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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 Original, unpublished papers are invited, and a committee will select the winner.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.


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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