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PROCEEDINGS OF THE ROYAL SOCIETY OF MEDICINE

Section of Otology, February 2nd, 1968

R. G. MACBETH, discussing A. Brownlie Smith's paper, said that this was an important case. The basic problem was how keratinizing epithelium came to be present in a cavity where such epithelium had no apparent business to exist. He agreed with the probability that it was sometimes of congenital origin. He reminded the meeting of the comparative anatomical studies by Shute in Cambridge and the embryological work of Bast and Anson in the United States. The former had pointed out the difference between the basic types of reptilian mammalian eustachian tubes and had suggested that the mammalian middle ear might go through a "reptilian" phase in embryonic development. Bast and Anson had suggested that a primitive eustachian tube appeared and disappeared at about the second intrauterine month in the human. If this were so it would be easy to understand the occurrence of squamous epithelial rests, particularly in the neighbourhood of the stapes.

Mr. S. K. BOSHER, discussing Mr. S. H. Richard's paper, said that Mr. Richard's paper had raised the problem of the pathogenesis of the perceptive deafness in acromegaly. As well as the possibility that it arose from pressure on the cochlear nerve by abnormal masses of bone, he clearly envisaged an alternative cause, namely activation of labyrinthine otosclerosis by the excessive amounts of growth hormone. The two resulting conditions, nerve fibre deafness in the one instance and end-organ deafness in the other, could be distinguished in the vast majority of cases by modern electro-acoustic test procedures and it would, therefore, be interesting to learn from Mr. Richards further details of the audiometric investigations in his patients.

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General Notes

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THE INSTITUTE OF LARYNGOLOGY AND OTOLOGY
330/332 GRAY'S INN ROAD, LONDON, W.C.1.

WHOLE-TIME COURSES FOR POSTGRADUATE STUDENTS

17 February–24 May 1969 and 5 August–1 November 1969

BASIC SCIENCES CLASS for Part I D.L.O. students.

This consists of approximately 50 lecture/demonstrations on the anatomy of the head, neck, thorax and brain; 20 lectures covering the physiological aspects; 6 on applied pharmacology; and 8 on histological and pathological and bacteriological subjects. Facilities are also available for dissection of the relevant parts, and this occupies about 120 hours.

6 January–15 February 1969 and 30 June–9 August 1969

INTENSIVE CLINICAL LECTURE PERIOD for Part II D.L.O. and other students.

These periods are primarily designed to give a clinical survey of the whole field of the Specialty as a preliminary to practical clinical training. At the completion of the Intensive Lecture Period, selected students may be given the opportunity to serve as house surgeons in the associated hospitals.

19 May–31 May 1969 and 5 November–18 November 1969

PRACTICAL REVISION CLASS for Part II D.L.O. students.

This is intended for those students who are well advanced in preparation for the examination and need only the opportunity for a final review. The class includes demonstrations of selected clinical cases and viva voce examinations.

17 March–29 March 1969 and 29 September–11 October 1969

This is limited to senior students who are about to take the Final examination. In addition to a series of lecture/discussions at the appropriate level in the Specialty and in related branches of general surgery, there are a number of clinical and viva voce sessions and arrangements for a number of clinical and viva voce sessions and arrangements for the setting and correction of test papers.

A copy of the syllabus giving full information about the teaching and research facilities provided by the Institute, and a detailed programme of any of the courses listed overleaf and of the short courses on specific aspects

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which are arranged from time to time can be obtained from the Secretary-Administrator.

The clinical practice can be joined at any time by individual arrangement with the Dean.

This includes daily practical teaching in the clinics and operating theatres and ward-rounds and special demonstrations weekly.

Demonstrations of clinical cases, open clinical lectures and clinical pathological conferences are held at regular intervals throughout the year, and are open without fee to all trainees in the Specialty. A list giving dates and times is obtainable in the Secretary-Administrator's office.

GUEST LECTURES AT AN ADVANCED LEVEL

open to all members of the Specialty and to post-graduate students (whether enrolled students of the Institute or not)

Thursday, 5 December, 1968 at 5.30 p.m. at the Royal College of Surgeons.
MR. OMAR SHAHEEN (London). "Studies of the nasal vasculature. The problems of arterial ligation for epistaxis."

Monday, 27 January 1969, at 5.30 p.m. at the Institute.
DR. J. L. STAFFORD (London). "The transfusion service in tomorrow's laboratory."

Thursday, 30 January 1969, at 5.30 p.m. at the Royal College of Surgeons.
DR. J. N. BLAU (London). "Headache."

Thursday, 6 March 1969, at 5.30 p.m. at the Royal College of Surgeons.
MR. M. GEDDES (London). "Prosthetics in otolaryngology."

Thursday, 1 May 1969, at 5.30 p.m. at the Royal College of Surgeons.
MR. G. FLAVELL (London). "Dysphagia due to oesophageal disorders."

SHORT COURSES FOR CONSULTANTS AND SENIOR REGISTRARS

1 month commencing 2 December 1968
Post-Fellowship Advanced Specialty.
Training Course in Otolaryngology.
(Consultants and Registrars in the National Health Service are eligible for grant of study leave with pay and expenses to attend these courses.)

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4, 5, 6 March 1969
Diagnosis and treatment of the deaf child.
(Open also to Medical Officers of Health of Public Authorities.)

10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15 March 1969
Practical Aural Surgery Class.

29 March 1969
Pathology of the ear, nose and throat.

1 month commencing 2 June 1969
Post-Fellowship Advanced Specialty.
Training Course in Otolaryngology.
(Consultants and Registrars in the National Health Service are eligible for grant of study leave with pay and expenses to attend these courses.)

NON-MEDICAL COURSES

6 December 1968
Refresher course for qualified audiology technicians.

14, 15, 16 May 1969
Hearing and Mental assessment of the deaf child—for psychologists.
(The number of entries is limited in each course. A detailed syllabus of the above is obtainable on application from the Secretary-Administrator.)

SUNDAY SEMINARS FOR GENERAL PRACTITIONERS

who are cordially invited to attend all or any of the Seminars below without fee or ticket.

Sunday, 1 December 1968, at 10.15 a.m.
MR. ANTHONY RADCLIFFE.

Sunday, 16 February 1969, at 10.15 a.m.
MR. W. D. DOEY.

Sunday, 16 March 1969, at 10.15 a.m.
MR. S. E. BIRDSALL

Lunch will be provided in the Refectory after each seminar from 12.30 p.m. Practitioners who are able to accept the Institute's invitation to lunch are requested to notify the Secretary-Administrator at least one week beforehand.

The seminars will cover the field of otolaryngology in relation to common conditions encountered in general practice. There will be no formal lectures,

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and practitioners attending will have the opportunity to submit questions an to participate in discussions.

Each seminar will be conducted by a member of the Institute's panel c lecturers who is also a consultant on the staff of the associated hospital.

There is a limited number of appointments in the associated hospital a Clinical Assistants and Out-Patient Assistants for which general practitione are eligible to apply. Courses of 2 months' duration (two afternoon sessior weekly) to train practitioners for similar appointments in their local hospita are also available; members of these courses are eligible for a financial grant t cover travelling and subsistence expenses. Particulars can be obtained on reques

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IXth INTERNATIONAL (WORLD) CONGRESS OF OTO-RHINO-LARYNGOLOGY

A refresher Audio-Visual Course will be held at the Congress Buildin National Medical Center, Mexico City, 8, 9 August 1968. Further informatic may be obtained from Dr. Ramór Ruenes, P.O. Box 7–1040, Mexico 7, D.I

THE UNIVERSITY OF IOWA, IOWA, U.S.A.

Department of Otolaryngology and Maxillofacial Surgery

A course on the management of maxillofacial injuries will be held at tl University of Iowa, 5–9 May 1969. Limited to 14 otolaryngologists, the cour will deal with the immediate and delayed treatment of injuries to the so tissues and underlying skeletal structures of the face, and with associate dental problems. In addition to lectures and demonstrations, ample laborato practice will be given in methods of open and closed reduction, interdent fixation and suture techniques.

The fee is $250.

Applications should be sent to: Leslie Bernstein, M.D., B.D.S., Associa Professor, Department of Otolaryngology and Maxillofacial Surgery, Universi of Iowa, Iowa City, Iowa, U.S.A. 52240.

COURSE ON SURGICAL TREATMENT OF CHRONIC OTITIS MEDI

A Course on Surgical Treatment of Chronic Otitis Media will be held at tl Theodor Heuss Academy and at the Municipal City Hospital in Gummersba (Cologne), West Germany, from 27 to 30 May 1969.

The Course will include lectures, discussions, motion pictures, surgic demonstrations on colour closed circuit television and temporal bone wor The lectures and demonstrations will be in English. Simultaneous tran

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lations will be in Spanish, French and German. Special emphasis will be given to the technique of preservation of the posterior bony canal wall (posterior tympanotomy, intact canal wall technique).

Tuition fee: £105, which includes transportation from Cologne Airport, hotel accommodation, with meals and social activities. Registration is limited. For further information please write to: Claus Jansen, M.D., Otolaryngology Department, Municipal City Hospital, 527 Gummersbach, West Germany.

FELLOWSHIPS IN OTORHINOLARYNGOLOGY

Fellowships are available in otorhinolaryngology for post-residency training in otology, laryngology and communicative disorders. The fellowships are for 1–3 years and can either be completely clinical or can be combined with laboratory work.

For further information contact Dr. R. J. Ruben, Director of the Division of Otolaryngology, Department of Surgery, Albert Einstein College of Medicine, 1300 Morris Park Avenue, New York, N.Y. 10461.

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