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Notes and activities

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Royal College of Pathologists

The Royal College of Pathologists is holding a symposium on 'The diffuse endocrine system and its pathology' on 19 October at 2 Carlton House Terrace, London, S.W.1., under the chairmanship of Professor I. M. P. Dawson. The symposium is open to members of the College and trainee pathologists and to workers in other disciplines connected with the subject. Details are obtainable from Assistant Secretary (Meetings), The Royal College of Pathologists, 2 Carlton House Terrace, London, SW1Y 5AF.

Radiology of the Stomach and Small Intestine

A course on this subject is being organised by the Office of Continuing Education, Tufts University School of Medicine, and directed by Dr Harry J. Griffiths. A distinguished international faculty, including Drs Robert Paul, Arthur Clemett, Wylie Dodds, Joseph Ferrucci, Jack Wittenberg, and Basil Morson, have been invited to give an intensive course on the

radiology of the stomach and small intestine. Each area will be considered from a clinical, endoscopic, radiological, and pathological point of view. The course will be held from 25-29 October 1976, at The Copley Plaza Hotel, Boston, Massachusetts, and the registration fee is \$250.00. Details may be obtained from Mrs Emelie S. Born, Box 72, 136 Harrison Avenue, Boston, Massachusetts, USA.

Postgraduate Courses, University of California

The University of California is offering the following postgraduate courses in 1977:

31 January-4 February: 'Computerized tomography—1977'.

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12-13 March: 'A practical course in ultrasound'.

Information from Medical Education, University of California, 569 U, San Francisco, California 94143, USA.

First South African Conference on Carcinoma of the Oesophagus

The above conference is being held in Cape Town from 26-28 January, 1977. There will be invited overseas and South African speakers, and delegates wishing to attend should write to The Secretariat S18, South African Medical Research Council, P.O. Box 70, Tygerberg, 7505, Cape Town, South Africa.

Allison (Harrow) and M. Woodruff (Edinburgh). R. W. Baldwin (Nottingham) is one of the four editors to whom manuscripts may be submitted (Cancer Research Campaign Laboratories, University Park, Nottingham, NG7 25D).

Liver Diseases in Children By Daniel Alagille. (Pp. 103; illustrated; 30 francs) Institut National de la Santé: Paris. 1976. This publication records an international symposium held in Paris, June 1975. The three main fields covered are immunological aspects of liver diseases; biliary acids; metabolism and pathology; surgical problems in liver metabolic diseases; and bilirubin metabolism. There were 50 participants.

Cancer Genetics Edited by Henry T. Lynch. (Pp. 639; illustrated. \$49.50) Charles C. Thomas: Springfield. 1975. This interesting and original publication integrates all aspects of cancer genetics including HL-A histocompatibility systems, oncogenic viruses, migrant groups, and interactions with environmental factors. Cancer of the stomach and colon are well covered.

Notes on books

Cancer, Immunology and Immunotherapy

This is a new journal and the first number is devoted to aspects of BCG systemic immunotherapy. With the high professional standing of its international Scientific Council, it is likely to prove of great interest to British clinicians including gastroenterologists. The representatives from Great Britain are A. C.

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