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Books Received

Bailliere's Clinical Immunology & Allergy, edited by D. Doniach & G.F. Bottazzo. Pp. x+250, illustrated. Bailliere Tindall, London, Philadelphia, Toronto, Sydney, Tokyo, 1987. £17.50.

Bailliere's Clinical Haematology – International Practice & Research, edited by T.J. McElwain & T.A. Lister. Pp. ix+269, illustrated. Bailliere Tindall, London, Philadelphia Toronto, Sydney, Tokyo, Hong Kong, 1987. Price?

Churchill Livingstone Pocket Medical Dictionary 14th Edition, edited by Nancy Roper. Pp. xx+380, Churchill Livingstone, Edinburgh, London, Melbourne, New York, 1987. £4.95.

Clinical Pharmacology 6th Edition, edited by D.R. Laurence & P.N. Bennett. Pp. x+776, illustrated. Churchill Livingstone, Edinburgh, London, New York, 1987. £19.95.

Current Surgical Practice, Vol 4, edited by John Hadfield. Pp. x+309, illustrated. Edward Arnold, London, 1987. £20.

100 Data Interpretation questions for the MRCP 2nd Edition, edited by M.D. Flynn, R.F.U. Ashford & P.J.W. Venables. Pp. xi+220, illustrated. Churchill Livingstone, Edinburgh, London, Melbourne, New York, 1987. £6.95.

Medical Applications of Microcomputers, edited by William R. Corbett. Pp. xi+201, illustrated. John Wiley & Sons Ltd. Chichester, New York, Brisbane, Toronto, Singapore, 1987. £28.50.

Missed Beginnings – Death before life has been established, June Jolly. Pp. x+70. Austin Cornish, London, 1987. £3.50.

An outline of Clinical Diagnosis, 2nd Edition, Brian J. Prout & John G. Cooper. Pp. 264. Bristol, Wright, 1987. £8.50.

Pathophysiology of Heart Disease, edited by N.S. Dhalla, P.K. Singal & R.E. Beamish. Pp. xiv+376, illustrated. Martinus Nijhoff Publishing, Boston, Dordrecht, Lancaster, 1987. £56.50.

Rheumatology for General Practitioners, H.L.F. Currey & Sally Hull. Pp. viii+259, illustrated. Oxford University Press, Oxford, New York, Tokyo, 1987. £15.

Postgraduate Diary

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. 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. Short courses, meetings and symposia held throughout the year.

Postgraduate Office, 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 Guilford Street, London WC1 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

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

Anastomosis 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

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.

Institute of Obstetrics and Gynaecology

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.

Institute of Ophthalmology

Regular courses in ophthalmology held throughout the year

17/25 Cayton 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

Recent advances in learning disabilities: annual conference. Friday 4 March 1988.

Information from conference office (Mrs N. Morgan).

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, 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.

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.

First Conference of the European Society for Chlamydia Research

To be held in Bologna, Italy 30 May to 1 June 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 Massaretni, 40138-Bologna, Italy.

9th International Symposium on Parkinson's Disease

Jerusalem, Israel, 5-9 June 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, 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. 6-9 March 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, USA.

European Medical Research Group (Young AEMIE)

Regular meetings consisting of poster session and invited lecture, held at Lettsom House, 11 Chandos Street, London W1, UK.

Next meeting 15 March 1988. Professor Paul Turner—'Recent observations on drugs and human fertility'.

Details from: Dr D.R.J. Singer, c/o Fellowship of Post-graduate Medicine, 6 St Andrew's Place, London NW1 4LB, UK. Tel. 01-035 0556.

Royal Free Hospital

Dr D. Geraint James has transferred his 5-day course for MRCP to the Royal Free Hospital. Clinicals, case presentations and quizzes. Course fee £160.

Courses will be starting on: 15 February 1988, 13 June 1988, 17 October 1988

Details: Dr D.G. James, Royal Free Hospital, Pond Street, London NW3 2QG, UK.

Loughborough University of Technology

Centre for Extension Studies.

Hospital Health and Safety - 8-11 February 1988.

Details: Administrative Officer, Centre for Extension Studies, Loughborough University of Technology, Loughborough, Leics. LE11 0BR, 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.

BLAT COURSES 1988

BLAT/WHO Course on Modern Methodology for Teachers of Health Sciences, 5-22 July 1988.

BLAT/WHO Course on the Management of a Collection of Health Audio-Visuals, 1-12 August 1988.

BLAT/Institute of Education of The University of London: Diploma in Primary Health Care Education. Three university terms (Oct.-Dec., Jan.-March, April-June) each academic year.

Information and application forms from: Head of Information Services, BLAT Centre for Health and Medical Education, BMA House, Tavistock Square, London WC1 9JP, UK. Tel. 01-388 7976.

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.

Diagnostic Cytopathology for Pathologists. 1988 Post-graduate Institute

Home study course A - Feb. to April 1988

In-residence course B - 25 April to 6 May 1988

Details: John K. Frost, M.D., 604 Pathology Building, The Johns Hopkins Hospital, Baltimore, MD 21205, USA.

American Cleft Palate Association and Educational Foundation

Correction of Maxillofacial Deformities Workshop, Memphis, Tennessee 25-27 March 1988

Details: National Office, 331 Salk Hall, University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15261, USA

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

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