

BOOK REVIEWS

Skin Cancer and UV Radiation edited by P. Altmeyer, K. Hoffmann and M. Stücker, 1997, 1330 pages, 480 Figures. ISBN 3-540-62723-5. Hardcover. Price US\$ 225. Springer Verlag, Berlin.

The International Congress on Skin Cancer and UV Radiation was held in Bochum, Germany, October 1996 and the proceedings have been published in a most useful book covering various aspects of the subject. Molecular basics, immunology, melanins, pigmentation and erythema of irradiated human skin as well as UV protections and therapeutic use of UV radiation are covered on the first 500 pages. Then comes articles on epidemiology, risk factors and molecular basics of skin cancer. Prevention, diagnosis and therapy of skin cancer are covered in the final chapters. The clinical and histological parts are illustrated with good colour photographs. The 254 contributions have references up to 1996.

The book gives a very useful and comprehensive view of an important field by experts from a wide range of specialities. It is recommended for all medical libraries and everyone with a basic interest in this subject.

The Editor

Dermatology: An Illustrated Colour Text, second editions by David J. Gawkrödger. 130 pages. 300 colour figures. 1997. ISBN 0-443-05328-6. Paperback. Churchill Livingstone, New York.

When the first issue of this textbook was published in 1992 it was a pleasant surprise for many medical students; suddenly a fairly cheap paperback version of a textbook with a very didactic and a good, concise text was available. Now a second edition of this book, also containing a chapter on genitourinary medicine, has appeared. The format is essentially the same as before, but several illustrations have been improved, and new chapters on molecular genetics and HIV disease have been added. Although the text is usually up-to-date there are a few examples of the opposite: retinoids (tretinoin, isotretinoin, adapalene, tazarotene) are not included in the Table on topical drugs in dermatology, and valacyclovir is not mentioned as the drug of choice for treating herpes virus infections. Also the chapters on skin biology and biochemistry need some updating, e.g. with respect to the formation of cytoskeletal keratins. The fixed format (one double-page for each chapter), although visually attractive, sometimes creates a constraint. For example, old knowledge about fungicidal therapy and compression bandage for leg ulcers, instead of being integrated into preexisting chapters, appear separately under "New trends in dermatological therapy".

By and large, however, the textbook is easy and interesting to read and should be a good alternative to the more comprehensive textbooks in dermatology.

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3rd Joint Meeting of the Society for Cutaneous Ultrasound Research (SCUR) and Japanese Society for Ultrastructural Cutaneous Biology (JSUCB) in Cologne, Germany on **May 5–6, 1998**. Inf: PD Dr. H.-J. Schulze, Department of Dermatology for Tumour of the Skin, D-48157 Münster-Hornheide, Germany. Tel: +49-251 3287 411. Fax: +49-251 3287 299.

Fifth International Summit on Cutaneous Antifungal Therapy in Singapore on **June 15–17, 1998**. Inf: Congress Secretariat, CCT Healthcare, Communications Limited, 50–52 Union Street, London, SE1 1TD, United Kingdom. Tel: +44-171 407 9731. Fax: +44-171 378 9268 or +44-171 403 5938.

Computers and Telemedicine in Dermatology in Singapore on **June 17, 1998**. Inf: Congress Secretariat, CCT Healthcare, Communications Limited, 50–52 Union Street, London, SE1 1TD, United Kingdom. Tel: +44-171 407 9731. Fax: +44-171 378 9268 or +44-171 403 5938.

Basic and Advanced Dermatological Surgery in Singapore on **June 17, 1998**. Inf: Congress Secretariat, CCT Healthcare, Communications Limited, 50–52 Union Street, London, SE1 1TD, United Kingdom. Tel: +44-171 407 9731. Fax: +44-171 378 9268 or +44-171 403 5938.

Clinical Dermatology 2000 in Singapore on **June 18–20, 1998**. Inf: Congress Secretariat, CCT Healthcare, Communications Limited, 50–52 Union Street, London, SE1 1TD, United Kingdom. Tel: +44-171 407 9731. Fax: +44-171 378 9268 or +44-171 403 5938. E-mail: 100572.3520@COMPUSERVE.COM.

Skin Resurfacing and other Facial Procedures in Singapore on **June 21, 1998**. Inf: Congress Secretariat, CCT Healthcare, Communications Limited, 50–52 Union Street, London, SE1 1TD, United Kingdom. Tel: +44-171 407 9731. Fax: +44-171 378 9268 or +44-171 403 5938.

The 4th Congress of the European Society of Contact Dermatitis in Helsinki, Finland on **July 9–11, 1998**. Inf: Congress Manager Kirsi Saarelma, Limingantie 8, FIN-00550 Helsinki, Finland. Tel: +358-9 790 080. Fax: +358-9 757 3630.

5th European Congress on Psoriasis and 7th International Psoriasis Symposium in Milano, Italy on **September 2–5, 1998**. Abstracts are welcome from investigators and clinicians who wish to participate. Inf: Organizing Secretariat C.S.S., Viale G. Mazzini 70, 50132 Florence, Italy. Tel: +39-55 2480202. Fax: +39-55 2480246.

IUSTI (IUVDT) European Congress on STDs and Genital Dermatology in Göteborg, Sweden on **September 4–5, 1998**. Inf: Dr. Gunnar Johannisson or Dr. Gun-Britt Löwhagen, Department of Dermatology, Sahlgrenska University Hospital, S-413 45 Göteborg, Sweden. Tel: +46-31 601000. Fax: +46-31 821871.

Cutaneous Lymphoma Project Group—Clinical Meeting in Vienna, Austria on **September 25–27, 1998**. Inf: EMC—Eva Maier Congress, PO Box 46, A-1095 Vienna, Austria. Tel: +43-1 408 00 59. Fax: +43-1 402 20 30.

26th Conference of the Polish Association of Dermatologists in Warszawa, Poland on **September 25–27, 1998**. Inf: BSC Conferences, Alzacka 15a, 03-972 Warszawa, Poland. Tel: +48-22 616 01 74. Fax: +48-22 616 26 73.

Sixth Congress of European Society on Pediatric Dermatology in Rome, Italy on **September 14–18, 1999**. Inf: Professor Giuseppe Fabrizi, Department of Dermatology, Catholic University of Sacred Heart, Largo A. Gemelli, 8, I-00168 Rome, Italy. Tel/Fax: +39-6 3013250.

International Symposium "The Atopy Syndrome in the Third Millenium" in Zurich, Switzerland on **October 2–3, 1998**. The Professor Hans Storch Award of SF 5000.- for Atopic Dermatitis can be applied before *June 30, 1998* by scientists below 45 years of age. Inf: Prof. Dr. B. Wüthrich, Department of Dermatology, University of Zurich, Gloriastr. 31, CH-8091 Zurich, Switzerland. Tel: +41-1 255 3079. Fax: +41-1 255 4431.

5th Asian Dermatological Congress in Beijing, China on **October 14–17, 1998**. Inf: Secretariat, 5th ADC, Foreign Relations Dept., Chinese Medical Association, 42 Dongsi Xidajie, Beijing 100710, China. Tel: +86-10 6525 0394. Fax: +86-10 6512 3754.

International Society for Dermatologic Surgery's XIX International Congress in Salvador de Bahia, Brazil on **October 28–November 2, 1998**. Inf: Sherrie Traficano, International Society for Dermatologic Surgery, 930 N Meacham Road, Schaumburg, IL 60173, USA. Tel: +1-847 330 9830. Fax: +1-847 330 0050.

1st European Symposium on the Prevention of Occupational Skin Disease in Hairdressers (ESPOSH) in Osnabrück, Germany on **November 5–6, 1998**. Inf: Dr. W. Uter, Inst of Dermatology, University of Osnabrück, D-49069 Osnabrück, Germany. Fax: +49-541 9692 445.

2nd Intercontinental Meeting of Hair Research Societies in Washington DC, USA on **November 5–7, 1998**. Inf: Conference Secretariat, Events By Design, 601-325 Howe Street, Vancouver, BC, Canada V6C 1Z7, USA. Tel: +1-604 669 7175. Fax: +1-604 669 7083. E-mail: ebd@compuserve.com.

19th Colloquium of the International Society of Dermatopathology in Madrid, Spain on **November 5–7, 1998**. Inf: Siasa Congresos/Viajes S.A., Paseo de la Habana 134, E-28036 Madrid, Spain. Tel: +34-1 457 4891. Fax: +34-1 458 1088. E-mail: siasa@mad.servicom.es.