Numerous New Oncological Textbooks Recently Published

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It has been generally noticed that numerous new oncological textbooks and manuals have been published in the Central European (German-speaking) countries in 1995 and early 1996.

‘Therapiekonzepte Onkologie’, edited by S. Seeber and J. Schütte, has been published in 1993. Only two years later, in 1995, the 2nd edition – now including contributions from no less than 72 authors and doubling the number of pages – appeared [1]. The same publisher, Springer, also announced the 2nd edition of the well-known ‘Kompendium Internistische Onkologie’, which was first published in 1986/1987. H.-J. Schmoll, K. Höffken and K. Possinger are now the editors of the two-volume paperback [2]. The first volume, which appeared on occasion of the 22nd German Cancer Congress in February 1996, presents basic articles about antineoplastic agents, toxicity, prophylactic and supportive therapy. The 2nd volume, which will be available by now, is summing up the number of pages to over 3000 and describes the management of leukemias, lymphomas and solid tumors. ‘Onkologie. Grundlagen – Diagnostik – Therapie – Entwicklungen’ is a recently (1995) instituted textbook edited by W.J. Zeller and H. zur Hausen, both being members of the German Cancer Research Center Heidelberg [3]. The voluminous loose-leaf edition contains contributions of 63 authors. New or revised articles are planned to be integrated in the near future. Presently, the major part of this book describes tumor diagnostic methods, antineoplastic agents, and principles of anticancer therapy. Another textbook published in 1995 is entitled ‘Ambulante Onkologie’, edited by W. Achenbach, R. Hinterberger and H.E. Wander [4]. The subtitle refers to it as a handbook of prevention, diagnosis, therapy and follow-up of tumor treatment. It is also based on the conception of a loose-leaf system which allows easy actualization of the content. Presently, 28 authors have been participating, presenting practical information to those working in ambulatory practice. A few years ago the German Cancer Society set up a quality assurance program in oncology. Within this program a panel of experts was built up to define diagnostic standards for different tumor entities. As a first result of this effort a booklet was published in 1995 by P. Hermanek entitled ‘Diagnostische Standards. Lungen-, Magen-, Pankreas- und kolorektales Karzinom’ [5]. The first part describes the most important diagnostic methods including methodological standards. The second part shortly summarizes the standard diagnostic procedures recommended for each tumor. The description of organ-specific standards of other tumor entities is also planned. Furthermore, a large manual of the Arbeitsgemeinschaft Deutscher Tumorzentren (ADT), entitled ‘Organspezifische Tumordokumentation’, edited by G. Wagner and P. Hermanek [6], came to our attention. Organ-specific documentation sheets according to the ADT guidelines for at least 35 solid tumors are presented.

In addition, some smaller and/or more specialized textbooks have been published, namely ‘Medikamentöse Therapie Maligner Erkrankungen’, 3rd edition [7], ‘Angewandte Onkologie’

[8], 'Basis-dokumentation für Tumorkranke' [9], 'Basiswissen Onkologie' [10], and 'Hämatologie für Praxis und Klinik' [11]. Finally, a new textbook 'Internistische Onkologie' is prepared by Austrian medical oncologists and will be published within the next months [12]. The editors of ONKOLOGIE have asked experts to review these new publications and request their readers to focus their attention to the Book Reviews in the forthcoming issues.

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