The sera of 17 patients with Addison-Biermer disease containing antibodies type I (blocking) or type II (binding) or both against the intrinsic factor were examined. In 12 sera (70%), antiparietal cells activity was detected by an indirect immunofluorescent technique. In all cases antibodies against parietal cells were identified as IgG. Thyroid antibodies were found in sera of four (23%) patients. Antibodies against nuclear, mitochondrial, and smooth muscle antigens were not detected. M.K.

Observations on the Erythrocytic T Antigen.
A. Grasso and D. Attina, Institute of Patologia Medica University, Rome, Italy. Progr Med (Rome) 28:464-467, 1972

The study includes 68 cases with blood diseases and 15 control patients. The level of T antigen was similar in both groups. Although in blood diseases alterations of erythrocytic antigens may occur, these investigations seem to prove that this is not true for the T antigen. P.d.N.

MISCELLANEOUS

The effect of chronic poisoning with carbon disulfide on the peripheral blood was investigated in rats. Hemoglobin, hematocrit, erythrocyte, leukocyte and platelet counts were examined. It was found that changes in peripheral blood resulting from chronic CS₂ poisoning consisted in normocytic and normochromic anemia, eosinopenia, some increase in the percentage of reticulum cells and monocytes. No differences in white cell and platelet counts were observed. M.K.

NEWS AND VIEWS

ANNUAL MEETING, INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY FOR EXPERIMENTAL HEMATOLOGY, AND INTERNATIONAL COOPERATIVE GROUP FOR BONE MARROW TRANSPLANTATION

The third annual meeting of the International Society for Experimental Hematology will be held at the Holiday Inn (Medical Center), Houston, Texas, from March 31 to April 3, 1974. The meeting is open to nonmembers. The opening ceremony will be held the evening of Sunday, March 31, the day after the close of the annual meeting of the American Association for Cancer Research, also being held in Houston. The program of the Experimental Hematology meeting will be organized from abstracts submitted by both members and nonmembers. Subjects include the control of differentiation and proliferation of both normal and malignant stem cells, bone marrow transplantation, prevention and control of graft-versus-host reactions, immunohematology, immunogenetics, cancer immunity, and applications of the former to the treatment of marrow aplasia, leukemia, lymphoma, and immune deficiency diseases.

Deadline for receipt of abstracts and preregistration is December 20, 1973. Abstract forms and further information may be obtained from the meeting organizer and chairman, Dr. John J. Trentin, Division of Experimental Biology, Baylor College of Medicine, Texas Medical Center, Houston, Texas 77025.

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The annual meeting of the International Cooperative Group for Bone Marrow Transplantation will be held on April 4, 1974, also at the Holiday Inn (Medical Center). This year the meeting will consist of a workshop, organized by Dr. Mortimer Bortin, to develop cooperative clinical trial protocols.