One inherent problem with the use of computerised medical textbooks is the inconvenience of reading large sections of text from a computer screen. Since Duane's ophthalmology is primarily a reference source (rather than a cover to cover textbook) the benefits of computerised searching capabilities and fast retrieval definitely outweigh this inconvenience.

In conclusion, the combination of superb searching capabilities, compact storage, user friendliness, and access to both the foundations and clinical volumes of 'Duane's' make this package an indispensable addition to the library of the practising ophthalmologist.

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NOTICES

Royal Society of Medicine, Section of Ophthalmology

The following meetings (beginning at 5 pm) are open to RSM members and their guests only.

NEW HORIZONS IN THERAPEUTICS, 9 May 1996
The identification of human tumour antigens: a strategy for developing tumour vaccines; New developments in the management of CMV retinitis; The development of ophthalmic drugs; The challenge of gene therapy in the context of eye diseases.

Further details: Alyson Taylor, Sections Officer, Royal Society of Medicine, 1 Wimpole Street, London W1M 8AE. (Tel: 0171 290 2985; fax: 0171 290 2989.)

REGISTRARS' MEETING, 13 June 1996, 2 pm
For registrars to present research work and case reports. Papers to be considered for publication. Abstracts should be submitted (max 200 words) for the attention of P Murray, The Royal Society of Medicine, 1 Wimpole Street, London W1M 8AE. Closing date for entries is 12 April 1996.

Lupus UK

Lupus Awareness Week 6–13 April 1996. Further details: Brian Hanner, Director, Lupus UK, 51 North Street, Romford, Essex RM1 1BA. (Tel: 01708 731251; Fax: 01708 731252.)

XI Tübingen Detachment Course: Retinal and Vitreous Surgery

The XI Tübingen Detachment course on retinal and vitreous surgery will be held on 11–12 April 1996 at Kupferbau, Gmelinstraße 8, 72076 Tübingen, Germany. Further details: Office Professor Dr I Kreissig, Univ-Augenklinik, Schleichtstrasse 12, 72076 Tübingen, Germany. (Tel: 07071 294758; Fax: 07071 293746.)

First International Symposium on Special Aspects of Radiotherapy

The first international symposium on special aspects of radiotherapy, 'Radiotherapy of ocular disease' will be held on 4–5 May 1996 at the Free University, Berlin. Further details: Dr T Wiegel, Department of Radiotherapy, University Hospital Benjamin Franklin, Hindenburgdamm 30, 12200 Berlin, Germany. (Tel: 030/84 45-3478; Fax: 030/834 18 65.)

1st Congress of the Surgery of Bosnia and Herzegovina with international participation

The 1st Congress of Surgery of Bosnia and Herzegovina with international participation will take place on 12–15 May 1996, in Sarajevo. Further details: Professor Hasan Piranic, Co-organiser, Fund for Renewal and Development of the Clinical Center University of Sarajevo. (Tel: (387 71) 64 46 96.)

International Congress The Cornea

An international congress entitled 'The Cornea' will be held at the cultural Centre Zitelle, Venice from 16–18 May 1996. Further details: Medicina Viva, Viale dei Mille 140, 43100 Parma, Italy. (Tel: ++39-521- 290191/290194; Fax: ++39-521-291314.)

3rd Meeting ESOPES

The third meeting of the European Society for Out-Patient Eye Surgery will be held on 16–18 May 1996 in Potsdam, Germany. Scientific directors: Dr Volker Rasch, Potsdam, Germany and Dr Jérôme Bovet, Geneva, Switzerland. Further details: SYMOPRG SA – Congress Organisers, 7, av Pictet-de-Rochemont, CH-1207 Geneva, Switzerland. (Tel: (+41–22) 786 57 44; Fax: (+41–22) 786 40 80.)

Head, Neck and Facial Pain Symposium

A meeting on head, neck and facial pain will be held in the East Wing of the Brighton Centre from 22–24 June 1996. The meeting will bring together anaesthetists, surgeons, dentists, neurologists, ENT specialists, and psychiatrists. Further details: Internarket, 14a Ship Street, Brighton BN1 1AD. (Tel: 01273 325315; Fax: 01273 323882.)

2nd International Symposium on Retinal Pigment Epithelium

The 2nd international symposium on retinal pigment epithelium and the 4th meeting of the European Macula Group will take place from 29 May to 1 June 1996 at the Palazzo Ducale, Genoa, Italy. Further details: Secretariat, Medicina Viva, Servizio Congressi, Viale dei Mille, 140, 43100 Parma, Italy. (Tel: 39–521–290191/290194; Fax: 39–521–291314.)