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to introduce molecular techniques into diagnostic clinical microbiology. It is in fact more suitable for a researcher who needs to compare organisms.

The techniques presented are diverse, ranging from antibiotic resistance profiles to random prime polymerase chain reaction and ligase chain reaction. Most of the chapters are of a very high standard providing clear advice but a number touch on areas which are too detailed to be handled in a brief chapter, notably, antibiotic resistance profiling or enzyme linked immunosorbent assay, which are too cursory to be truly useful. The editors have succeeded in bringing together text which is reasonably up to date although in this series not all of the techniques are molecular as illustrated by the excellent chapter on Bacteriocin and Bacteriophage typing. The authorship of this book is largely European despite its American format. It is undoubtedly a useful addition to the series and would be of use to research scientists.

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CPA Annual Conference 1996 Wednesday 13 March 1996

Venue: Royal College of Physicians, 11 St Andrew's Place, London NW1 4LE (by kind permission of the Treasurer)

CPA (UK) Ltd is holding its fourth annual conference in March 1996. This year we have decided to use the forum to discuss CPA's findings in pathology in the first four year cycle and to look to the future of accreditation as we proceed to the second cycle of inspection visits.

Registration free: £90 (to include coffee, lunch and tea). The conference will be submitted for CPD and CME points.

For further information, please contact: CPA Central Office, Pathology Block, Children's Hospital, Sheffield S10 2TH. (Tel: 0114 279 7472; fax: 0114 278 0428.)

Forthcoming Royal College of Pathologists Symposia

Diagnostic pitfalls in histopathology/ cytopathology practice Wednesday 7 February (1 day course)

> Stress in the NHS Thursday 18 March

Metabolic bone disease Thursday 18 April

What's new in development pathology

Thursday 16 May

The spleen – who needs it? Wednesday 12 June

Treatment of virus infections
Wednesday 26 June

For further information, please contact: Scientific Meetings Office, The Royal College of Pathologists, 2 Carlton House Terrace, London SW1Y 5AF. (Tel: 0171 930 5862.)

The Third Annual Medical Design and Materials Conference

25-27 March 1996

Venue: Olympia 2 and Conference Centre, London

Leading international experts will present up to the minute information and advice on the latest developments in materials for medical applications and innovative design techniques. Held in association with the Medical Design Technology Trade Show.

For further information, please contact: Sonja Lloyd, Advanstar Communications, Advanstar House, Sealand Road, Chester CH1 4RN. (Tel: 01244 378 888; fax: 01244 370 011.)

5th International Congress on Trace Elements in Medicine and Biology

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Therapeutic Uses of Trace Elements

February 4-7 1996

Main topics include: Therapeutic forms of trace elements; large epidemiological and intervention studies related to trace elements; trace element supplementation of population groups of differing ages; and trace elements, bone physiology and bone diseases, among others.

For further information, please contact: Madame A Alcaraz, Laboratoire de Biochimie C, CHURG, B.P. 217, F-38043 Grenoble Cedex 9, France (tel: (33) 76 76 54 84; fax: (33) 76 76 56 64).

UMDS Dermatopathology Update

Friday, February 16 1996

Venue: St Thomas's Hospital, London Morning: Cutaneous Lymphoma Update

Speakers: R Willemze, A Norton, D Slater, N P Smith

Afternoon: Pre-circulated slide seminar

For further information, please contact: Dr P H McKee, Department of Histopathology, St Thomas's Hospital Medical School, Lambeth Palace Road, London SE1 7EH. (Tel: 0171 928 9292 exn: 2295; fax 0171 401 3661.)

United States FDA Medical Device Update: Design Controls, GMP Requirements and Marketing Clearance

20-23 May 1996

Venue: Charles de Gaulle Hilton, Paris, France

An international meeting on FDA GMP and marketing regulations including the proposed new GMP requirements and how to comply with them. All three days will be presented by FDA's CDRH with a presentation by the European Commission. Sponsored by the French Government.

For further information, please contact: Sharon Goff, Advanstar Communications, Advanstar House, Sealand Road, Chester CH1 4RN. (Tel: 01244 378 888; fax: 01244 370 011.)

Correction

The incorrect figure was printed in figure 4 of the paper by Vogl et al (7 Clin Pathol 1995;48: 1039–44). The figure legend as printed is correct. The correct figure along with its legend is reproduced below.

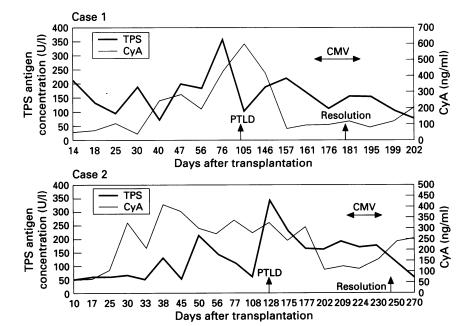


Figure 4 TPS antigen and CyA concentration in cases 1 and 2. PTLD=post transplant lymphoproliferative disease; ARDS=adult respiratory distress syndrome.