Notes and activities

BSG Autumn Meeting, Reading
The autumn meeting of BSG was held on the campus of the University of Reading on 24–26 September, with Dr B E Morson as President and Dr P B Cotton as Vice-President Endoscopy. The local secretary, Mr R Faber, and his team deserve our thanks for an efficiently organised scientific and social programme. In addition to a teaching session devoted to tropical disorders and intervention radiology, the first day offered meetings of the Liver Club, Pathologists’ Group, Radiologists’ Group, Endoscopy Assistants’ and the Royal College of Nursing Group and an inaugural meeting of the Basic Science Group. There was also a joint Endoscopy/Pathology symposium at which Professor G N Tytgat gave the Endoscopy Foundation Lecture on ‘Endoscopic management of dysphagia’. On the following days 146 papers were presented and additional work was discussed at a poster session. Professor A E Read was installed as the new President of BSG and Professor C G Clark was chosen as President Elect.

The Fothergillian Medal and Harveian Oration
Those two high distinctions were bestowed by the medical profession this year on Sir Francis Avery Jones. The Fothergillian Medal was awarded to him by the Medical Society of London. The Royal College of Physicians has chosen him this year as their Harveian Orator and he took this opportunity to present a masterly survey of the growth of gastroenterology from Harvey’s day to the present time. We offer Sir Francis our warmest congratulations.

Falk-Symposium, Nos 30–32
An Intestinal Week will be held at Titisee, Black Forest, W. Germany, from 24–31 May 1981. It will include the Second International Conference on Intestinal Adaptation (24–26 May), Colonic Carcinogenesis (27–29 May), and Colon and Nutrition (29–31 May). Details may be obtained from Falk-Foundation e.V., Habsburgerstr. 81, D-7800 Friburg i. Br., W. Germany.

Second International Symposium on Mucus in Health and Disease
This symposium will be held at Manchester University, England, from 31 August to 4 September 1981. Organising Committee: Eric Chantler, Department of Obstetrics and Gynaecology, and James Elder, Department of Surgery, Manchester University, Manchester, UK.

Eighth International Symposium on Gastrointestinal Motility
The 8th International Symposium on Gastrointestinal Motility will take place in Konigstein near Frankfurt am Main, F.R. Germany, from 7 to 11 September 1981. The organisers invite contributions, especially with clinical relevance. Abstracts, not to exceed 250 words, should be sent to Dr M Wienbeck, Department of Internal Medicine D, University Hospitals, Moorstr. 5, D-4000 Dusseldorf, F.R. Germany, before 1 March 1981.

Books

Correction
Duodenal calcium outputs in health and pancreatic disease, by P T Regan, J-R Malagelada, and E P DiMagno (Gut 1980, 21, 614–18.) The dose of cholecystokinin used in these studies was 0-25 CHR U/kg/min, not 0-25 CHR U/kg/h.

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