

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Convergence of AIDS and Cancer Research in Budapest, Hungary on **August 31–September 1, 2000**. Inf: Conference Secretariat, Mór Kaposi Research Foundation, Mária St. 41, H-1085, Hungary. Tel: +36-1 266 0465. Fax: +36-1 210 4874. nagkar@bor.sote.hu

IUSTI European Congress 2000 on STDs and AIDS in Budapest, Hungary on **September 3–5, 2000**. Inf: PRIMED-X Ltd., 1301 Budapest, PO Box 46, Hungary. Fax: +36-1 429 0318. mail@primed-x.hu

Baltic Association of Dermato-Venereology, 3rd Congress. Latest Achievements in Diagnosis and Therapy of Skin and Sexually Transmitted Diseases in Riga, Latvia on **September 7–9, 2000**. Inf: Andris Y. Rubins, Kr. Valdemara Street 76-75, LV-1013 Riga, Latvia. Fax: +371-7361615. arubins@apollo.lv

21st Symposium of the International Society of Dermatopathology in Graz, Austria on **September 14–16, 2000**. Inf: Dr Lorenzo Cerroni, Department of Dermatology, University of Graz, Auenbruggerplatz, 8, A-8036 Graz, Austria. Fax: +43-316 385 2466. lorenzo.cerroni@kfunigraz.ac.at

International Symposium: "New Trends in Allergy V" in Davos, Switzerland on **September 15–17, 2000**. Inf: Congress Secretariat Prof Ring, Department of Dermatology and Allergology, Technical University of Munich, Biedersteinerstr. 29, D-80802 München, Germany. Tel: +49-8941403205. Fax: +49-41403205. Kongresse-derma@lrz.tum.de

European Society for Pigment Cell Research 9th Meeting "Pigment Cell Research 2000—Perspectives for the Third Millennium" in Ulm/Donau, Germany on **September 27–October 1, 2000**. Inf: ESPCR 2000, Department of Dermatology, University of Ulm, D-89070 Ulm/Donau, Germany. Tel: +49 731 50 22251. Fax: +49 731 50 23772. ralf.peter@medizin.uni-ulm.de

First World Congress of Dermascopy in Rome, Italy on **February 23–25, 2001**. Inf: Dr H. Peter Soyer, Congress Secretary, Department of Dermatology, University of Graz, Auenbruggerplatz 8,

A-8036 Graz, Austria. Tel: +43 316 385 3235. Fax: +43 316 385 4957. peter.soyer@kfunigraz.ac.at

59th Annual Meeting of the AAD in Washington, USA on **March 2–7, 2001**.

Quality of Cosmetics; An Explosive Myth? in Stockholm, Sweden on **May 7–9, 2001**. Inf: Stockholm Convention Bureau, PO Box 6911, S-102 39 Stockholm, Sweden. Tel: +46 8 7361500. Fax: +46 8 348441. IFSCC.2001@stocon.se

International Dermato-Epidemiology Association (IDEA) Annual Meeting in Noordwijkerhout, The Netherlands on **June 12–13, 2001**. Inf: Jan Nico Bouwes Bavinck, Department of Dermatology, Leiden University Medical Centre, PB 9600, 2300 RC Leiden, The Netherlands. Fax: +31-50361 2624. jbvavinck@knmg.nl

9th International Congress of Pediatric Dermatology in Cancún, Mexico on **October 20–24, 2001**. Inf: Congress Secretariat, B: P. Servimed S.A. de C.V., Insurgentes Sur 1188-507, Col. del Valle, 03210 México, D.F. Tel: 1-52 5575 9931. Fax: +1-52 5 559 9497/575 9937.

International Pathogenic Neisseria Conference in Texas, USA on **November 12–17, 2000**. Inf: HHC, Health Care Communications, Inc., One Bridge Plaza, Suite 350, Fort Lee, NJ 07024, USA. Tel: +1-2019475545. Fax: +1-2019478406. IPNC@healthcare.com

XIII International Symposium in Contact Dermatitis along with the *I Latinamerican Symposium in Cutaneous Allergy* in Uruguay, **November 23–25, 2001**. Inf: Iris Ale, MD, Organizing Committee, Arazati 1194, 11300 Montevideo, Uruguay. Fax: +59 82 622 0882. irisale@hc.edu.uy

XVIIIth International Pigment Cell Conference (IPCC) in Scheveningen, The Netherlands on **September 8–13, 2002**. Inf: Stan Pavel, Department of Dermatology, Leiden University Medical Centre, PO Box 9600, 2300 RC Leiden, The Netherlands. Fax: +31 715248106. SPavel@lumc.nl

BOOK REVIEWS

Oral Diseases. Lotti TM, Parish LC, Rogers, RS III, editors. Berlin: Springer-Verlag, 1999.

In dermatological practice it is always a challenge when one is consulted by patients suffering from oral diseases. This textbook with atlas covers most, if not all, disorders of the oral mucosa, the jaw and the salivary glands. In addition, it discusses the normal anatomy, histology and physiology of this part of the body. The book has 24 chapters and includes more than 400 good quality figures. It can be recommended as a textbook and as a reference book in clinical practice.

Dermato-pharmacology of Topical Preparations by B. Gabard, P. Elsner, C. Surber and P. Treffel, eds. Hardcover. 470 pages, 77 illustrations, 67 tables. ISBN 3-540-64048-7. Price DM 179.00 US\$ 102.30. Berlin: Springer Verlag, 2000

The first part of this multiauthor book contains good overviews of fundamentals on vehicles and permeation of

medical and cosmetic products. There are also useful guidelines on cell culture testing and safety testing to predict the tolerability and effect as well as clinical safety testing for irritancy and sensitisation in man.

The second part deals with specific projects on how to test and evaluate topical products containing antibiotics, antifungals, antivirals, antiseptics, antiparasitics, insect repellents, corticosteroids and immunomodulators. There are also chapters on how to influence and measure specific skin problems such as seborrhoea, sweating, itching, skin hydration, wound healing, photoageing and scalp hair growth. The difficulties with topical penetration of drugs in the nail are discussed as well as the effect of keratolytic products in acne and various diseases with dry skin. Important areas such as the action of skin care products and sunscreens are also well covered.

Each chapter has many useful references up to 1999, which makes the book an excellent source of information on measurements needed to evaluate the effects of cosmetic products and topically applied drugs.

Lennart Juhlin
Section Editor

Dry Skin and Moisturizers. Chemistry and Function. Marie Lodén & Howard I Maibach, eds. ISBN 0-8493-7520-7. 2000. Prize US\$100.90. CRC Press LLC.

Dry skin is a precursor of several dermatological disorders and not a trivial cosmetic complaint. Good moisturizers are therefore important. Today the market is inundated with different compositions which many persons use daily. That the product feels good does, however, not necessarily mean that it works well. It is therefore essential to have good knowledge on how our outmost surface contact with the environment is constructed and functions. This book written by 47 international specialists aims to cover our present knowledge on this subject.

The anatomy, chemistry and physiology of the normal permeability barrier is first described. Then follows the pathophysiological changes observed in conditions with dry skin including ichthyosis, atopic dermatitis, psoriasis, seborrheic dermatitis in children and experimentally induced dry skin.

The chemistry and actions of the ingredients as well as the formulations are thereafter presented. The last chapters deal with evaluation of the products' safety and how to test skin irritancy and risk of sensitization.

Each chapter is followed by references of what has been published before year 2000. The book is therefore a most valuable source of information of what is known in this important field. The editors and the contributors are congratulated on an excellent piece of work. Unfortunately the index is scanty. It gives no help if you want to know about the involvement of aminoacids such as ornithine, citrulline, glutamine and histidine or inflammatory mediators such as prostaglandins and leukotriens. If, however, you read the whole book, you will find many interesting reports.

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Section Editor

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SENIOR LECTURER

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Information: Head of Department, Arne Lundblad, tel : +46 (0)13/22 32 20) (arne.lundblad@klk.liu.se) or Professor Inger Rosdahl, tel : +46 (0)13/ 22 25 60) (inger.rosdahl@hud.liu.se). The university collaborates with other employers in the region in its efforts to find work for accompanying spouse/partner in such cases where the family lives outside normal commuting distance.