Individual chapters in the book offer an up-to-date summary of the field. There is considerable overlap in places which could with profit have been trimmed by further editorial control and I would like to have seen certain topics such as the role of the hepatitis B virus and nutrition in alcoholic liver disease, which are dealt with in many sections, brought together in one chapter.

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The 46th Annual Meeting of the British Society of Gastroenterology was held on 18–20 September 1985 at the University of Newcastle upon Tyne under the presidency of Professor E L Blair. The first day of the meeting was devoted to a teaching session on 'Screening in GI disease' and to meetings of specialist sections of the Society. The main scientific programme was held over the following two days. The Sir Arthur Hurst Lecture was given by Professor John Forte on 'The nature of gastric HCl secretion', and the Endoscopy Foundation lecturer was Professor Richard Hunt. The social programme included a reception and dinner at Alnwick Castle, home of the Duke of Northumberland, and a reception aboard a ship moored under the Tyne Bridge; the climax was provided by the civic reception and annual dinner of the Society in the Banqueting Hall of the Civic Centre.

BSG Research Award 1985

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