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Books Received


Electrocardiography in General Practice, A.W.S. Ritchie. Pp. ix+381, illustrated. 208a Clyde Road, Christchurch 5, New Zealand, 1988. $NZ35.00 plus postage.


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British Postgraduate Medical Federation
Educational development courses – programme of courses and workshops
Central Office, 33 Millman Street, London WC1N 3EJ, UK.

Institute of Cancer Research
Regular programme of seminars and teaching sessions throughout the year.
Information: The Dean, Institute of Cancer Research, D Block, Clifton Avenue, Sutton, Surrey SM2 5PX, UK.

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Courses leading to award of diplomas in cardiac medicine and thoracic medicine. Short courses, meetings and symposia held throughout the year.
Postgraduate Office, Cardiothoracic Institute, Fulham Road, London SW3 6HP.

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Courses, meetings and symposia held throughout the year
The Dean’s Office, Institute of Child Health, 30 Guilford Street, London WC1 1EH, UK.

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Information: The Dean, Institute of Dental Surgery, Eastman Dental Hospital, Gray’s Inn Road, London WC1X 8LD, UK.

Hunterian Institute
Courses in basic medical sciences for Primary FRCS and FFA part 2; in Anatomy Physiology and Pathology for Primary FRCS; in basic dental sciences for Primary FDS
Course in Clinical surgery for Final FRCS Anatomosis Workshop: AO course
The Hunterian Institute, Royal College of Surgeons, Lincoln’s Inn Fields, London WC2A 3PN, UK.

Institute of Laryngology and Otology
Advanced courses held throughout the year
Temporal bone surgery, 6-13 June 1988 and 10-17 June 1988
Pathology of the ear, nose and throat, 15-17 June 1988
Applications and enquiries to the Dean, Institute of Laryngology and Otology, 330/336 Gray’s Inn Road, London WC1 8EE, UK.

Institute of Neurology
Sandoz Foundation advanced lectures on clinical and experimental neurology. Each Wednesday evening throughout academic year
Details: Institute Registrar, National Hospital, Queen Square, London WC1N 3BG, UK.

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Regular symposia and courses throughout the year
Details: The Secretary, Institute of Obstetrics and Gynaecology, Queen Charlotte’s Maternity Hospital, Goldhawk Road, London W6 0XG, UK.

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17/25 Caven Street, London EC1 9AT, UK.

Institute of Orthopaedics
Radiodiagnosis demonstrations – Mondays at 5.00 p.m. during the academic year
Applications and enquiries to Professor of Orthopaedic Surgery, Jules Thorn Building, The Middlesex Hospital, Mortimer Street, London W1P 7PN, UK.

Institute of Psychiatry
Joint Anglo-Australian Conference in Forensic Psychiatry, 10-12 August 1988
Details: Nadine Morgan, Conference Office, Institute of Psychiatry, De Crespigny Park, London SE5 8AF, UK.

Institute of Urology
Short courses on aspects of urology and nephrology – throughout the year
One year Diploma courses in urology and nephrology commencing September each year.
Advanced stone management courses – held twice yearly.
Applications and enquiries: The Dean, Institute of Urology, 172-176 Shaftesbury Avenue, London WC2H 8JE, UK.

Royal Postgraduate Medical School
Regular courses on advanced topics
School Office, Royal Postgraduate Medical School, Hammersmith Hospital, Du Cane Road, London W12 0HS, UK.

University of Manchester
M.A. in Health Care Ethics
Details: Mrs S. Ibbotson, Department of Education, University of Manchester, Oxford Road, Manchester M13 9PL, UK.

International Union Against Cancer
Details of fellowship programmes from: 3 rue du Conseil-Général, 1205 Geneva, Switzerland.

Liverpool, Newsham General Hospital
Lunchtime meetings twice monthly
Secretary, Postgraduate Centre, Belmont Road, Liverpool L6 4AF, UK.

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London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine
Courses in community health, occupational health and preventive medicine. Course in human and clinical genetics leading to award of diploma.

The Registrar, LSHTM, Keppel Street, London WC1E 7HT, UK.

Forum on Clinical Pharmacology and Therapeutics
‘Restrictive Drug Lists – a Worldwide Controversy’
Wednesday 12 October 1988.
Registration: Barbara Komoniewska, Royal Society of Medicine, 1 Wimpole Street, London W1M 8AE.

Loughborough University of Technology
Centre for Extension Studies.
Details: Centre for Extension Studies, University of Technology, Loughborough, Leics LE11 3TU, UK.

International Conference on Ergonomics, Occupational Health, Safety and Health, and the Environment
24–28 October, Beijing, China.
Details: Conference Administrator, ICE-O-SHE, Darling Downs Institute of Advanced Education, P.O. Box 44, Darling Heights, Toowoomba, Qld. 4350, Australia.

European Medical Research Group (Young AEMIE)
Regular meetings consisting of poster session and invited lecture, held at Lettson House, 11 Chandos Street, London W1, UK.
Details from: Dr D.R.J. Singer, c/o Fellowship of Postgraduate Medicine, 6 St Andrew’s Place, London NW1 4LB, UK. Tel. 01-035 0556.

European Association of Internal Medicine
Eurotherapeutics III – Amsterdam, 29 September to 1 October 1988
‘Risk factors in vascular disease’
Details: Dr Michael Rudolf, Ealing Hospital, Uxbridge Road, Southall, Middlesex.

XIIIth International Update on Liver Disease
To be held in the Royal Free Hospital, London NW3 2QG, 14–16 July 1988
Details: Professor Neil McIntyre, Academic Department of Medicine, Royal Free Hospital, Pond Street, London NW3 2QG

Royal Free Hospital
MRCP Part II Course (written section) 15, 16 September 1988.
MRCP Part II Course (clinical section) 17–21 October 1988.
Details: Dr D.G. James, Royal Free Hospital, Pond Street, London NW3 2QG, UK.

Oxford Regional Committee for Postgraduate Medical Education and Training
Enquiries to Dr K. Durrant or Dr J. Hopewell, Churchill Hospital, Headington, Oxford OX3 7LJ
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General enquiries: K. Bicknell, Administrator, Medical School Offices, John Radcliffe Hospital, Headington, Oxford OX3 9DU

The Royal Photographic Society
Recent developments in medical imaging. Assembly Rooms, Bath, 12–16 September 1988
Details: The Royal Photographic Society, The Octagon, Milsom Street, Bath BA1 1DN

Management Forum
Programme of seminars available.
Details: Management Forum, 48 Woodbridge Road, Guildford, Surrey GU1 4RL, UK.

Duphar Medical Relations Symposium
Sleep Disorders, 1 July 1988, at Royal College of Physicians, London.
Details: Dr S.W. Parker, Medical Relations Dept, Duphar Laboratories Ltd, Gaters Hill, West End, Southampton SO3 3JD, UK.

4th South-East European Symposium of Paediatric Surgery
‘Normal and Disturbed Oesophageal Function in Childhood’.
7–9 September 1989. Graz, Austria.
Details: Professor Dr M. Hollwarth, Department of Paediatric Surgery, University of Graz, Heinrichstrasse 31, A-8010, Graz, Austria.

2nd European Congress of Endocrinology
Ljubljana, Yugoslavia, 1–6 July 1990.
Information: Secretariat, Kompas Jugoslavija, Congress Department, Pražakov 4, 61000 Ljubljana, Jugoslavija.

International Symposium on Therapeutic Progress in Urological Cancers
Hotel Inter-Continental, Paris, France. 29, 30 June, 1 July 1988
Details: Dr G.P. Murphy, School of Medicine, State University of New York at Buffalo, 139 Parker Hall, Buffalo, 14214, USA.

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