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SYMPOSIUM ON INTRAUTERINE MALNUTRITION

Symposium on Nutrition and Fetal Development in New York City, November 13–14, 1972, presented by the Institute of Human Nutrition of Columbia University College of Physicians and Surgeons, and sponsored by the National Foundation-March of Dimes, will be held at the Americana Hotel, Seventh Avenue and 52nd Street.

The conference will concentrate on three general areas—biochemical, functional, and epidemiological evidence for fetal malnutrition.

Further information may be obtained from Dr. Myron Winick, Professor of Pediatrics at Columbia University’s College of Physicians and Surgeons and Director of the Institute of Human Nutrition, New York City, N.Y.

AMERICAN SOCIETY OF CYTOLOGY

American Society of Cytology, will hold its 20th Annual Scientific Meeting at the Fairmount-Roosevelt Hotel, New Orleans, La., November 1–4, 1972. For information, contact Warren R. Lang, M.D., Secretary-Treasurer, 7112 Lincoln Drive, Philadelphia, Pa. 19119.

JANE NUGENT COCHEMS COMPETITION

The University of Colorado School of Medicine announces the Eleventh Annual Cochems Competition, the funds for which were provided in the will of the late Mrs. Jane Nugent Cochems. A prize of $2500 will be awarded to the author of the best paper in the field of “Thrombophlebitis and Basic Vascular Problems.” Basic vascular problems under consideration in this instance should be concerned with the underlying mechanisms or processes of vascular disease, particularly those associated with thrombosis, but not necessarily restricted to it.

The competition is open to all persons holding the doctorate degree and entries must be received in triplicate, including all charts, illustrations and photographs, on or before November 15, 1972. For income tax reasons, eligibility is limited to those physicians who are subject to U.S. income tax regulations.

Inquiries regarding the competition and all manuscripts should be submitted to the Dean, School of Medicine, University of Colorado Medical Center, 4200 E. Ninth Avenue, Denver, Colo. 80220.

COURSE IN CANCER CHEMOTHERAPY

The Memorial Hospital for Cancer and Allied Diseases and Sloan-Kettering Institute for Cancer Research announce a 1-wk course in Cancer Chemotherapy from October 23 to October 27, 1972.

This course will include lectures and panels on screening methods, pharmacological techniques, methods for the clinical evaluation of potential chemotherapeutic agents and a review of the chemistry and pharmacology of the alkylating agents, the antimetabolites, steroid hormones, and miscellaneous agents in the treatment of cancer. Discussions of specific problems in cancer will also be included. The course is principally designed for physicians interested in cancer chemotherapy.

Enrollment is limited, and applications should be submitted as soon as possible. The fee for the course is $150.00, payable at the time of application. Requests for application forms should be addressed to Dr. Irwin H. Krakoff, Memorial Hospital, 444 East 68th Street, New York, N.Y. 10021.

AVAILABILITY OF HEMIGLOBINCYANIDE REFERENCE PREPARATION

An international hemiglobincyanide reference solution is prepared by the Rijks Instituut voor de Volksgezondheid, Bilthoven,

It is available free of charge on request to national laboratories working in hematology or to interested individual workers, and is intended for checking the purity and content of hemoglobincyanide reference solutions to be used in the daily practice of hemoglobinometry.

It consists of an aqueous hemoglobincyanide solution equivalent to a hemoglobin content of approximately 60 mg/100 ml, dispensed in 10 ml ampoules and packed in boxes of six. It is tested and regularly checked by a number of control laboratories nominated by ICSH.

Further information may be obtained from Dr. A. H. Holtz, secretary, ICSH Expert Panel on Hemoglobinometry, Rijks Instituut voor de Volksgezondheid, P.O. Box 1, Bilthoven, the Netherlands.