every knowledgeable reader will find fault with the choice of articles. Nevertheless, this collection gives insight into some of the background of a significant number of major advances which were published, surprisingly, in a handful of journals; and the papers are reproduced clearly and attractively.

The introduction is excellent, but the lack of a commentary is unfortunate because the essential theme is thereby almost lost. This, however, does not detract from browsing through an enjoyable book, which provides a valuable insight into an important topic.

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Books received


**Imaging and labelling techniques in the critically ill** Edited by W Kox, J Boultebe, and R Donaldson. (Pp. 188; illustrated; £93.00.) London: Springer Verlag, 1988.


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**News**

**Chinese University of Hong Kong and the Hong Kong Society of Digestive Endoscopy**

The Fourth International Workshop and Symposium on Therapeutic Endoscopy will be held in Hong Kong from 5–7 December, 1989. Further details are available from: Dr J Leung, Dept of Medicine, Prince of Wales Hospital, Shatin, New Territories, Hong Kong.

**2nd International Conference on Gastrointestinal Cancer**

This conference will be held from 27 August to 1 September, 1989, in Jerusalem, Israel. Further information may be obtained from: GIA Secretariat, POB 50006, 61500 Tel Aviv, Israel.

**XXXI International Congress of Physiological Sciences**

A congress and exhibition will be held from 9–14 July, 1989, at the Helsinki Fair Centre, Finland. Further details may be obtained from Ms Kyllikki Kauppinen. Tel: 358 31 551 740.

**First Course of Coloproctology on Surgery of the Anal Sphincters**

To be held at La Cittadela Cristiana, Assisi, from 8–10 June, 1989. Further information from: Dr M Pescatori, Clinica Chirurgica, Università Cattolica, Largo Gemelli 8, 00168 Roma, Italy. Tel: 06-33054083.

**European Association for the Study of the Liver**

The 24th annual meeting of the association will be held from 30 August to 2 September, 1989, in Munich. Details may be obtained from: Dr A L Gerbes, Dept of Medicine II, Klinikum Grosshadern, University of Munich, D-8000 Munich 70, Federal Republic of Germany.

**International Symposium on Brain Gut Interaction**

This symposium will take place on 4–7 July, 1989, at Queen’s College, Cambridge, England. Further information may be obtained from: Dr Joyce M Fried, Brain Research Institute, University of California, Center for the Health Sciences, Los Angeles, California 90024–1761, USA. Tel: (213) 825–5061, Telefax: (213) 206–8460.

**Netherlands Society of Gastroenterology**

The Holland Digestive Disease Week – New Frontiers in Gastroenterology and Hepatology will be held from 21–24 June, 1989, in Amsterdam. Further details may be obtained from: Dr W Dekker, St Elisabeth’s of Groote Gasthuis, Boerhaavelaan 22, 2035 RC Haarlem, The Netherlands.

**American College of Physicians**

The 70th Annual Session will be held at the Moscone Center, San Francisco, California, USA, from 13–16 April, 1989. Further details from: Frank Davidoff, MD, American College of Physicians, 4200 Pine Street, Philadelphia, PA, 19104, USA.