Book Review

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In recent years, the field of bronchopulmonary mycosis has greatly expanded, and those who need comprehensive information on the subject usually have to consult many specialized publications. This is time consuming. Together with his Toulouse colleagues, R. Bollinelli has provided a useful review on the subject. This 250-page book is well conceived. After an introduction on diagnostic measures (mycology and immunology) and physiopathology, the various mycotic diseases that can be observed in Europe and on the other continents are reviewed. Comparative characteristics of the different organisms are summarized in numerous tables. In this respect, it is regrettable that serological data on non-European mycoses have not been shown as well, as by a good knowledge of them many mistakes and useless investigations can be avoided. Some chapters such as the chapter on aspergillosis are excellent, whereas others such as the serological diagnosis of deep mycosis are somewhat incomplete. The bibliography is often too French-oriented, even ignoring basic foreign contributions. The authors have deliberately omitted X-ray photographs, thinking they are not characteristic enough, but the 5 X-ray photographs illustrating aspergillosis are badly reproduced.

On the whole, this book gives an overview on broncho-pulmonary mycosis which will be useful for students rather than for physicians confronted with particular and day-to-day diagnostic problems. R. de Haller, Geneve

Erratum

In the article by G. Schultze-Werninghaus, published in vol. 41: 239-247 (1981) the following entitled «Anticholinergic versus β2-Adrenergic error should be corrected: page 241, the legend Therapy in Allergic Airways Obstruction» and to Fig. 1 refers to Fig. 2, and vice versa.