Announcements

Seminar Forum: "The Present State of Suction Lipectomy"

Dr. Mario Gonzalez-Ulloa announces the forthcoming seminar to be held at the Dalinde Medical Center in Mexico City from Tuesday, February 7 to Thursday, February 9, 1984. The pertinence of this seminar is outlined by Dr. Gonzalez-Ulloa as follows: "While attending several recent meetings throughout the world, I have noticed how suction lipectomy has become ever present: It is like a spreading seed that fills both surgeons and patients with a desire to have something to do with it. Those of us who have used this technique know that it is not as simple as all that, and it is my desire to place suction lipectomy in its real context in Aesthetic Plastic Surgery, and not have it ill-used and then discarded, as has been the case of some surgical techniques which have started with an uproar and then have been abandoned all due to their abuse.

"The general idea of this seminar is to provide the attendant with a pool of experience of men who have had ample practice in the procedure. All this experience, aided by investigators who have dedicated extensively to this problem, and have helped to place suction lipectomy in adequate relation to its use will be part of this seminar. We will have an in-depth workshop and a formal review of the faculty's post-operative experience. Our pathologist will present slides showing the skin's behavior after removal. A thorough review of the organic stress produced by different amounts of adipose removal will take place. And, if you can stay over the weekend, you will be able to appreciate the results of the patients who underwent suction lipectomy during this workshop."

For additional information, write to the secretary in charge: Mrs. Maria Moreno, Tuxpan 27-8th floor, Mexico, D.F.—0670, Mexico.

Japan Society of Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery

The 27th Annual Meeting of the Japan Society of Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery will be held at Yokohama Kenmin Hall, Yokohama, from April 4 through 7, 1984.

For the fiscal year 1983, the following officers have been elected: president: Professor Nobuyuki Shioya; president elect: Professor Tasaburo Tani; general secretary: Professor Yoichi Ogino, and treasurer: Professor Toyomi Fujino.

For further information about the meeting, please write to: Office for General Meeting of Japan Society of Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery, c/o International Conference Organizer's Co., Inc., Crescent Plaza, 1st Floor, 2-4-6 Minami-aoyama, Minato-ku, Tokyo 107, Japan. All other inquiries should be addressed to Nobuhiko Isshiki, M.D., Chairman, International Liaison Committee, c/o Division of Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery, Medical School Kyoto University, Kyoto 606, Japan.

Erratum

Problems of Aesthetic Plastic Surgery Training within the Health Service. *Aesth. Plast. Surg.* 7, 49 (1983)

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The last paragraph states that "Our president has reported an agreement in principle with the British Association of Plastic Surgeons and retain close cooperation between the societies at all levels." This reporting was correct at the time, but subsequently, for practical reasons, it was agreed that the BAPS could only manage to provide a forwarding address for mail and that the secretary of the BAPS would therefore remain separate.

Book Review

Plastic Surgery: Past and Present: Origin and History of Modern Lines of Incision by Joachim Gabka and Ekkehard Vaubel. S. Karger, Basel, 1983.

Every plastic and reconstructive surgeon should get a copy of this book for his library! The layout of this book, with its historical illustrations of pioneering operations side by side with accompanying modern photographs dealing with present day types of surgery to repair the same deformities, is superb! The authors and their publisher are to be complimented for putting together an extremely handsome volume which is difficult to set aside once one starts to thumb through its pages. Gabka and Vaubel divide the general contents of the book into chapters dealing with the following subjects: general considerations including a discussion of the historical development of sutures and needles, instruments, transplantation, dressings and immobilization, and covering of wounds; the head region including