

strong state. It is not therefore satisfactory to use a gentler technique for its removal.

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Notices

Annual meeting of the European Academy of Allergology and Clinical Immunology

The annual meeting of the European Academy of Allergology and Clinical Immunology 1984 will be held in Brussels on 16-19 May. The themes will be the immunological aspects of asthma, occupational allergy, and immunomodulation, with a postgraduate course on the treatment of allergic diseases. Further information from Professor R Pauwels, Department of Respiratory Diseases, De Pintelaan 185, B 9000 Ghent, Belgium.

Applied respiratory physiology

A course in applied respiratory physiology will be held at the Royal Postgraduate Medical School, Hammersmith Hospital, from 26 to 30 March 1984. The topics will include mass spectrometry, body plethysmography, non-invasive monitoring, nocturnal hypoxaemia, control of breathing, regional lung function, airflow obstruction, diffusion and clinical pulmonary function testing. Visiting speakers will include Dr NR Anthonison (Canada). Application forms and further details are available from: School Office (SSC), Royal Postgraduate Medical School, Hammersmith Hospital, London W12 0HS.

Ninth International Cystic Fibrosis Congress

The medical/scientific programme of the Ninth International Cystic Fibrosis Congress will be held in Brighton from 12 to 15 June 1984. Papers on any aspect of cystic fibrosis may be submitted (closing date for abstracts 31 January 1984). The principal plenary sessions will include presentations on: prenatal diagnosis and carrier detection, pathophysiology (characteristics of the cystic fibrosis cell,

calcium metabolism, glycoproteins of cystic fibrosis mucus), the changing management of cystic fibrosis (aerosol antibiotics, the role of exercise, supplemental nutrition), and the basic defect. There will be an allied health professionals programme that will include parallel sessions on social aspects of cystic fibrosis, dietetics and nutrition, and physiotherapy. Further details are obtainable from the Congress Office, Cystic Fibrosis Research Trust, Alexandra House, 5 Blyth Road, Bromley, Kent BR1 3RS.

Corrections

Bronchial gland dimensions in coalminers: influence of smoking and dust exposure

Drs Douglas, Lamb and Ruckley in their paper (*Thorax* 1982;**37**:760-4) refer to work by Dr WKC Morgan and colleagues (*Br J Ind Med* 1978;**35**:285-91). It has become clear that Dr Morgan's work has been misquoted: Dr Morgan did not state that industrial bronchitis is confined to the upper airways. The authors regret this error.

Microbiological investigation of farmer's lung disease in Somerset 1963-83

In the abstract by JP Anderson and FB Greator (September 1983, p 709), "acute" in the 6th line from the end should be "chronic"—that is, "In chronic farmer's lung disease. . ."