Notes and activities

British Council: The Liver
This is a residential course for senior medical practitioners from overseas which will be held in Bristol, 15-27 January 1978. Topics and speakers include: bilirubin metabolism (B. M. Billing); cholestasis (D. Doniach); chronic hepatitis (P. T. Flute); collagen (K. Hobbs); haematology (J. O'D. McGee); immunological aspects (N. McIntyre); liver biopsy (A. P. Mowat); liver tumours (P. J. Scheuer); paediatric liver disease (J. M. Walsh); tropical liver disease (A. W. Woodruff); virus hepatitis (R. Wright); acute liver failure (R. Calne); liver transplantation (M. Davis, A. L. W. F. Eddleston, D. Silk); obstructive jaundice (A. E. Read); aspects of liver disease; portal hypertension (A. M. Dawson). Director of Studies: Professor Sheila Sherlock. Fee £415. Apply through the British Council in your own country. Closing date for receipt of applications in London, 1 October 1977.

British Postgraduate Medical Federation: Liver Disease
An advanced residential course will be held from 19-23 December 1977 in the Liver Unit of King's College Hospital, London. Fee £100. Apply Secretary, Liver Disease Course, British Postgraduate Medical Federation, 33 Millman Street, London WC1N 3EJ by 18 October 1977.

Symposium on Neonatal Diarrhoea of Calves and Pigs
The second international symposium on neonatal diarrhoea of calves and pigs sponsored by the Veterinary Infectious Disease Organization (VIDO) will be held at the University of Saskatchewan, Saskatoon, Canada, 9-11 October 1978. Details from Ms. M. Permut, VISO Trailers, University of Saskatchewan, Saskatoon, Canada S7N 0W0.

Centre d'Hépato-gastro-entérologie, Nice
A teaching week on digestive endoscopy (gastroscopy, colonoscopy, ERCP, endoscopic sphincterotomy, peritoneoscopy) will be organised in the gastroenterology unit of Nice from 23 to 27 May 1978. Limited to 16 endoscopists; inquiry and application: Dr B. Ljunggren, Service du Pr J. Delmont, Hôpital de Cimiez, 06000 Nice, France.

Books

This is a first-class publication bringing together the best of British surgery and there is much here of great relevance for gastroenterologists. Professor J. C. Goligher covers carcinoma of the rectum, Dr Christopher Williams colonoscopy and colonicoscopic polypectomy, Mr J. L. Dawson portal hypertension, Mr L. R. J. de Jode acute pancreatitis, Mr R. M. Baddeley the surgical management of obesity, Professor R. B. Welbourn and Mr S. N. Joffe the apodomas. Each review is succinct, readable and most informative. The section on disorders of haemostasis in surgery by Milica Brozovic and R. S. Mibashan brings together a mass of recent progress related to the practical problems of surgery. The place of immunology in surgery is the central theme for the whole book, with the scene set for the general surgeon—and, indeed, physician—by J. L. Turk and J. E. Castro in their section on new developments in immunopathology. Having translated the technical jargon into meaningful terms they give a fascinating review of the points of progress in this important field. This is a book which should be easily available in every department of gastroenterology.

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This loose-leaf book presents initial case histories together with the results of investigations. These are interspersed with true and false multiple-choice questions and matching questions concerning differential diagnosis and pathophysiology of the disease together with relevant discussion and references. It could be a very useful approach for junior staff preparing for specialist examinations.


The prevention of alimentary intalin and formation of toxin in food is an important function of preventive medicine and a role which should be the responsibility of all gastroenterologists. This simply presented, but remarkably informative and comprehensive, paperback should be read by medical staff and their wives. It should be made easily available for all concerned with community and hospital hygiene.