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Notes and activities

The British Society of Gastroenterology

The 36th annual meeting of the British Society of Gastroenterology was held at Oxford from 25 to 27 September 1975 under the Presidency of Dr S. C. Truelove with Dr M. J. Goodman as local secretary. The meeting was preceded by a one-day teaching course attended by over 300 people and organized by Professor L. A. Turnberg on behalf of the Training and Education Committee of the British Society of Gastroenterology. In the morning session there were papers on 'Management of oesophageal varices' (Professor M. Losowsky), 'Hepatitis-associated antigen' (Professor A. Zuckerman), 'Active chronic hepatitis' (Professor S. Sherlock), and in the afternoon there were papers on 'Dietary fibre' (Dr K. Heaton), 'Recent approaches to the medical management of peptic ulcer' (Dr J. J. Misiewicz), 'Gastrointestinal hormones updated' (Dr S. Bloom), and 'The lower oesophageal sphincter' (Dr J. Bennett). The programme was particularly well balanced, and the speakers all gave critical appraisals of their field putting recent work into excellent perspective. It was an invaluable contribution by the Society for the Society and for many physicians and surgeons in the Oxford region.

The scientific meeting included three simultaneous sessions; even so there was opportunity for less than half the papers submitted to be given. The plenary sessions included the Sir Arthur Hurst Memorial Lecture, 'Towards an artificial liver', by Dr Roger Williams, and a panel discussion on 'The management of ulcerative colitis' with the President, Dr S. C. Truelove, as the Moderator.

At the annual business meeting Dr Geoffrey Watkinson became President-Elect, and Professor Goligher was appointed the next Sir Arthur Hurst Lecturer. It was agreed to award an annual BSG research medal for work done by younger members under 35 years of age. The meetings in 1976 will be held at Canterbury (9-10 April) and at Aviemore (September).

The annual dinner was held in the best traditions of the Society at St Catherine's College. There were as always no formal speeches but the President thanked most felicitously the many individuals who had contributed towards the success of the

meeting, and Sir Francis Avery Jones on behalf of the Society made presentations to the retiring Editor of *Gut*, Professor Sheila Sherlock, and the retiring Technical Editor, Miss Gunilla Liddle. The dinner was followed by a concert given by an instrumental group, 'The Oxford Camerata', in New College Chapel, which was greatly appreciated. A most varied and attractive social programme had been arranged. This included a choral concert in Magdalen College Chapel given by the Choristers of Oxenforde, and a number of local tours in and around Oxford. F.A.J.

Long Course on Inflammatory and Neoplastic Disease of the Gastrointestinal Tract

A comprehensive programme on inflammatory and neoplastic disease of the gastrointestinal tract will be given by a faculty of 14 authorities at the annual meeting of the US-Canadian Division of the International Academy of Pathology in Boston, Massachusetts, on Thursday 25 March 1976 at the Sheraton-Boston Hotel.

Course directors are Dr John H Yardley, Department of Pathology, Johns Hopkins Hospital, Baltimore, and Dr Basil C. Morson, Pathology Department, St Mark's Hospital, London.

Further information may be obtained from Mrs J Preston, IAP Registrar, Armed Forces Institute of Pathology, Room 4090, Washington, D.C. 20306. Telephone (202) 576-2969.

Société Médicale Internationale d'Endoscopie et de Radiocinéma

The XIIIth international congress will take place in Lyons from 6 to 8 May 1976, presided over by Professor Pierre Mounier-Kuhn, in liaison with the meeting of the French Language Broncho-Esophagology Society (President, Professor J Gaillard).

The subject is the contribution of endoscopy, radiology, cinematography and thermography towards the early diagnosis of cancer. The official languages are French and English (simultaneous translation).

All information can be obtained from the Secretary-General-Treasurer Professeur Agrégé J. P. Haguenaer, O.R.L. Clinic, Hôpital de la Croix-Rousse, 69317 Lyon Cedex 1, France.

Notes on books

Diseases of the Liver and Biliary System, 5th Edition by Sheila Sherlock. (Pp. 821; 370 illustrations. £13.50.) Blackwell Scientific Publications, Oxford.

This very well known book has been completely revised, reflecting the major advances in hepatology in the last few years. These include the hepatitis B virus and its relation to chronic hepatitis, cirrhosis and liver cancer, the immunology of liver disease and of drug reactions, enzyme induction and direct liver toxicity, more rational therapy for acute hepatic failure, and the present position of hepatic transplantation. Many new radiological techniques are evaluated, including endoscopic retrograde cholangiography for hepato-biliary and pancreatic disease. The physicochemical composition of the bile, and other newly recognized factors contributing to gallstone formation, are reviewed, and the role of cheno-deoxycholic acid in dissolving gallstones is assessed. One hundred and forty-one fresh figures, making a total of 370 illustrations, are to be found in this new edition. It remains the world's most authoritative text in hepatology.

Drug Therapy of Cancer by G. Brulé, S. J. Eckhardt, T. C. Hall, and A. Winkler. (Pp. 164. £2.95.) World Health Organization, Geneva. 1973. Obtainable from HMSO, London. This WHO publication is a very useful, comprehensive statement on drug treatment for neoplastic disease. The book covers solid tumours as well as lymphomas and leukaemias.

Intestinal Absorption in Man edited by Ian McColl and G. E. G. Sladen. (Pp. ix + 364; illustrated. £11.00.) Academic Press, London, New York, and San Francisco. 1975. This book is a collection of essays on various aspects of intestinal absorption in man. Although the emphasis is on human studies, reference to animal work is included, particularly where data on human intestinal absorption are scanty or unavailable. The book is not intended to be a comprehensive review and the absorption of folate and vitamin B₁₂ has been omitted altogether. This is an important contribution to scientific gastroenterology and should have a world-wide appeal.