

BOOKS RECEIVED

Allergy and Allergic Diseases: The New Mechanisms and Therapeutics edited by A. Denburg. 1998. 592 pages. ISBN 0-89603-404-6. Hardcover. Price US\$145. Humana Press, Totowa, NJ, USA.

This multiauthor book reviews in its first part IgE regulation, environmental allergens and the ontogeny of allergy. The second part takes up the cellular aspects of allergic disease. Of special interest is here the role of progenitor cells which can develop in peripheral tissues and in response to various stimuli can for example lead to various types of mast cells. There are good reviews on Langerhans' cells, eosinophils, basophils, nerve cells, inflammatory cells and target cells in airways and epithelium. The third part deals with the molecular aspects of inflammation cytokines, adhesion receptors and signalling

molecules for basophils and mast cells. Pathogenesis of allergic rhinitis, urticaria, atopic eczema, asthma and conjunctivitis is discussed in the 4th part. The final part describes the effect of corticosteroids betaagonists and cromoglycates in asthma and the airway remodelling and repair. Each chapter has a considerable amount of references up to 1997 making the book an important source of up-to-date knowledge of the impressive research on the background and mechanism of allergic reactions.

This is a most valuable book for all those interested in what happens in the allergic reaction especially on the molecular levels which forms the basis for further improvement of treatment.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Clinical Dermatology Update. International Meeting of the International League of Dermatological Societies in Florence, Italy on **March 4–7, 1999**. Inf: C.S.S.-Viale G. Mazzini 70, IT-50132 Florence, Italy. Tel: +39-55 248 02 02. Fax: +39-55 248 02 46. E-mail: css@mega.it

57th Annual Meeting of The AAD in New Orleans, USA on **March 19–24, 1999**.

Annual Arcachon Course of Pediatric Dermatology in Bordeaux on **April 6–9, 1999**. Inf: Prof. A. Taïeb, Unité de Dermatologie, Hôpital Pellegrin-Enfants, FR-33076 Bordeaux, France. Tel: +33-556 79 56 22. Fax: +33-556795987. E-mail: alain.taieb@dermatol.u-bordeaux2.fr

Annual Meeting of British Society for Investigative Dermatology in Cardiff, Wales on **April 7–9, 1999**. Inf: Prof C.E.M. Griffiths, Section of Dermatology, University of Manchester, Hope Hospital, Salford M6 8HD, United Kingdom. Tel: +44-161 787 4392. Fax: +44-161 787 1095. E-mail: cgriffit@fsl.ho.man.ac.uk

2nd European Days of Photodermatology in Toulouse, France on **June 3–4, 1999**. Inf: Secretariat of Dermatology Department, Purpan Hospital, FR-31059 Toulouse, France. Tel: +33-5 61 77 24 12. Fax: +33-5 61 77 74 30.

8th International Congress on Dermatology and Psychiatry. Traces in Psychosomatic Dermatology in Paris, France on **June 23–25, 1999**.

3rd International Symposium on Paediatric Dermatology and 6th Congress of the European Society for Paediatric Dermatology in Rome, Italy on **September 13–18, 1999**. Inf: Catholic University. Tel: +39-6 3015 4211.

The Niels Hjorth Prize

The International Contact Dermatitis Research Group encourages research by endowing a Niels Hjorth Prize (£1,500). Original, unpublished papers are invited, and a committee will select the winner. The winning entry will be given as a paper at the 12th International Symposium on Contact Dermatitis in San Francisco in **October 1999**. Deadline for submission of papers for the Prize is **June 30, 1999**. Please send 6 copies to the Chairman of the International Contact Dermatitis Research Group, Professor J.-M. Lachapelle, Unit for Occupational Dermatology, Louvain University, UCL 3033, 30, Clos Chapeller-aux-Champs, BE-1200 Brussels, Belgium. Tel: +32-2 7643 335. Fax: +32-2 7643 334.

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

Annual ESDR Meeting in Montpellier, France on **September 22–25, 1999**.

8th Congress of the European Academy of Dermatology and Venereology in Amsterdam on **September 29–October 3, 1999**. Inf: Eurocongress Conference Management, J. van Gooyenkade 11, NL-1075 HP Amsterdam, The Netherlands. Tel: +31-20 679 3411. Fax: +31-20 673 7306. E-mail: eadv@eurocongres.com

Dermatopathology Self-assessment Workshop in Cleveland, USA on **October 2, 1999**. Inf: Dr Wilma F. Bergfeld, Department of Dermatology A61, The Cleveland Clinic Foundation, 9500 Euclid Avenue, Cleveland Ohio 44195, USA. Tel: +IT-216 444 5722. Fax: +1-216 231 5448

58th Annual Meeting of the AAD in San Francisco, USA on **March 10–15, 2000**.

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

9th International Congress of Pediatric Dermatology in Cancún, Mexico on **October 20–24, 2001**. Inf: Congress Secretariat, B: P. Servimé 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