organisms are not mentioned. The final section which includes the nutritional benefits of the intestinal microflora and their place in intestinal toxicology is well presented. The 'glossary' requires some attention, particularly the suggestion that Giardiasis is an important vaginal infection. Overall, the book is a reasonable buy, and as the authors suggest, will be of interest to microbiologists, gastroenterologists and students of biology and medicine.

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News

International Symposium on Prophylaxis of Variceal Bleeding
To be held on 24 and 25 January 1986 in Munich, FRG. Details from Dr T Sauerbruch, Department of Medicine II, Klinikum Grosshadern, Marchioninstrasse 15, D-8000 Munich 70, FRG.

Gastroenterology Course
This course is designed for consultants and registrars including those who do not specialise in gastroenterology. It will be held from 5–8 January 1986 at the John Radcliffe Hospital, Oxford. Further details from Dr D P Jewell, Radcliffe Infirmary, Oxford OX2 6HE. (0865-249891).

British Medical Laser Association
The Fourth Annual Conference on lasers in medicine and surgery will be held on 22 and 23 January 1986 at the Royal Garden Hotel, Kensington, London. Abstracts of not more than 250 words to be submitted by 30 November 1985. Details from Dr S G Bown, University College, The Rayne Institute, University Street, London WC1E 6JJ. (01-388 2411).

Forthcoming Scientific Meetings of the British Society of Gastroenterology

Lancaster 9–11 April 1986

Cardiff 24–26 September 1986

London 15–18 September 1987

For details of registration please contact: The Administrative Secretary, British Society of Gastroenterology, Rayne Institute, 5 University Street, London, WC1E 6JJ.
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