting, or may be obtained from Dr K. F. R. Schiller, St Peter's Hospital, Chertsey, Surrey.

Course in Practical Gastroenterology

This course will take place in the Department of Medicine, University of Erlangen-Nuremberg, under the guidance of Professor L. Demling on 29 and 30 October 1971. Further information can be obtained from Dr M. Classen, Medizinische Universitätsklinik, 8520 Erlangen, Krankenhausstrasse 12, Germany. Another course on **Gastroenterological Endoscopy, Biopsy, and Cytology** will be held from 25 to 28 October 1971 at the same Department. Further details can be obtained from Kongressbureau, Medizinische Universitätsklinik, 8520 Erlangen, Krankenhausstrasse 12, Germany.

The Czechoslovak Society of Gastroenterology will hold an international meet-

ing from 25 to 29 June 1972 in Prague. The congress languages will include English, French, German, Russian, Czech, and Slovak with simultaneous translation. Preliminary applications and enquiries should be sent to the Secretariat of 14th Gastro-Congress, Sokolská 31, Prague 2, Czechoslovakia.

American Gastroenterological Association Slide-audiotapes on Absorption and Malabsorption of Fat

The illustrated lectures by Drs Alan Hofmann, John R. Senior, Eric G. Wollaeger, and Fred H. Mattson may still be purchased but are no longer available on loan.

The core series consists of introductory discussions of the intestinal absorbing surface, intraluminal fat digestion, absorption and intracellular biotransformations of lipolytic products, and enterohepatic circulation of bile acids: (1) Introduction, the Absorbing Surface (no. 1727), Dr Senior (10 min, 12 slides); (2) Fat Digestion, Lipolysis, and Micelle Formation, Disorders (no. 1728), Dr Hofmann (27 min, 40 slides); (3) Fat Absorption, Intracellular Events, Disorders (no. 1729) Dr Senior (20 min, 20 slides); (4) The Enterohepatic Circulation of Bile Acids (no. 1730) Dr Hofmann (28 min, 29 slides). There are two basic lectures: (5) Properties of Pancreatic Lipase (no. 1731) Dr Mattson (25 min, 16 slides); (6) Assessment of Fat Digestion (no. 1732) Dr Hofmann (33 min, 40 slides). Three clinically orientated lectures complete the set: (7) Differential Diagnosis of Steatorrhoea (no. 1734) Dr Wollaeger (30 min, 38 slides). (8) Steatorrhoea in the Blind Loop Syndrome (no. 1733) Dr Senior (21 min, 22 slides); and (9) The Usefulness of Medium Chain Triglycerides (no. 1735) Dr Senior (18 min, 19 slides).

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Notes on books

Principles of Medical Statistics By Sir Austin Bradford Hill. The Lancet Limited. 1971. (x + 390 pages; £1.25) This new edition of the standard and best known work in this field will be much welcomed by all those engaged in medical research.

Human Organ Support and Replacement: Transplantation and Artificial Prostheses Edited by James D. Hardy, published by Charles C. Thomas, Springfield, Illinois (pp. xiii + 453; price \$30.50). This brings together 20 contributions on the theory and practice of organ transplantation. There are sections on the liver, stomach, small intestine, and pancreas as well as the kidney, lungs and heart.

The Circulating Platelet Edited by Shirley A. Johnson, published by Academic Press Inc., New York (pp. xvii + 601; price \$29.50). Gastroenterology and haematology have many common links. The platelet may not immediately spring to mind but nevertheless thrombopathies play a significant role in alimentary bleeding and the two-page list of clinical disorders includes a number of syndromes of significance to gastroenterologists. This is a major production of 601 pages.

