ANNOUNCEMENT

Pathological Society of Great Britain and Ireland Fellowships

The Pathological Society of Great Britain and Ireland sponsors a small number of Fellowships for members of the medical and allied professions, resident in the UK, to enable them to travel to other institutions or attend workshops to learn new techniques of value in their clinical and/or laboratory research. They are available for a period of study of up to 12 months and preference will be given to those requiring additional funds to augment their existing salary.

Further details and application forms from: Mrs J. E. Edwards, Administrator, Pathological Society of Great Britain and Ireland, 2 Carlton House Terrace, London, SW1Y 5AF. Tel: 071 976 1260; Fax: 071 976 1267). Closing date for applications: 1st March, 1st June, 1st October and 1st December.

BOOKS RECEIVED

Microbiology—Colour Guide

T. J. INGLIS and A. P. WEST. 1993. ISBN 0-443-03972-0. Churchill Livingstone, Edinburgh. Pp. 137. £7.95.

Microbiology is one of the *Colour Guide* series which contains volumes on most aspects of pathology and various clinical disciplines. It is a slim, pocket-sized book which follows an increasingly common format of a left hand page of text with relevant colour plates to the right. There are 17 chapters in total, beginning with specimen collection and logically proceeding through the basic principles of bacteriology. Further chapters are devoted to particular systems and cover the relevant pathogens and laboratory methods required to isolate them. There are also chapters on infection control, virology, parasitology and mycology as well as a comprehensive index, a feature often missing from books of this type.

It is a difficult task to attempt to encompass information about all the many aspects of microbiology in a book of this size, but the authors have managed it, without any obvious omissions. Only a brief amount of information is given on each topic but all the salient facts are presented in a readable and easily understandable fashion even for the novice in microbiology. The colour plates associated with the text are generally of a high standard and are well selected. However, a number are out of focus and colour definition is occasion-

ally poor, making the tests depicted difficult to interpret. One or two of the pictures give the impression of being present only to fill spaces as they convey little in the way of useful information.

This is a useful little textbook at a competitive price and is to be recommended for the undergraduate student in microbiology or medicine or for those beginning their first post in a microbiology laboratory.

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Flow Cytometry in Microbiology

Edited by DAVID LLOYD. 1993. ISBN 3-540-19796-6. Springer Verlag, Heidelberg. Pp. 188. DM 158.00.

The thirteen chapters of this well illustrated book cover the principles, methods, applications and prospective uses of flow cytometry in microbiological fields from antibiotic action to ecology. As a bonus there is a useful appendix on spectra of fluorescent dyes and excitation sources, and a chapter covering the principles of neural network analysis of results. This is an interesting and informative book that should encourage workers to explore a rapid automated technique that has much to offer, but is currently under-utilised.

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