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Notes and activities

The British Society of Gastroenterology

The 33rd Annual General Meeting of the British Society of Gastroenterology was held at the Aviemore Centre, Inverness-shire, from 28 to 30 September 1972, under the Presidency of Professor Wilfrid Card. It was preceded by a meeting of the British Society for Digestive Endoscopy, and a joint symposium was organized on 'A new look at gastritis', with Dr S. C. Truelove, President of the BSDE as Moderator. A second symposium on 'Gastro-oesophageal reflux and its complications', was organized by Dr D. A. W. Edwards who was also the 'link-man'. More than 600 members of the two Societies came to Aviemore, and visitors came from Europe and from North and South America.

The Scottish Highlands proved an ideal place (even the weather was ideal) for the annual meeting which many were able to combine with an autumn holiday. The scientific programme was of an exceptionally high standard, and the Sir Arthur Hurst Memorial Lecture by Dr Morton I. Grossman, 'Gut hormones—milestones and signposts'—was greatly appreciated by the Society and by its many visitors. The nature trails, mountain walks, sailing, and golf provided strong temptations, but nevertheless the attendance at the meetings did not suffer. Professor Card was indeed fortunate in having the help of a committee full of zeal and energy (D. Douglas, G. P. Crean, R. Knill-Jones, Colin Mackay, D. Miln (Treasurer), R. Russell, T. Thomson, and G. Watkinson (Honorary Secretary)). These members of the Glasgow Committee were always ready to help the participants, and at the information desk Miss Barbara Currie and Mrs M. Gibson were untiring.

The ladies' programme, which had been organized by Dr Helen Mackay, offered a choice of long and short excursions, some of them specially planned for children. There are no formal speeches at BSG dinners but Professor Card, who presided at the Annual Dinner with great wit and felicity, welcomed the Society's guests and members, and in particular thanked Dr R. Holmes for all he had done for the Society during his term of office as the senior Secretary. The guests were piped in by a kilted highland piper—just one of the

many tokens of true Scottish hospitality.

At the Annual General Meeting, important changes were agreed. Associate membership was absorbed into the full membership, and in future there will be elections only to honorary, ordinary, or corresponding membership. The following officers were appointed:

President-elect	W. T. Cooke
Secretaries	{ Ian McColl J. J. Misiewicz
Sir Arthur Hurst Memorial Lecturer 1973	J. E. Lennard-Jones
Honorary Membership	J. Caroli

The Spring Meeting will be held in Cardiff on 6 and 7 April 1973, and the Annual Meeting will be held in London from 20 to 22 September 1973 under the Presidency of Professor Sheila Sherlock.

F.A.J.

British Society of Digestive Endoscopy

The teaching subcommittee has undertaken to make a series of slide-tape lectures on practical aspects of fibreoptic endoscopy. The following five are now available on loan from the Medical Recording Service Foundation, Kitts Croft, Writtle, Chelmsford, Essex. Each runs for 15 to 25 minutes, with 25 to 50 slides.

Charges: 'permanent loan' £3 (UK), £4 (overseas) plus 12p for each slide, or 14 days' hire £1 each (two or three despatched at the same time, 75p each).

The subjects covered are: 1 Introduction to gastrointestinal endoscopy
2 Oesophago-gastro-duodenoscopy in acute gastrointestinal bleeding
3 Endoscopic cannulation of the papilla of Vater; retrograde cholangio-pancreatography
4 Fibreoptic duodenoscopy (bulboscopy)
5 Fibreoptic colonoscopy

} available early
October

Further lectures are planned on such subjects as care of instruments, hazards of endoscopy, the operated stomach, biopsy interpretation, nursing role, etc.

A.D.

Notes on books

Urgent Endoscopy of Digestive and Abdominal Diseases. New Fields of Gastrointestinal Endoscopy. (Proceedings of the International Symposium held by the Czechoslovak Society of Gastroenterology and Nutrition and of the Seminar held by the International Society of Gastrointestinal Endoscopy, Prague and Carlsbad 1971). Edited by Z. Mařatka, and J. Šetka. (Pp. xi + 308; illustrated. £13.65). This volume brings together an international discussion reporting experience of emergency endoscopy in gastrointestinal bleeding. It also records techniques for emergency endoscopic extraction of foreign bodies, urgent laparoscopy and collection of pancreatic juice by the duodenal papilla. The rapid progress of gastrointestinal endoscopy into new fields is very well highlighted by this excellently produced book.

The Neuropathology of the Alimentary Tract by Barbara Smith (Foreword by Basil C. Morson). (Pp. ix + 118; illustrated. £4.00). Edward Arnold (Publishers) Ltd., Maidenhead and London. 1972. This book is an account of the intrinsic innervation of the alimentary tract and the changes which occur in certain pathological states. This has involved the introduction of a histological method which is able to display the myenteric plexus satisfactorily both in the normal and the abnormal. With this technique, conditions which are known to be the result of faulty innervation have been restudied and put on a firm pathological basis, and some new conditions described. The toxic effects of a number of commonly used therapeutic agents on gut motility, particularly that of the colon, have been demonstrated histologically both in man and the experimental animal. There are no monographs relating to this particular subject, and it is not dealt with in the textbooks of gastroenterology or neurology. This is an important contribution to gastroenterological literature.