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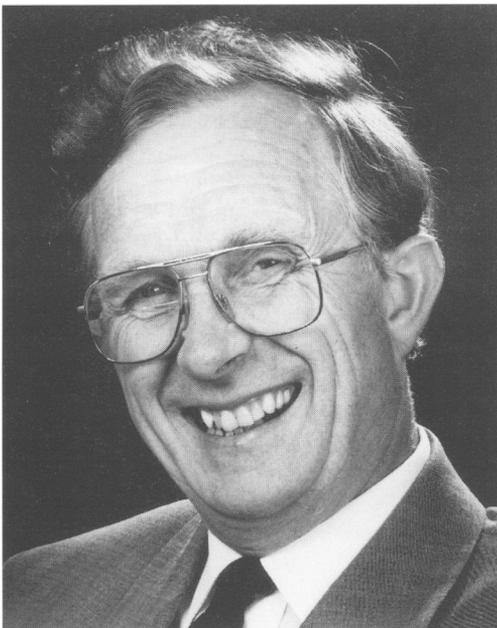
Paul Smith was born in Harrow in north west London and was educated at The Merchant Taylor's School, Northwood.

He graduated in medicine from St Thomas's Hospital, London, where he was house physician to Professor Sharpey-Schafer and later the resident pathologist and then registrar to the Department of Metabolic Diseases.

In 1965 he went to Southampton on the St Thomas's rotation, where he met Roger Williams, and gave up metabolic diseases for the excitement of liver disease. On 1 August 1966 he moved to King's College Hospital with Roger Williams as the first research fellow on the new Liver Unit. He completed his MD on Aspects of Haemochromatosis in 1968 and then spent a year with the Department of Gastroenterology at Boston University, USA; working on fetal bilirubin metabolism with Dr Roger Lester and Dr R M Donaldson.

In 1970 Paul Smith was appointed senior medical registrar at University College Hospital with Professor John Lennard-Jones, Dr J F Stokes, and Lord Rosenheim, with weekly clinical assistant sessions at St

Mark's Hospital. In 1972 he was appointed to The University of Wales College of Medicine as senior lecturer in Medicine with consultant status and in 1978 became an NHS consultant at Llandough Hospital, Penarth and at The University Hospital of Wales.



In Cardiff, his principal research interests have been in the management of bleeding oesophageal varices and the endoscopic therapy of achalasia. In addition the presence of a local chemical factory at Barry has allowed him to study the relation between exposure to vinyl chloride monomer and the development of angiosarcoma of the liver.

In his spare time Paul Smith is a hard working, but not yet a talented gardener and in the summer plays light hearted cricket with the Myocardial Cricket Club. He is also a member of the other MCC and can only be found at Lords during test matches.

Paul Smith is married with two children. His wife is Icelandic and a consultant cytopathologist at Llandough Hospital.

The BSG welcomes its new President – a gregarious, good humoured bon viveur.

History of Gastroenterology

The Wellcome Institute for the History of Medicine and the British Society of Gastroenterology will hold a symposium on the History of Gastroenterology on Friday 20 October 1995 in the Auditorium of the Wellcome Building, 183 Euston Road, London NW1.

Speakers include Professor Roy Porter, Dr Denis Gibbs, Dr Helen Power, Dr Gordon Cook, Dr Hugh Baron, Professor Harold Ellis, Professor J A Walker-Smith, Professor Sir Christopher Booth and Professor Ian Bouchier.

Further information from Professor W F Bynum, Wellcome Institute for the History of Medicine, 183 Euston Road, London NW1 2BE. Tel: 0171 611 8888; Fax: 0171 611 8545.

I would have preferred to find the references (some 3600 of them) after each chapter rather than all lumped together in 103 pages at the end of the book. It would have been easier to identify the overall bibliography for any one drug.

Among all the good things, hepatotoxicity due to unorthodox and particularly herbal remedies is clearly covered. Physicians often fail to question a patient on this aspect.

Hepatic granulomas are found in up to 10% of liver biopsy specimens. Drugs are believed to be responsible for up to one third where the cause is not evident. Twenty five foreign compounds that have been incriminated in hepatic granulomatous disease are tabulated. The authors rightly emphasise that in only a few can causality be established. The more important include allopurinol, carbamazepine, phenylbutazone, phenytoin, sulphonamides, and quinidine. The physician must be cautious in attributing hepatic granulomas to a drug reaction until the many other possibilities have been excluded.

The book is very well produced and easy to handle. Tables and figures are particularly clear and useful. It is an essential tool for hepatologists and gastroenterologists and should be available for reference in every medical library.

SHEILA SHERLOCK

NOTES

Sir Francis Avery Jones BSG Research Award 1996

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1995, in Pécs, Hungary. Further information from: Professor Dr G Mózsik, First Department of Medicine, Medical University of Pécs, PO Box 99, H-7643 Pécs, Hungary. Fax: 36-72-327-660.

Travel Fellowship

The Pancreatic Society awards annually a Travel Fellowship worth £1500 to young researchers in any field of pancreatology, to enable him or her to visit laboratories and hospitals in another country to further the Fellow's education. Applicants need not be a member of the Society.

Applications are invited from clinicians in any discipline, or basic scientists, who have demonstrated an interest and ability in pancreatic research. The purpose of the Fellowship is to visit other centres, and is not primarily designed to support research. Travel solely for the purpose of attending a conference is not supported. The closing date for applications will be 31 October 1995. Applicants should submit a curriculum vitae and a proposed itinerary. Selection will be based on an interview to be held during the Society's annual meeting on 24 November 1995. Further details from the Secretary: Mr Colin Johnson, University Surgical Unit, F Level, Centre Block, Southampton General Hospital, Tremona Road, Southampton SO16 6YD.

CORRECTION

An error occurred in the paper by Dr Friess and others (*Gut* 1995; 36: 771-7). The legends to Figures 2 and 3 have been transposed.

Gastrointestinal pharmacology

The International Union of Pharmacology (IUPHAR), Gastrointestinal Pharmacology Section, will hold a symposium on Biochemical Pharmacology as an Approach to Gastrointestinal Diseases on 12-14 October

Liver disease

The Sixth Manchester Liver Symposium will be held on 6 October 1995. Full programme and registration details are available from: Dr T W Warnes, Liver Unit, Manchester Royal Infirmary, Oxford Road, Manchester M13 9WL. Tel: 0161-276 4316.

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