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Books Received

Colour Atlas of Gastrointestinal Pathology, B.C. Morson. Pp. 296, illustrated. Harvey Miller Publishers, Oxford University Press, Oxford, 1988. £75.

Communication Assessment and Intervention for Adults with Mental Retardation, edited by S.N. Calculator & J.L. Bedrosian. Pp. xiv+359. Taylor & Francis, London, New York, Philadelphia, 1988. £20 (softback).

Diseases of Infection - An Illustrated Textbook, N.R. Grist, D.O. Ho-Yen, E. Walker & G.R. Williams. Pp. xv+455, illustrated. Oxford University Press, Oxford, New York, Tokyo, 1988. £15 (paperback).

Heart Disease, Earl N. Silber. Pp. xiv+1922. Macmillan, New York; Collier Macmillan Canada, Inc, Toronto; Collier Macmillan Publishers, London, 1988. £95.

Heinemann Medical Student Reviews - Cancer, Karol Sikora & Howard Smedley. Pp. ix+132. Heinemann Medical Books, London, 1988. £7.95.

Humors, Hormones and The Mind, Bernard T. Donovan. Pp. viii+291, illustrated. Macmillan, Stockton Press, Basingstoke, 1988. £14.95.

Mainstream Medicine - Communicable and Tropical Diseases, G.C. Cook. Pp. 330. Heinemann Medical Books, London, 1988. £12.95.

Mainstream Medicine - Gastroenterology, P.W. Blunt, M.S. Losowsky & A.E. Read. Pp. viii+381. Heinemann Medical Books, London, 1988. £12.95

Mainstream Medicine - Nephrology, A.M. Davison. Pp. viii+374. Heinemann Medical Books, London, 1988. £12.95.

Mansons Tropical Diseases, 19th edition, P.E.C. Manson-Bahr & D.R. Bell. Pp. xvii+1557, illustrated. Bailliere Tindall, W.B. Saunders Company, London, 1986. £49.50.

Parasitic Infections in Pregnancy and the Newborn, edited by Caroline MacLeod. Pp. viii+308. Oxford University Press, Oxford, 1988. £35.

Slide Interpretation for the MRCP, H.J. Kennedy, T.W. Evans & A. Suggett. Pp. 214, illustrated. Churchill Livingstone, Edinburgh, London, Melbourne, New York, 1987. £9.95.

The Status of the Human Embryo, edited by G.R. Dunstan & M.J. Sellars. Pp. 119. Oxford University Press, Oxford, 1988. £15.50.

Tuberculous Meningitis: Tuberculomas and Spinal Tuberculosis - A Handbook for Clinicians, Malcolm Parsons. Pp. 129. Oxford University Press, Oxford, New York, Tokyo, 1988. £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.

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

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.

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: Ms B. Komoniewska, Royal Society of Medicine, 1 Wimpole Street, London W1M 8AE.

Forum on Medical Communication

Communicating information to patients about medicines, Tuesday 1 November 1988 at the Royal Society of Medicine.

Details: Ms B. Komoniewska, Royal Society of Medicine, 1 Wimpole Street, London W1M 8AE.

Loughborough University of Technology

Centre for Extension Studies.

Occupational Hazard and Risk Management, 19-23 September 1988.

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 Lettsom House, 11 Chandos Street, London W1, UK.

Next meeting December 1988.

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.

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

Neurosciences course at Department of Human Anatomy, Oxford, 12-16 September 1988.

Enquiries to Regional Postgraduate Office, Level 3, John Radcliffe Hospital, Oxford OX3 9DU

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

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 Jugoslavia, Congress Department, Prazakova 4, 61000 Ljubljana, Yugoslavia.

The First British Knee Symposium

9-11 November 1988

Details: Metaphor Conferences and Meetings, 21 Kirklees Close, Farsley, Pudsey, W. Yorkshire.

The Fourth British Arthroscopy Symposium

8-10 March 1989

Details: Metaphor Conferences and Meetings, 21 Kirklees Close, Farsley, Pudsey, W. Yorkshire.

Caring for the Mother and Child

8-9 September 1988, Royal Northern College of Music, Manchester.

Details of this and other conferences: Miss S. Lobowicz, Edsall Professional Group, c/o Home & Law Publishing Ltd, Greater London House, Hampstead Road, London NW1 7QQ.

Safety of Medicines in Pregnancy

September 14, 1988, Cavendish Hotel, London SW1

Details of this and other conferences: Management Forum Ltd, 48 Woodbridge Road, Guildford, Surrey GU1 4RL.

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