

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Unilateral Skin Conditions after Hemiparesis

Sir,

With great interest I read the recent article by Troilius & Möller (1) who reported on 5 hemiplegic patients with endogenous eczema located to the neurologically healthy side. I agree that this phenomenon is difficult to explain but nevertheless it exists. Apart from eczema, however, also other dermatological conditions can be unilateral when they occur in patients with hemiparesis. Recently I saw a hemiplegic patient with an exfoliative erythroderma who developed Beau lines on his fingernails but only on the non-paralyzed side even if the erythroderma had been symmetrical, involving the whole skin surface including the paralyzed arm. Another patient with hemiparesis noticed

that she did not suntan so well on the paretic leg as on the healthy side. There is no doubt that a close correlation exists between skin function and innervation and such connections merit further studies.

REFERENCE

1. Troilius A, Möller H. Unilateral eruption of endogenous eczema after hemiparesis. *Acta Derm Venereol (Stockh)* 1989; 69: 256-258.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Urticarias. The symposium will be held in Robinson College, Cambridge on January 8-9, 1990, organised jointly by Professor M. W. Greaves and Dr A. Kobza Black from the Institute of Dermatology, London and by Dr R. H. Champion and Dr R.J. Pye from Addenbrooke's Hospital, Cambridge. For information: The Conference Secretary, Postgraduate Medical Centre, Addenbrooke's Hospital, Cambridge or from the organisers.

VI International Symposium on Bioluminescence and Chemiluminescence will be held at the Science Center of Harvard University, Cambridge, Massachusetts, on 26-30 August, 1990. For further information please contact: Professor L. J. Kricka, Department of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine, 3400 Spruce Street, 784 Founders Pavilion, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, USA, 19104-4283.

BOOKS RECEIVED

Trends in Human Hair Growth and Alopecia Research edited by D. van Neste, J. M. Lachapelle and J. L. Antoine, 1989, 330 pages, 161 Figures and 36 Tables. Hard cover. ISBN 0-7462-0117-6. Price £45.00, Dfl 185.00, \$80.00. Kluwer Academic Publishers, Dordrecht, Boston, London.

The content of the book is based on a symposium on Human hair follicle in biomedical research held at the Louvain University, Bruxelles, Febr 5-6, 1988. Articles by a group of international researchers on the biology and experimental models on hairfollicles, diagnostic methods, scalp diseases and therapy. Important contributions which should be consulted by everyone interested in human hair research.

Sexually Transmitted Diseases. A Guide for Clinicians edited by L. C. Parish and F. Gschnait, 1989, 388 pages, 145 Figures. Hard cover. ISBN 3-540-96776-1. Price DM 148.00. Springer Verlag, Berlin, Heidelberg, New York, London, Paris, Tokyo, Hong Kong.

Clinical Dermatology edited by H. Baker, Fourth edition, 1989, 240 pages, 145 Figures. Paperback. ISBN 0-7020-1359-5. Price £13.95. Baillière, Tindall.

Good textbook for medical students.

Colour atlas of AIDS in the Tropics edited by M. A. Ansary, S. K. Hira, A. C. Bayley, C. Chintu and S. L. Nyaywa, 1989, 126 pages. ISBN 0-7234-1567-6. Price £35.00. Wolfe Medical Publications Ltd, London.

Colour Atlas of Sexually Transmitted Diseases edited by A. Wisdom, 1989, 296 pages. Hard cover. ISBN 0-7234-1592-7. Price £32.00. Also available in paperback at £19.50. Wolfe Medical Publications Ltd, London.

Surgical Gems in Dermatology edited by P. Robins, 1988, 118 pages. Hard cover. ISBN 0-9621-3000-1. Price £29.50. Wolfe Medical Publications Ltd, London.

Colour Atlas of Dermato-Immunohistocytology edited by H. Ueki and H. Yaoita, 1989, 162 pages. Hard cover. ISBN 0-7234-1584-6. Price £110.00. Wolfe Medical Publications Ltd, London.