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Books

Atlas of clinical gastroenterology Edited by J J Misiewicz, C I Bartram, P B Cotton, A S Mee, A B Price and R P H Thompson. (Pp. 294; illustrated; £57.50.) London: Edward Arnold, 1987.

If there is a niche for the lavish 'coffee table' book in gastroenterology, it is more than filled by this book. The editor has disarmed criticism by pointing out that 'This text and these illustrations were not intended to form a textbook of gastrointestinal disease and should not be used, or judged, as such.' Instead, it is suggested that the book is '... a convenient aide memoire ...' and '... a useful revision course for those active in gastroenterology.' The perceptive reader will note that it is somewhat arbitrarily divided into 20 chapters of approximately equal length, each with up to 50 illustrations; both the text and illustrations may be familiar to the more fortunate. This is, in fact, an opportunistic publication, consisting of the text material from the *Slide Atlas of Gastroenterology* produced for Glaxo Laboratories. As the text, figures and layout of the slide atlas are completely unaltered, it is presumably one way in which the publishers and sponsors can recoup some of their financial outlay on the earlier work. For those who possess the slide atlas, it is useful to have a catalogue of all 20 parts collected in one volume. For everyone else, it would be easy to dismiss this volume as an expensive luxury. That would be wrong; medicine is visual as well as verbal, and this profuse array of colour photographs, x-rays, diagrams and line drawings serve their purpose well. In contrast, the text is cursory, and is really no more than extended captions that have been joined into a continuous narrative. Because it is tempting to browse among the pages, it is a painless form of learning; I think it serves its purpose very well. Unfortunately, the format is not likely to appeal to librarians, while the price will probably act as a deterrent to most of those who could benefit from this book.

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News

International Society of University Colon and Rectal Surgeons

The 12th Biennial Congress will be held in Glasgow, Scotland, from 10–14 July, 1988. Further information may be obtained from CEP Consultants Ltd, 26–28 Albany Street, Edinburgh EH1 3QH.

11th International Convocation on Immunology

To be held in Buffalo, New York, from 12–16 June, 1988, on immunology and immunopathology of the alimentary canal. Further details may be obtained from Dr James F Mohn, Director, The Ernest Witebsky Center for Immunology, 240 Sherman Hall, State University of New York at Buffalo, New York 14214, USA.

Reduced subscription for trainees

Gut is available at a reduced rate of £48 per annum to bona fide trainees in gastroenterology in the areas of basic science, medicine, surgery, pathology or radiology. The reduced subscription rate will be available for one year in the first instance and a fresh application will be needed for any subsequent year, up to a total of three years. The offer does not apply to members of the BSG. Trainees should be of registrar or senior registrar status, or equivalent. Application forms are available from The Subscription Dept, BMA House, Tavistock Square, London WC1H 9JR. (Please enclose a self-addressed, stamped envelope.)

BSG Research Award 1988

A three page summary of personal research work is invited by the Education Committee of the British Society of Gastroenterology who will recommend to Council the recipient of the 1988 Award. A bibliography may also be submitted if desired. The Award consists of a medal and £100 prize. Entrants must be 40 years or less on 31 December 1988 but need not be a member of the BSG. All (or a substantial part) of the work must have been done in the UK or Eire. The recipient will be required to deliver a 40 minute lecture at the Plenary Session of the Spring meeting in 1988. Applications (18 COPIES) should be made to: The Honorary Secretary, BSG, 3 St Andrew's Place, Regent's Park, London NW1 4LB, by 1 December 1987.