

Book Reviews : Boekbesprekings

BLADDER TUMOUR HISTOLOGY

Histological Typing of Urinary Bladder Tumours. International Histological Classification of Tumours No. 10. By F. K. Mostofi. Pp. 36. Illustrated. Book, which includes an accompanying set of 56 colour transparencies, Sw.fr. 90.-; book only, Sw.fr. 34.-. Geneva: World Health Organisation. 1974. Available through Van Schaik's Bookstore, Pretoria.

This WHO Monograph results from a vast co-operative study of urinary bladder tumour histology, and establishes an international classification which fulfils a great need. The text is concise and pertinent, and the colour photomicrographs are superb. The latter are also available as 35 mm colour transparencies.

The book will be invaluable for standardisation and teaching purposes, and is highly recommended.

A.E.V.

OCULAR DISEASE

Ocular Inflammatory Disease. Ed. by G. Golden, B.A., M.S., M.D., M.S. (Ophth). Pp. xvii + 339. Illustrated. \$22.75. Springfield, Illinois: Charles C. Thomas. 1974.

The book is a compilation of 34 articles presented at a symposium by 18 world authorities on ocular inflammatory disease.

The contents are particularly interesting, and are presented in a novel way. Subjects dealt with include ocular immunological disease; scleritis; uveitis; and viral bacterial and fungal diseases of the eye, to mention but a few.

Of particular import is the discussion following each section. The importance of the pathogenesis and mechanism of ocular inflammation is stressed, and the immune complex diseases are considered in detail.

The reviewer recommends the book.

D.S.

SURFACE MAPPING OF CARDIAC FIELDS

Advances in Cardiology. Vol. 10. Body Surface Mapping of Cardiac Fields. Ed. by S. Rush and E. Lepeschkin. Pp. xv + 344. Illustrated. SFr. 142.-. Basel and London: S. Karger. 1974.

This volume deals with the proceedings of the Symposium on Body Surface Mapping of Cardiac Fields held at Burlington, Vermont, in 1972. The editors claim that body surface mapping, which in essence means obtaining more information from the electrocardiograph by using a large number of leads, is 'presently no more expensive or time consuming, and considerably less dangerous and uncomfortable to the patient than many currently accepted diagnostic procedures considered as routine'.

Nevertheless, readers of this book will soon find that various authors at the symposium describe different methods of body surface mapping, and use different sorts of complicated instruments, as well as different methods of lead attachment, and that the methods are far too sophisticated for practical use.

For these reasons, the book cannot be recommended to clinical cardiologists. However, it must be said that the method holds considerable promise for the future.

B.A.B.

STRUCTURE OF CARTILAGE

The Structure and Biochemistry of Cartilage. By A. Serafini-Fracassini M.D. (Padua), Ph.D. (St Andrews) and J. W. Smith M.D. (St Andrews). Pp. vii + 236. Illustrated. £8.00. Edinburgh and London: Churchill Livingstone. 1974. In this book the authors have compiled a vast amount of information on normal cartilage. There is a detailed evaluation of the biochemistry, physiology and structural morphology (both light and electron microscopic) of its various components, and of their interrelationship.

Thus, for anyone interested in this form of skeletal tissue, this book will provide a ready, up-to-date reference source, in an easily assimilable form.

C.J.U.

CURIOSA

Curiosa. A miscellany of clinical and pathological experiences. Collected by W. St Clair Symmers. Pp. xv + 208. Illustrated. £3.75. London: Baillière Tindall. 1974.

A leisurely reading of the fifty cautionary tales contained in this exceptional book will incline most medical graduates to hope that the author will complete and publish his purposed trilogy with *Exotica* and *Memorata*.

This volume of experiences could be the doctor's bedside book, put down only to be picked up again. Pathologists, in particular, will find the combined wit, humour and scientific erudition, appearing in unusually attractive style and presentation, much to their liking.

Th. J.

JOURNAL OF IMMUNOGENETICS

Journal of Immunogenetics, Vol. I, No. 1. Ed. by K. Bauer. Pp. 77. Illustrated. Bimonthly publication. £3.00 per single copy; £15.00 subscription. Oxford: Blackwell Scientific Publications. 1974.

This journal will, by virtue of its very technical content, be of interest only to specialists in the field of immunology and genetics. Research on genetics of the immune response, histocompatibility, associated diseases, and antigenic structure of cell membranes, has become important to immunologists, and these areas are covered by this journal. Articles in the first issue were characterised by numerous references, and data was presented clearly and concisely.

The price of £15 per year is unduly high for a journal containing relatively few articles and illustrations.

J.R.J.

TUMOURS OF THE PANCREAS

The Influences of Pancreatic Tumours on the Stomach. By R. M. Zollinger, M.D., F.A.C.S. and D. W. Coleman. Pp. xiii + 205. Illustrated. \$11.75. Springfield, Illinois: Charles C. Thomas. 1974.

Dr Zollinger's unique relationship to his subject, coupled with his remarkable clarity of presentation, dominates this authoritative review of the clinical and hormonal aspects of non-beta islet cell tumours of the pancreas. The monography, developed from a presentation made on the 50th Annual Beaumont Lecture, deals mainly with the ulcerogenic (or Zollinger-Ellison) and diarrhoeogenic (WDHA) islet cell syndromes.

Gastro-enterologists, surgeons, endocrinologists, biochemists and, indeed, medical historians, will derive great benefit from this fascinating and informative review.

I.N.M.