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Forthcoming Scientific Meetings of the British Society of Gastroenterology

SPRING 1987 — No meeting

AUTUMN 1987 — 15-18 September
Jubilee Meeting at the
Institute of Education, London

SPRING 1988 — 23-25 March
University of Leicester

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strictureplasty rather than resection for Crohn's disease.

In summary a short textbook with predominantly brief contributions made worthwhile by the highlights outlined.

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Books received

Laboratory investigation of endocrine disorders 2nd ed. By M R Wills and Bill Havard. (Pp. 111; illustrated; no price stated.) Sevenoaks, Kent: Butterworth Group, 1983.

Human structure and shape By J H Grundy. (Pp. 257; illustrated; no price stated.) Chilbolton, Hampshire: Noble Books, 1982.

Milk intolerance and rejection Edited by J Demont. (Pp. 169; illustrated; \$84.00.) Basel, Switzerland: S Karger AG, 1983.

Prevention of hereditary large bowel cancer Edited by J R F Ingall and A J Mastromarino. (Pp. 278; illustrated; £23.00.) New York: Alan R Liss Inc, 1983.

Immunopathologie de l'allergie alimentaire et fausses allergies alimentaires By D A Moneret-Vautrin and C Andre. (Pp. 266; illustrated; Ff.250.) Paris, France: Masson Editeur, 1983.

Les infections intestinales aiguës Edited by N Bouzouaia, and F Bricout. (Pp. 88; not illustrated; FFr100.) Paris: Masson Editeur, 1983.

News

Société Médicale Internationale d'Endoscopie et de Radiologie

An international forum will be held at Varese, Italy from 16-18 October, 1986. Further details from the Scientific Secretariat, Servizio di Endoscopia d'Urgenza, Via F Sforza, 35 Milan, Italy.

GI Polyposis and Related Conditions Newsletter

A new publication is announced for patients with adenomatous polyposis, hereditary colon cancer, and hereditary scattered discrete polyps. Clinicians or allied health workers should contact Mrs A J Krush, The Moore Clinic, The Johns Hopkins Hospital, Baltimore, Maryland 21205, USA.

Refinements in Gastroenterologic Diagnosis: Cognitive and Procedural Skills

A postgraduate course in the above will be held at the Contemporary Resort Hotel, Walt Disney World, Lake Buena Vista, Florida, USA from 3-5 December 1986. Further details from Dr H Worth Boyce, USF Medical Center, Box 19, 12901 N 30th Street, Tampa, Florida 33612, USA.

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Correction

We regret that the Figure in the paper entitled 'Collagenous colitis . . .' by Palmer *et al* in the May issue, p. 578 was incorrect; and the correct version is printed below.

