Notes and activities

Printing delays
We regret the recent delay in the publication of Gut because of industrial action, and hope to return to normal schedules in the near future.

BSG Basic Science Group
The Inaugural meeting of the Basic Science Group of the BSG will be a symposium on: 'Nerves and the Gut' to be held on 24 September 1980 at the University of Reading as part of the Annual Meeting of the BSG. Details from: Dr D L Wingate, London Hospital, Whitechapel Road, London E1 1BB.

Drug Reactions and the Liver: Mechanisms and Measures for Control
This International Symposium will be held at The Royal Society, London, 3–4 July 1980, and is organised by The Liver Unit, King's College Hospital and Medical School, London. The Symposium will include invited speakers from Europe and North America and will cover clinical, biochemical, and immunological aspects of drug-associated liver injury. Further information about the scientific programme can be obtained from Dr Roger Williams and Dr Michael Davis. Correspondence should be addressed to Advisory Services Medical Symposia Ltd, 79 Wimpole Street, London W1M 7DD.

15th Meeting of European Association for the Study of the Liver
This will be held at Belgrade, Yugoslavia, from 4–6 September 1980. Details from the Secretary, Helmer Ring-Larsen, Division of Hepatology, Hvidovre Hospital, University of Copenhagen, DK–2650 Copenhagen, Denmark.

18th Annual Meeting: Society of Nuclear Medicine
This meeting will take place in September 1980 in Erlangen/Nürnberg. The main theme will be 'Nuclear Medicine with its Interdependencies' with special reference to cardiology and hepatogastronatology. Details from Prof Dr F Wolf, Institut für Nuklearmedizin, Krankenhausstraße 12, D-8520 Erlangen, Germany.

International Symposium on Islet-Pancreas-Transplantation and Artificial Pancreas
This satellite symposium to the 16th Annual Meeting of the European Association for the Study of Diabetes (EASD) Congress will be held from 22–23 September 1980 in Athens, Greece. Details from: Professor S Rapitis, PO Box 3127, Athens 606, Greece.

3rd International Symposium on Neonatal Diarrhoea
This symposium will be held on 6–8 October 1980. Details from Veterinary Infectious Disease Organization (VIDO), 124 Veterinary Road, Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, Canada 2N0W0.

Books


It is a pleasure to read and browse through this new edition to Morson and Dawson, which is conveniently divided into sections representing disease entities in different parts of the gastrointestinal system. The text is lucid, incorporating clinical, pathological, histochemical, and hormonal features and this second edition is well up to date. There are very few omissions and rare reservations about emphasis. Endoscopists are familiar with duodenal erosions which also feature in biopsy reports and histologists occasionally encounter granulomatosis in colorectal cancer, gastric cancer, and diverticular disease in the absence of Crohn's disease. There is an excellent discussion of biopsy diagnosis in inflammatory bowel disease, including ulcerative colitis, Crohn's disease, pseudomembranous colitis, and infective colitis, but the difficulties in distinction from ischaemic colitis are not emphasised in the differential diagnosis, although the histological features of ischaemic lesion of the colon are discussed in a subsequent chapter. There is no reference to starch granulomatosis and, although steroids and aspirin are referred to briefly in the aetiology of peptic ulcer, there is no mention of indomethacin and phenylbutazone or other antirheumatic drugs.

The cautious review of gastrointestinal cytology is a welcome addition to this book and a stimulus for the cytologist.