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to the clinical picture. The second part deals with the traditional borderlands of epilepsy and this will be of particular interest to psychiatrists as well as neurologists. These lively discussions make extremely illuminating reading.

This book should therefore find a place in the library of all hospitals where patients with epilepsy are treated. Browse through the various chapters but do not miss the final discussions; the views put forward there will irritate some, bemuse others but will stimulate everyone.

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Books Received

Bailliere's Clinical Rheumatology – International Practice & Research, edited by Verna Wright. Pp. x + 214, illustrated. Bailliere Tindall, W.B. Saunders, 1987. £17.50 (UK & Eire), £19.50 (all other areas).

Diagnostic Features of Disease, edited by F. Dudley Hart. Pp. ix + 220, illustrated. Wright, Bristol, 1987. £6.95 (paperback).

Functional Histology – a Text and Colour Atlas, P.R. Wheater. Pp. 348, illustrated. Churchill Livingstone, Edinburgh, London, Melbourne, New York, 1987. £16.95.

The International Textbook of Cardiology, edited by Tsung O Cheng. Pp. xxiv + 1299, illustrated. Pergamon Press, Oxford, 1987. \$87.50.

The Management of Leg Ulcers (2nd edition), T.J. Tyan. Pp. viii + 101, illustrated. Oxford Medical Publications, Oxford, 1987. £8.95 (paperback).

Obstetrics & Gynaecology – 1987 Year Book, edited by D.R. Mishell, T.H. Kirschbaum, C.P. Morrow. Pp. 592, illustrated. Wolfe Medical Publications, London, 1987. £36.50.

Supervision in Human Communication Disorders – perspectives on a process, edited by Martha B. Crago and Marisue Pickering. Pp. xii + 237. A College-Hill Publication. Little, Brown & Co., Boston, Toronto, San Diego, 1987. £16 (paperback).

Therapeutic Factors in Group Psychotherapy, edited by S. Bloch & E. Crouch. Pp. xii + 342 (paperback). Oxford Medical Publications, Oxford, 1987. £8.95.

Postgraduate Diary

British Postgraduate Medical Federation

Gastroenterology – advanced course – 3 weeks full time, November/December.

Liver Disease – 1 week full time – December.

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. Courses for DMRT (overseas students), FRCR etc.

Information: The Dean, Institute of Cancer Research, D Block, Clifton Avenue, Sutton, Surrey SM2 5PX, UK.

Cardiothoracic Institute

Courses leading to award of diplomas in cardiac medicine and thoracic medicine.

Lung Disease Module. Starting October 1987. Pharmacology of Asthma. Starting November 1987

The Dean, Cardiothoracic Institute, Fulham Road, London SW3 6HP.

Institute of Child Health

Courses, meetings and symposia held throughout the year

The Dean's Office, Institute of Child Health, 30 Guildford Street, London WC1N 1EH, UK.

Institute of Dental Surgery

Courses for M.Sc in various aspects of dentistry, Diploma in Dental Public Health, basic medical sciences etc.

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

Hunterian Institute

Course 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

Anastomosis Workshop; AO course.

The Hunterian Institute, Royal College of Surgeons, Lincoln's Inn Fields, London WC2A 3PN

Institute of Laryngology & Otology

Advanced courses held throughout the year.

Applications and enquiries to the Dean, Institute of Laryngology and Otology, 330/336 Gray's Inn Road, London WC1X 8EE, UK.

Institute of Neurology

Diploma course in Clinical Neurology. Starting October.

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.

Institute of Obstetrics and Gynaecology

Regular symposia and courses throughout the year.

Symposium – Prostaglandins in obstetrics and gynaecology. 16 October 1987.

Advanced revision course for Part II MRCOG 2–13 November 1987.

Course in Obstetric Anaesthesia and Analgesia 18–20 November 1987.

Practical colposcopy course 19–20 November 1987.

Symposium – Infection in the Newborn – 4 December 1987.

Details: The Secretary, Institute of Obstetrics and Gynaecology, Queen Charlotte's Maternity Hospital, Goldhawk Road, London W6 0XG, UK.

Institute of Ophthalmology

Regular courses in ophthalmology held throughout the year 17/25 Cayton Street, London EC1V 9AT, UK.

Institute of Orthopaedics

Radiodiagnosis demonstrations – Mondays at 5.00 p.m. during the academic year

M.Sc in Orthopaedics. Starting October

Radiology of Bones and Joints. Two days fulltime in November.

Applications and enquiries to Professor of Orthopaedic Surgery, Jules Thorn Building, The Middlesex Hospital, Mortimer Street, London W1P 7PN, UK.

Institute of Psychiatry

Lectures in preparation for DPM and MRCPsych. 10 weeks part-time starting October

Addiction Research Unit: series of 3 one-day seminars on current issues in problems of substance use. Friday 30 October, Friday 13 November and Friday 27 November.

(Details from Seminar Organizer, Addiction Research Unit.) The Dean's 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

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, Hammer-smith 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

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.

London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine

Courses in community health, occupational health and preventive medicine
The Registrar, LSHTM, Keppel Street, London WC1E 7HT, UK.

Loughborough University of Technology

Course: Hospital Health and Safety. 8–11 February 1988.
Laboratory Health and Safety. 24–27 November 1987.
Details: Administrative Officer, Centre for Extension Studies, Loughborough University of Technology, Loughborough, Leics. LE11 0BR.

First Conference of the European Society for Chlamydia Research

To be held in Bologna, Italy May 30th to June 1st, 1988.
Topics include epidemiology and preventive measures of chlamydial infections in Europe; clinical manifestations and therapy; immunology and host-parasite interaction; diagnostic procedures; genetics; vaccine development.
Details: Dr. R. Cevenini, Institute of Microbiology of the University of Bologna, S. Orsola University Hospital, 9 via Massaretini, 40138-Bologna, Italy.

International Society for Research on Civilization Diseases and on Environment

13th Congress of S.I.R.M.C.E. – Lausanne 14–17 October 1987.
Details: Professor J. Csillaghy, 14 av. de l'Eglise-Anglaise, Ch-1006, Lausanne, Switzerland.

Fay Institute of Human Relations Inc

2nd International Congress on sexual development and functioning across the lifespan. Montreal, 22–24 October, 1987
Catherine Blake, Congress Coordinator, C.P. 5 (Cote-des Neiges), Montreal, Quebec, Canada H3S 2S4.

9th International Symposium on Parkinson's Disease

Jerusalem, Israel June 5–9 1988.
Details: P.O.B. 50006, Tel-Aviv 61500, Israel.

International Conference on Ergonomics, Occupational Health, Safety and Health, and the Environment

24–28 October 1988. Beijing, China.
Details: Conference Administrator, ICE-O-SHE, Darling Downs Institute of Advanced Education, P.O. Box 44, Darling Heights, Toowoomba Qld. 4350, Australia

Barrow Neurological Institute

2nd Annual Barrow Neurological Institute Magnetic Resonance Imaging Conference. Camelback Inn Resort, Scottsdale, Arizona. March 6–9 1988.
Fifteenth Annual Symposium, Barrow Neurological Institute, Selected topics in Ischaemic and Haemorrhagic Cerebrovascular Disease. Camelback Inn Resort, Scottsdale, Arizona.
Details: T. Jardine, Special Projects Coordinator, Barrow Neurological Institute, 350 West Thomas Road, Phoenix, Arizona 85013, U.S.A.

European Medical Research Group (Young AEMIE)

Regular meetings consisting of poster session and invited lecture, held at Lettsom House, 11 Chandos Street, London W.1.
Details from: Dr D. R. J. Singer, c/o Fellowship of Postgraduate Medicine, 6 St Andrew's Place, London NW1 4LB. Tel. 01-935 5556.

Aids and Surgery Symposium

International symposium for surgeons, anaesthetists, theatre staff and administrators. 1–2 December 1987. Royal Lancaster Hotel, London.
Details: Ms. P. Sleight, BDI Conferences Ltd. 9/11 Kensington High Street, London W8 5NP.

Full details of the courses, meetings and symposia listed above, and of others of interest to medical postgraduates, can be obtained from the individual organizations.

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2. Greenbeeger, J.S. Long-term hematopoietic cultures. In: Golde, W. (ed) *Hematopoiesis*. Churchill-Livingstone, New York, 1984, pp 203–242.

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