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## **Books Received**

**Annual Review of Public Health**, edited by Lester Breslow, Jonathan E. Fielding & Lester B. Lave. Pp. vi+603. Annual Reviews, Inc., Palo Alto, Ca. USA, 1988. \$39.00 (U.S.A. & Canada), \$43.00 (elsewhere).

**Any Room at the Top?** edited by Isobel Allen. Pp. 104. Policy Studies Institute, London, 1988. £4.95.

**Auditory Disorders: A Manual for Clinical Evaluation**, edited by Susan and James Jerger. Pp. xvii+187. Taylor and Francis, London, 1988. £15.00.

**Bedside Diagnostic Examination**, edited by Richard L. DeGowin. Pp. xiii+1053. Macmillan Publishing, New York, 1987. £23.95.

**On the Demon Drink**, edited by Jancis Robinson. Pp. 208. Mitchell Beazley, London, 1988. £9.95.

**Doctors and their Careers**, edited by Isobel Allen. Pp. 385. Pinter Publishers, London, 1988. £24.95.

**Drug Treatment in Psychiatry**, edited by Trevor Silverstone and Paul Turner. Pp. x+282. Routledge, London, New York, 1988. £12.95.

**Learning Physiology through MCQ**, edited by Mary L. Forsling. Pp. viii+222. John Wiley & Sons, Chichester, New York, Brisbane, Toronto, Singapore, 1988. £8.95.

**Medical Microbiology**, edited by C.G.A. Thomas. Pp. i+435, illustrated. Bailliere Tindall, London, Philadelphia, Toronto, Sydney, Tokyo, 1988. £8.50.

**The Menopause**, edited by Bernard A. Eskin. Pp. xiii+350. Macmillan Publishing, New York, 1988. £32.50.

**Methods in Clinical Trials in Neurology**, edited by R. Capildeo, J.-M. Orgogozo. Pp. xi+327. Stockton Press, The Macmillan Press, Basingstoke, London, 1988.

**Spinal Cord Dysfunction: Assessment**, edited by L.S. Illis. Pp. xiii+303. Oxford Medical Publications. Oxford University Press. Oxford, New York, Tokyo, 1988. £40.00.

## 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, Haddow Laboratories, 15 Cotswold Road, Belmont, Surrey SM2 5NG, UK.

### Cardiothoracic Institute

Courses leading to award of University Diplomas in Cardiology and Thoracic Medicine. Short Courses, meetings and symposia are held throughout the year. Short course in Epidemiology and Medical Statistics, 17-21 October 1988.

Postgraduate Office, Cardiothoracic Institute, Dovehouse Street, London SW3 6LY. Tel: 01-351 8172.

### Institute of Child Health

Short courses booklet for year 1988-89 now available.

For further details please apply to: Anne Crowley, Short Courses Office (Room 6), Institute of Child Health, 30 Guilford Street, London WC1N 1EH. Tel: 01-829 8692 (direct).

### 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

Long and short courses in basic medical sciences for primary FRCS (including revision courses in Anatomy/Physiology/Pathology), Primary FDS, FFA part 2 held through the year.

Courses in Clinical Surgery for final FRCS held in Spring and Autumn. Teach-in day on practical endoscopy, 3 October 1988; Anastomosis Workshop; AO course of fracture treatment.

Short revision course in Anatomy/Physiology/Pathology 14 November-2 December 1988.

Details and applications: The Hunterian Institute, Royal College of Surgeons, Lincoln's Inn Fields, London WC2A 3PN. Tel: 01-405 3474.

### Institute of Laryngology and Otology

Pre-FRCS and DLO exam courses. Advances courses on: Temporal bone surgery – November and June. Anaesthesia for ENT – October. Rhinology and Surgery of the Nasal Cavity and Paranasal Sinuses – October. Nasal Plastic and Facial Soft Tissue Surgery – February. Pathology of the Ear, Nose and Throat – June.

Applications: and enquiries: Cheryl Overington, Secretary to the Dean, Institute of Laryngology and Otology, 330/332 Gray's Inn Road, London WC1X 8EE.

### 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.

### RPMS Institute of Obstetrics and Gynaecology

Perinatal Bereavement – Friday 14 October 1988

Reproduction – Friday 25 November 1988

Details of these and other symposia from: Symposium Secretary, RPMS Institute of Obstetrics and Gynaecology, Queen Charlotte's Hospital for Women, 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

Course on Disorders of the Knee – September to December 1988.

One day meeting on Modern Trends in Bone Tumour Management – 11 November 1988.

Course on Radiology of Bones and Joints – 16-18 November 1988.

Details: Miss A.M. Lucas, Postgraduate Secretary, Institute of Orthopaedics, The Middlesex Hospital, London W1. Tel: 01-380 9418.

### 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**

MSc, diploma and research degree courses in public health and tropical medicine.

*Enquiries: The Registrar, LSHTM, Keppel Street, London WC1E 7HT.*

**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.*

**European Medical Research Group**

Regular meetings consisting of poster session followed by guest lecture. Held at Medical Society of London, Lettsom House, 11 Chandos Street, London W1.

Next meeting 7 December 1988. Professor Sir David Weatherall. The molecular pathology of a single gene disorder.

*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.*

**Royal Free Hospital**

MRCP Part II Course (clinical section) 17–21 October 1988.

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

**European Society of Gynaecological Oncology**

6th International Congress, April 27–29 1989, Palais des Congres de Versailles, France

*Details: Professor A. Gorins, Contre d'Oncologie et des Maladies du Sein, Hopital Saint-Louis, 38 rue Bichet, 75101 Paris*

**Loughborough University**

Brochure of short courses run by University Training Group available from: Loughborough University of Technology, University Training Group, Centre for Extension Studies, Loughborough, Leicestershire LE11 3TU, UK

**Barrow Neurological Institute**

Third Annual Magnetic Resonance Imaging Conference, Camelback Inn Resort, Scottsdale, Arizona, USA, March 4–8 1989.

*Details: Kevin King, Education Coordinator, Barrow Neurological Institute, 350 W. Thomas Road, Phoenix, AZ 85013, USA*

**International Meeting on Lupus Nephritis**

At University College and Middlesex School of Medicine. Thursday 20 October 1988.

*Details: Miss K. Luckey, Postgraduate Secretary, University College and Middlesex School of Medicine, Riding House Street, London W1P 7PN.*

**Charing Cross and Westminster Medical School**

Advanced course on 'Changing concepts in children's orthopaedics', 15–17 March 1989.

*Details: Postgraduate Medical Centre, Charing Cross Hospital, Fulham Palace Road, London W6 8RF.*

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**University of Warwick**

Course: Techniques and applications of molecular biology: a course for medical practitioners, 12–14 December 1988.

*Details: Dr Rachel Strachan, Department of Biological Sciences, University of Warwick, Coventry CV4 7AL. Tel: 0203 523523.*

**Anglo French Medical Society**

Annual Scientific Meetings alternating between Britain and France. 1988 – Cambridge, 1989 – Toulouse (theme, aviation medicine) Also week-long medical language courses in France.

*Information: Secretary, Anglo French Medical Society, The Moat House, Lymm Hall, Lymm, Cheshire WA13 0AJ.*

**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.*

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

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

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