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The Nottingham Meeting

The spring meeting of the British Society of Gastroenterology was held at Nottingham University from 29 to 30 March under the Presidency of Dr W. T. Cooke, with Dr Michael Atkinson as the local Secretary. The new university, complete with the best spring weather, provided an ideal setting for the meeting. The local arrangements were very well organized, with an excellent dinner held in Cripps Hall. The large numbers of short papers needed two simultaneous sessions. The symposium on colon function was much appreciated. It was held under the chairmanship of Professor H. L. Duthie, with contributions from E. E. Daniel, Alan Bennett, George Misiewicz, Charles Edmonds, John Cummings, and Michael Hill. The meeting included two discussion groups: the pathologists discussed histopathology of the alimentary tract (Chairman: Professor Ian Dawson) and the Liver Group primary liver cancer (Chairman: Professor Sheila Sherlock).

F.A.J.

British Digestive Foundation Research Fellowship

The first British Digestive Foundation Research fellowship has been awarded to Dr D. R. Cave (St George's Hospital, London) to continue his studies on the transmissible factor in Crohn's disease.

International Symposium on Gastric Mucosal Barrier and Related Diseases

An international symposium on the gastric mucosal barrier and related diseases will

be held on 22 June 1974 at the Conference Centre, Rimini, Italy. The main topics will be (1) components and function of the gastric mucosal barrier; (2) physiopathology of gastric lesions due to H⁺ back diffusion; (3) diseases related to gastric mucosal barrier damage; and (4) treatment of gastric mucosal damage.

An opening lecture will be given by Professor H. W. Davenport (Ann Arbor, USA) and several international speakers will participate. The symposium will close with a round table discussion on all aspects of the gastric mucosal barrier.

The official languages are English and Italian; simultaneous translation will be provided.

Further information may be obtained from: Professor L. Barbara, Istituto di Clinica Medica e Gastroenterologia dell'Università di Bologna, Policlinico S. Orsola, 40138 Bologna, Italy.

The Place of Endoscopy in Gastroenterological Research

An all-day meeting at which the present position of endoscopy will be discussed by invited speakers will be held at the Royal Free Hospital, London, on Friday 16 August 1974. The guest lecturer is Dr Basil Hirschowitz (University of Alabama, USA).

Registration fee £5, to cover incidental expenses and meals.

Further information from Professor S. Sherlock, Royal Free Hospital, Gray's Inn Road, London, WC1.

Group Tours to Mexico

Definite quotations for group inclusive tours have now been received and, provided that a group of 15 persons would travel out together to Mexico and return together, the cost would be between £288.00 and £302.00 with a stay of 11 nights in Mexico City. An extended stay with a post-congressional tour visiting Taxco and Acapulco would cost between £340.00 and £350.00. Quotations can be given on application for advanced charter bookings and for excursion flights involving visits to North America before or after the Congress.

Further information can be obtained from Thomas Cook & Son, Congress Booking Centre, Berkeley Street, Piccadilly, London, W1A 1EB.

International Symposium on Jaundice

The Canadian Hepatic Foundation will conduct an international symposium on jaundice in Montreal from 31 May to 1 June 1974. A faculty of specialists from Canada and the United States will present 24 papers during the two-day meeting, held at the Ritz-Carlton Hotel, which is expected to provide discussion of several new approaches in hepatic investigation, as well as a synthesis of the field.

Enquiries should be directed to Mr Gordon Awde, executive director, The Canadian Hepatic Foundation, 65 Queen Street West, Toronto, Ontario, Canada.

Notes on books

Pharmacology of Gastrointestinal Motility and Secretion Volumes I and II edited by Pamela Holton. International Encyclopedia of Pharmacology and Therapeutics, Section 39A. (Vols I and II: Pp. 639 + author/subject indices; illustrated. £18.00.) Pergamon Press, Oxford, New York, Toronto, and Sydney. 1973. These volumes bring together all the relevant literature on the effects of pharmaceutical substances and polypeptides on the motility and secretion of the alimentary tract. This vast field is covered by 18 chapters in the two volumes. There is much to interest the clinician as well as research workers. The British authors include A. Bennett and J. J. Misiewicz ('Drugs used in treating disordered motility of the alimentary tract'), D. G. Grahame-Smith ('Endocrine tumours producing gastrointestinal symptoms'), J. E. Lennard-Jones ('Drugs in the treatment of peptic ulcer'), T. Scratcherd and R. M. Case ('The role of adenylylase in the gastrointestinal tract'), and by the editor, Pamela Holton ('Catecholamines and gastric secretion'). There are, as is to be expected, very important contributions from Scandinavia. An invaluable reference work.

Escherichia coli and Man by E. Mary Cooke with a foreword by R. A. Shooter. (Pp. 96; illustrated. £2.50.) Churchill Livingstone, Edinburgh and London. 1974. This book is mainly about *Escherichia coli* as it behaves as a pathogen in man but it includes its role as an animal pathogen as this is helpful in understanding the mechanisms by which diseases in man can be caused. There is much here of interest to paediatricians, physicians, and surgeons, as well as to bacteriologists.

International Symposium on Histamine H₂-Receptor Antagonists edited by Clive J. Wood and M. Alison Simkins. (Pp. 412; illustrated. No price given.) This volume reports the papers given and the discussion on them at an international symposium in London in October 1973 on the new H₂ receptor blockers which offer an exciting prospect of providing a 'medical vagotomy'. These papers record the background pharmacology and animal work and four preliminary studies on man. The speed and excellence of the publication is commendable.

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