

Notes and activities

Research in Gastroenterology

Legal steps are at present being taken to form the British Digestive Foundation from the Digestive Disorders Foundation Trust Fund. The necessary financial support for its first research fellowship has been achieved and the post is being advertised in the medical press.

Seminar on Piles and Perianal Lesions

The following is the final programme, for this seminar to be held at BMA House on Friday 22 February 1974. The Chairman is Mr J. Alexander-Williams.

MORNING SESSION 10am

- 10.00 Haemorrhoidectomy, Mr Peter Hawley
 10.45 Coffee
 11.00 The conservative management of haemorrhoids
 Anal dilatation, Mr Peter H. Lord
 Freezing, Mr K. Lloyd Williams
 Rubber band ligation, Dr H. M. Liégeois
 General discussion and summing up
 12.45-1pm Lunch

AFTERNOON SESSION 2pm

- 2.00 Sexually transmitted diseases of the ano-rectal region, Dr R. D. Catterall
 2.45 Fistula, Mr A. G. Parks
 3.30 Pruritus ani, Dr Susanne Alexander
 4.15 Tea

This seminar has been approved as two sessions under Section 63 of the Health Services and Public Health Act 1968. It will therefore automatically count for the postgraduate training allowance and for seniority payments for general practitioners. The registration fee is £2.50 to include morning coffee, lunch, and tea.

British Society for Digestive Endoscopy Spring Meeting

The spring meeting of the British Society for Digestive Endoscopy, 'An evaluation of gastrointestinal fibre-endoscopy', will be held in Bristol on 14 and 15 March 1974.

The programme will include symposia on 'Mucosal cancer', 'Haematemesis and melaena', 'Disorders of the duodenal bulb', 'Jaundice', and 'Inflammatory diseases of the large bowel'. The meeting is open to non-members. For further

particulars write to Dr K. F. R. Schiller, Hon. Secretary, British Society for Digestive Endoscopy, St Peter's Hospital, Chertsey, Surrey KT16 0PZ.

Wessex Gut Club

A meeting of the Wessex Gut Club will be held on 22 February 1974 when Dr John Lennard-Jones will speak. The meeting will be at 5.00 pm in the Post graduate Centre, Southampton General Hospital, and anyone interested is welcome.

European Pancreatic Club

A meeting of the European Pancreatic Club will take place in Dundee, Scotland, from 4 to 6 July 1974. For further details, please contact: Dr K. G. Wormsley, Maryfield Hospital, Dundee, DD4 7TL, Scotland.

From February 1974 onwards, communications should be addressed to: Dr K. G. Wormsley, Ninewells Hospital, Dundee, DD2 1UB, Scotland.

Ninth Annual Meeting of the European Association for the Study of the Liver

The ninth annual meeting of the European Association for the Study of the Liver will be held from 5 to 7 September 1974 in Hemsedal (Norway). The programme will consist of 36 communications, two symposia, and four working parties.

Information concerning the submission of abstracts can be obtained from the Secretary (Dr Serge Erlinger, Unité de Recherches de Physiopathologie Hépatique, Hôpital Beaujon, F-92110 Clichy, France) as well as all information relating to the meeting.

Asian Society of Colo-rectal Surgery

The first triennial conference will be held in Bombay, India, on 12, 13 and 14 June 1974, at the Taj Mahal Hotel, Apollo Bunder, Bombay 400001, India.

All information can be obtained from the Chairman, Dr R. K. Menda, Box No. 869, G.P.O., Bombay 400001, India.

First National Congress of the Argentine Federation of Gastroenterology

This Congress will be held in the city of Rosario (Argentine Republic) from 23 to 29 June 1974.

The meeting will consist of symposia, round tables, and sessions on radiology, surgery, endoscopy, and investigation.

Fourth Congress of the Latin American Society of Hepatology

The fourth congress of the Latin American Society of Hepatology will be held in Caracas, Venezuela, on 6, 7, and 8 October 1974. The President is María Velasco (Chile).

The official subjects chosen for the meeting are the liver and parasitosis, immunology in liver disease, drugs and the liver, and bile salts.

Notes on books

Liver Biopsy Interpretation 2nd edition by Peter J. Scheuer, with a Foreword by Professor Sheila Sherlock. (Pp. 184; 110 figures, with 59 in colour. £6.00.) Bailliere Tindall, London. 1973. The second edition of this important book will be widely welcomed. It provides everything which should be known by clinicians and pathologists about liver biopsy and makes a vital contribution towards better management of liver disease in clinical practice.

Inborn Errors of Metabolism edited by F. A. Hommes and C. J. Van Den Berg. (Pp. xv + 375; illustrated. £7.00.) Academic Press, London and New York. 1973. Better understanding of inborn errors of metabolism is particularly important for medical scientists concerned with liver disorders and, to a lesser extent, with problems of intestinal absorption. This publication provides much fundamental information.

Correction

The authors of 'Simulation of macroamylasaemia by salivary-type ('S type') hyperamylasaemia' (*Gut*, 1973, 14, 726-729) wish to point out that in the final paragraph of their paper the reference should be to Fridhandler, Berk, and Ueda should be to their report of 1971 not 1972. Furthermore, the reference to Levitt *et al* (1969) is an error; the reference should be Long and Kowlessar (1972).