

BOOK REVIEW

ENDOCRINOLOGY AND DIABETES. THE THIRTIETH HAHNEMANN SYMPOSIUM, edited by Leonard J. Kryston, M.D., and Ralph A. Shaw, M.D., Ph.D. \$29.75, 533 pages, New York, Grune and Stratton, 1975.

This book is comprised of lectures given during the Thirtieth International Symposium conducted by the Hahnemann Medical College and Hospital in Philadelphia in May, 1973. It has forty-nine chapters compiled by sixty-seven authors; the chapters are grouped into ten parts: (1) Hormonal action and control mechanisms; (2) Pituitary disorders; (3) Thyroid disorders; (4) Adrenal disease; (5) Problems of calcium metabolism; (6) Gonadal disorders; (7) Diagnosis and treatment of diabetes mellitus; (8) Management of the difficult diabetic; (9) Vascular complications of diabetes; and (10) Hypoglycemia. This ambitious outline may suggest that the editors are in competition with Williams' *Textbook of Endocrinology* in offering the reader a complete, concise, and precise review of the broad field of endocrinology. This unfortunately is not the case.

The text lacks cohesiveness. Firstly, there is little or no coordination between chapters in content or style. Secondly, there is no obvious relationship between the space allotted to a topic and the clinical prevalence of or the amount of new knowledge acquired in that entity. Thirdly, regardless of the length of the chapters and the prominence of their respective authors, some topics are discussed very superficially and casually while others contain thorough, factual, and valuable information delivered skillfully. Fourthly, in some chapters areas are reviewed by individuals who themselves had not contributed to the available information as investigators, while in others relevant findings are reported for the first time in a scientific manner.

The preface of the book indicates that recent advances in endo-

crinology and diabetes are being covered and rational approaches in the application of these advances to clinical practice are being offered. Many but not all chapters satisfy the first of these goals. However, the date of the Symposium was May, 1973, not 1975! A two-year lag period in the publication of the proceedings of a symposium that had the goal of reviewing the recent advances in a field of dynamic research is most disadvantageous. Such a delay would not have been acceptable even if the contents were presentations of newly acquired information for the first time. Furthermore, the coverage of the advances is frequently incomplete even for 1973. On the contrary, some chapters contain dogma that has been excluded from modern textbooks of endocrinology. The second goal, namely that of application of new knowledge to clinical medicine, is also partially fulfilled and in a superficial, disorganized manner.

The attractive cover and the fine quality of paper and print reflect the immense time and effort that must have been put into the preparation of this book. This reviewer is frustrated and saddened not to be able to identify a fulfilled purpose or place for this publication. There are two obvious conclusions: (1) The proceedings of a postgraduate review course in endocrinology and metabolism are extremely difficult to mold into a useful format in a sufficiently short period of time. The syllabi in outline form distributed to the audience at the time of such postgraduate courses are far more meaningful, efficient, and functional. (2) There is an urgent need for "reform" in the establishment called "postgraduate review course." The objectives and goals of such courses have to be identified and defined carefully, the methods for their implementation have to be described professionally by educators, investigators, and clinicians, and the end product should be scrutinized at all levels at all times in an attempt to improve them continuously. SUMER PEK, M.D.

ORGANIZATION SECTION

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November 15 is the deadline for applications for the 1976-77 Research and Development Awards and for Established Investigatorships. December 1 is the deadline for applications for the 1976 Lilly Award. Requirements were published in the July issue of the JOURNAL.

NEWS OF AFFILIATE ASSOCIATIONS

The NEW JERSEY AFFILIATE will hold a symposium, "Diabetes Mellitus: a Syndrome or Disease?" on Saturday, November 5, 1975, starting at 9 a.m., at the Beth Israel Medical Center, Newark. Speakers will be Elliot J. Rayfield, M.D., Mount Sinai School of Medicine ("The Viral Etiology of Diabetes Mellitus and Prediabetes"); William L. Chick, M.D., Harvard Medical School and Joslin Research Laboratory ("Beta Cell Neogenesis and Regeneration"); Sami A. Hashim, M.D., St. Luke's Hospital, New York ("Obesity and Diabetes"); Noel K. Maclaren, M.D., University of Baltimore, Md. ("Juvenile Diabetes—an Autoimmune Disease?"); Norman H. Ertel, M.D., VA Hospital, East Orange, N.J. ("Endocrine Diabetes: Acromegaly and Pheochromocytoma"); Phillip Gorden, M.D., National Institute of Arthritis, Metabolism, and Digestive Diseases, Bethesda, Md. ("Potassium and Diabetes"); and Hugh J. Carroll, M.D., Downstate Medical Center, Brooklyn, N.Y. ("Hyperosmolar Nonketotic Coma, Pathogenesis and Management"). Address New Jersey Affiliate, Inc. ADA, 345 Union St., Hackensack, N.J. 07601.

The BUFFALO DIABETES ASSOCIATION, in cosponsorship with Continuing Medical Education and Continuing Nursing Education of the State University of New York at Buffalo presents its First Annual Allied Health Professional Diabetes Teaching Day, "Diabetes in a Nutshell," at Mercy Hospital on September 18. Speakers will be Joseph P. Armenia, M.D., Margaret Hall, R.D., Grace McCabe, R. Pharm., Thomas E. Imhoff, Pharm. D., Jack Goldman, M.D., Kathleen M. Moreland, R.D., Diane Anger, R.N., Christine Sczupak, Pharm. D., Alfred R. Lenzner, M.D., Edward H. Fischman, D.P.M., Louis J. Antonucci, M.D., Paul

J. Davis, M.D., Robert W. Schultz, M.D., and James Kanski, M.D. Registration fees of \$12 (health professionals) or \$5 (students) may be sent to Mrs. Patricia T. Farrell, 139 Capen Blvd., Buffalo, N.Y. 14226.

The FLORIDA DIABETES ASSOCIATION will offer a course, "Advances in Understanding Diabetes," its twenty-third annual seminar, on October 24-26. The fee is \$75. Address Thomas B. White, M.D., 11051 Northeast Sixth Ave., Miami, Fla. 33161. The program will be given at the Americana Hotel, Bal Harbour, and carries ten hours' credit.

The DELAWARE VALLEY AFFILIATE will present the annual Philadelphia Diabetes Forum at 1 p.m., November 7, at the College of Physicians of Philadelphia, 19 South 22nd St. Dr. Albert I. Winegrad will be chairman. Alfred F. Michael, M.D., Professor of Pediatrics, University of Minnesota, will discuss diabetic nephropathy. Donal A. Walsh, Ph.D., Associate Professor of Biochemistry, University of California at Davis, will discuss the regulation of protein phosphorylation. Leonard S. Jefferson, Ph.D., Professor of Physiology, Hershey Medical Center, Pennsylvania State University, will discuss the hormonal control of protein turnover. E. Rudolf Froesch, M.D., Professor of Pathophysiology, University of Zurich, Switzerland, will discuss non-suppressible insulin like activity (NSILA-s). Roger H. Unger, M.D. Professor of Medicine, University of Texas, Southwestern Medical School, Dallas, will give the annual F.D.W. Lukens Honor Lecture. Albert E. Renold, M.D., Director of the Institute of Clinical Biochemistry and Vice Rector University of Geneva, Switzerland, will give the annual W.C. Stadie Honor Lecture. Registration is required. For information and registration forms contact Georgina Faludi, M.D., Chairman, Organization Committee, American Diabetes Association, Delaware Valley Affiliate, 919 Walnut St., Philadelphia, Pa. 19107.

NEWS NOTES

JAPAN AND PHILIPPINES

The Education Division of the Joslin Diabetes Foundation, Boston, is holding its Fifth International Postgraduate Course, "Diabetes in General Medicine," in Japan and the Philippines. ADA members taking part are Robert F. Bradley, M.D., A. Richard Christlieb, M.D., Alexander Marble, M.D., J. Stuart Soeldner, M.D., and Leo P. Krall, M.D. The Second Symposium on Diabetes in Asia, held in association with the University of Kobe, takes place September 10 and 11 in Kyoto, the Postgraduate Course, cosponsored by the Japanese University Group for Continuing Education September 13 and 14 in Osaka. The group will divide up to give lectures in Kobe, Sendai, Osaka, and Sapporo before leaving for Manila for a Diabetes Seminar on September 21, 22, and 23, in cooperation with the Philippine Diabetes Association and the Association of Philippine Medical Colleges.

SAN FRANCISCO

"Diabetes and Selected Endocrine Diseases," a course cosponsored by Extended Programs in Medical Education of the University of California School of Medicine and the Northern California Affiliate of the American Diabetes Association, will take place in San Francisco October 15-17. Peter H. Forsham, M.D., U.C. School of Medicine, San Francisco, will be Chairman; his cochairmen are John E. Gerich, M.D., Lt. Commander, Naval Regional Medical Center, Oakland, and U.C. School of Medicine, San Francisco; Gerold M. Grodsky, Ph.D., San Francisco; John H.