

SCHÖNFELD, H. — **Antiparasitic Chemotherapy**. Basel, S. Karger, 1981. 288p., 19 fig., 14 tab. ISBN 3-8055-2160-X. (Antibiotics and Chemotherapy, v. 30)

Frequent international travels have extended the geographical incidence of parasitic diseases and broadened their importance as a threat to human health. In response, medical professionals have devoted increasing attention to the development of adequate methods for the diagnosis, management, and prevention of these diseases. This volume provides a summary of the knowledge which has resulted from recent studies and trials, particularly concerning the applications of chemotherapy and chemoprophylaxis.

The volume contains 11 reviews contributed by experts known for their work in this field. Each review focuses on a human parasitic disease whose severity, prevalence, or complexity has made the need for knowledge particularly urgent. Diseases covered range from the highly prevalent intestinal parasitic infections

to the syndromes associated with Chagas' disease. For each disease, an effort has been made to consolidate relevant data in such important areas as epidemiology, pathophysiology, pathogenesis, clinical features, immunology, laboratory models, and advances in drug treatment. Concerning drugs and chemotherapy, emphasis has been placed on identifying the merits and shortcomings of drugs presently available as well as the potential of those now under trial. Particularly important are contributions demonstrating that certain parasitoses are far more severe than previously considered.

The inclusion of over 1200 references helps qualify this work as an essential source book for all chemotherapists, immunologists, clinical pathologists, and microbiologists concerned with the investigation, treatment, or control of human parasitic diseases.

BIER, Otto G.; SILVA, Wilmar Dias da; GÖTZE, Dietrich & MOTA, I. — **Fundamentals of Immunology**. New York, Springer Verlag, 1981. ISBN 0-387 90529 4.

This textbook of basic and clinical immunology has been written primarily for medical and biology students who are receiving their first introduction to this fascinating field. Although some knowledge of basic biology (particularly physiology and biochemistry) is presumed, the primary intent has not been to cover in depth the latest research findings. The first part of the text presents the various components of basic immunology, while the second

shows how these elements interact under both normal physiologic and pathologic conditions.

To facilitate comprehension of the relationship between basic and clinical immunology, the Authors have introduced cross-references throughout the book. A glossary of important terms has also been included. Selected references are provided with each chapter to guide the student to additional information on topics of special interest.

ANDERSON, W.A.D. & KISSANE, J.M. — **Patologia**; traduzido sob a supervisão de professores do Departamento de Patologia da Faculdade de Medicina da USP. Sétima edição. Rio de Janeiro, Guanabara Koogan, 1982. 2v. ilus.

Patologia, de ANDERSON & KISSANE constitui-se em obra clássica e texto de leitura obrigatória para os estudantes de Medicina. A Editora Guanabara Koogan, contando com a colaboração dos Professores do Departamento de Patologia da Faculdade de Medicina da USP acaba e dar à publicidade a tradução da 7.ª edição do original em inglês, prestando valiosa colaboração aos estudantes e demais interessados pela Patologia, com todas as suas implicações na Medicina clínica. Em esforço meritório ficam salientados neste excelente volu-

me, as relações clínico-patológicas tão importantes para a compreensão de qualquer quadro mórbido. As bases celulares da doença e o estudo sistemático dos processos inflamatórios e das neoplasias, as lesões celulares por erro de metabolismo, a patologia ambiental, bem como as alterações de todos os órgãos e vísceras são analisados neste magnífico tratado apresentado em dois volumes, com rica ilustração. Só nos resta louvar o trabalho dos tradutores, bem como da Editora Guanabara Koogan, lançando este livro de sucesso editorial garantido.