

## BOOK REVIEW

*Laser in Dermatology* by S. W. Lanigan. Hardcover. 112 pages. ISBN 1-85233-277-8. Price DM 198. Springer-Verlag, Heidelberg. 2000.

In recent years, lasers have revolutionized the treatment of some dermatological conditions, e. g. naevus flammeus. The author of this book explains the physical properties of laser radiation in an elegant and easy to understand way. There is even a chapter dealing with the safe use of lasers, which is an important aspect of their everyday use.

The chapter entitled "Laser treatment of cutaneous vascular lesions" gives "hands-on" recommendations. However, a table demonstrating suitable energy levels would have been of value.

The chapter dealing with carbon dioxide and erbium:YAG lasers is well written and up to date, and includes resurfacing. This has become a major field in laser dermatology, especially

in the US. Unfortunately, some of the photographs taken before and after treatment do not have the same exposure settings and this therefore makes it difficult to evaluate the effect of treatment.

Recently, lasers have been used for hair removal and the book gives a thorough description of this procedure. The section dealing with photodynamic therapy is too short and should either have been extended or omitted. The book is often rather text-heavy and there is a relative lack of tables which makes it quite difficult to read in places. In summary though, this book is valuable for dermatologists using lasers.

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

*The XVIII Congress of the Italian Society of Andrology* will be held in Venice, Italy, on **December 5–8 2001**. For further information, please contact the Italian Society of Andrology, via Bellotti Bon 10, 00197 Rome, Italy. Tel/fax: +39-06 8069 1301. E-mail: siandrologia@it.

*British Epidermo-Epidemiology Society (BEES) Annual Course: Getting to Grips with Evidence-Based Dermatology* will be held in Nottingham, UK on **January 30–February 1, 2002**. Inf: Trent Institute for Health Services Research, B Floor, Medical School, Queen's Medical Centre, Nottingham NG7 2UH, United Kingdom. Tel: +44 115 9709765. Fax: +44 115 9709766. joanne.elliott@nottingham.ac.uk.

*Annual Meeting: British Society for Investigative Dermatology* in Norwich, UK on **March 25–27, 2002**. Inf: Prof NJ Reynolds, University Department of Dermatology, Medical School, Framlington Place, Newcastle upon Tyne NE2 4HH, UK. Tel: +44 191 22271107 or 2228936. Fax: +44 191 222 7094. bsid@ncl.ac.uk.

*The 23<sup>rd</sup> Course of Annual Archachon Course of Pediatric Dermatology* in Archachon on **April 2–5, 2002**, France. Topics: Pathology of the Genitalia, Immunopallergology and Drug Eruptions, Vasculitis and Systemic Diseases, Workshop: Photoprotection and Phototherapy – Clinical Cases. Inf: Gisèle Latournerie, Unité de Dermatologie, Hôpital Pellegrin Enfants, F-33076 Bordeaux, France. Tel: +33 556 795642. Fax: +33 556 795987. gisela.latournerie@chu-bordeaux.fr

*20<sup>th</sup> World Congress of Dermatology* in Paris, France on **July 1–5, 2002**. Inf: Congress Secretariat, 12, rue de la Croix Faubin- FR-75557 Paris Cedex 11, France. Tel +33-1 4464 1515, Fax: +33-1 4464 1516. p.fournier@colloquium.fr.

*10<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Behçet's Disease* in Berlin, Germany on **June 27–29 2002**. Inf: Prof. DR. CH. C. Zouboulis, Department of Dermatology, University Medical

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*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.

*Clinical Management of Children and Adults with Epidermolysis Bullosa – a Multidisciplinary International Symposium* on **November 7–8, 2002** in London, UK. Inf: DEBRA UK, DEBRA House, 13, Wellington Business Park, Dukes Ride, Crowthorne, Berks RG14 6LS, UK. Tel: +44 7779 221909. Fax: +44 1344762777. sue.glazier@btinternet.com

*7<sup>th</sup> Congress of the European Society for Paediatric Dermatology* on **November 21–23, 2002** in Barcelona, Spain. Inf: RCT-TorreLazur.Mccann, Josep Irla I Bosch, 5-7, E-08034 Barcelona, Spain, Tel: +34 932064646, Fax: +34 93 2049732. rct@tlm-rct.com

*1<sup>st</sup> Joint Meeting, 14<sup>th</sup> International Congress for Bioengineering and the Skin and 8<sup>th</sup> Congress of the International Society for Skin Imaging* on **May 21–24, 2003** in Hamburg, Germany. Inf: AKM Congress Service GmbH, Hauptstraße 18, D-79576 Weil an Rhein, Germany. Tel +49 76 219833-0. Fax: +49 76 217871-4. akmweil@akmcongress.com

*The IX International Congress of Dermatology* on **May, 2004** in Beijing, China. Inf: ICD2004 Secretariat Department of Foreign Relations Chinese Medical Association 42 Dongsi Xidajie, Beijing 100710, China Tel: 0086 (10) 6527 8804/6527 8803/6525 0394 Fax: 0086 (10) 6512 3754 email: ICD2004@chinamed.com.cn