

## BOOKS RECEIVED

*Skin diseases after organ transplantation* by S. Euvrard, J. Kanitakis and A. Claudy, 1998. 228 pages. ISBN 2-7420-0240-5. Paperback. Price FF320.-; US\$58. John Libbey Eurotext.

Skin symptoms and signs due to long-term immunosuppressive therapy are an increasing problem world-wide. The most common reason for such immunosuppression is probably organ transplantation. There are now many patients who have been continuously immunosuppressed for more than 30 years following the beginning of kidney transplantation in the 60s. Sooner or later most of these patients will develop skin complication, such as chronic viral infections and UV-induced cancer. It is therefore important that both dermatologists and other physicians prescribing immunosuppressive drugs are aware of the latest development in this field. The book edited by a Lyon group of specialists (Euvrard, Kanitakis and

Claudy) fills a gap in the literature. The editors have recruited almost 40 authors mainly from France, who together cover a wide range of expertise, extending from the present situation in organ transplantation and immunology to recent advances in the diagnostics and treatment of skin problems associated with immunosuppression and graft-versus host reactions. In most of the 27 chapters the reference lists appear up-to-date and the text is well written. However, some of the introductory chapters about immunology and viral infections would have benefited from more illustrations and tables summarizing the rather complex issues that are discussed. Plenty coloured clinical illustrations appear at the end of the book. By and large, the book by Euvrard, Kanitakis and Claudy is very useful and well worth its price. Since it is a paperback type of edition it can easily go into the pocket and be carried during the ward rounds.

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

*3rd International Symposium on Pediatric Dermatology and 6th Congress of the European Society for Paediatric Dermatology* in Rome, Italy on **September 13–18, 1999**. Inf: Giuseppe Fabrizi, Department of Dermatology, University of the Sacred Heart, L.go A. Gemelli, 8, IT-00168 Roma, Italy. Tel/fax: +39-06 3013250. E-mail: fabrizi.unicat-derm@ntt.it

*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, IT-00168 Rome, Italy. Tel/Fax: +39-6 3013250.

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

*European Nail Society 2<sup>nd</sup> International Meeting* in Amsterdam, The Netherlands on **September 29, 1999**. Inf: Dr Josette Andre, Dermatology Unit, CHU Saint-Pierre, 129 Bld. de Waterloo, BE-1000 Brussels, Belgium.

*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, NL1075 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: +1-216 444 5722. Fax: +1-216 231 5448.

### *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.

*International Contact Dermatitis Course* in Bangkok on **October 21–24, 1999**. Inf: Ms Doris Holloway, Course Organiser, St. John's Institute of Dermatology, Contact Dermatitis Clinic, St. Thomas' Hospital, London SE1 7EH, United Kingdom. Tel: +44-171 9289292 ext. 1368. Fax: +44-171 6200890. E-mail: doris.holloway@umds.ac.uk

*First European Symposium on Tele dermatology* in Jena, Germany on **November 19–20, 1999**. Inf: Mrs K. Olbertz/Ms U. Berndt, Department of Dermatology, Friedrich Schiller University, Erfurter Straße 35, DE-07740 Jena, Germany. Tel: +49-3641 937431/937367. Fax: +49-3641 937430. E-mail: berndt@derma.uni-jena.de; kolb@derma.uni-jena.de

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

*17<sup>th</sup> Fortbildungswoche für Praktische Dermatologie und Venereologie* in Munich, Germany on **July 23–28, 2000**. Lectures will be held in German. Inf: Fortbildungswoche für Praktische Dermatologie und Venereologie e.V. c/o Department of Dermatology, Ludwig-Maximilians-University Munich, Frauenlobstr. 9-11, DE-80337 Munich, Germany. Tel: +49-89 5160 6065. Fax: +49-89 5160 6066.

*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. 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.