Book Review

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The first part of volume 4 (Larynx) presents, in an updated form, a basic text on laryngology: anatomy, physiology and pathophysiology of the larynx; indirect and direct laryngoscopy as well as functional tests used in phoniatrics. A chapter on acute and chronic laryngitis (including the rare and therefore easily overlooked specific types like tuberculosis and syphilis of the larynx) is followed by a rather short but important treatise on injuries of the larynx and the trachea (diagnosis and management). Even shorter but equally instructive is the comprehensive discussion of recurrent laryngeal nerve surgery which carries the mark of competent authors with a great experience in the field of reconstructive nerve surgery.

Chapters on functional disorders of the voice and speech pathology complete this volume. These subjects, sometimes neglected but notwithstanding integral parts of laryngology, are presented by experts who provide concise information essential for the understanding of speech and voice disturbances. Particularly instructive and even entertaining is the treatise on the functional problems of actors and singers as seen from the angle of the laryngologist. Illustrations are generous and complementary to the text in every instance. Comprehensive reference material is included for further study. All those who have subscribed to the second edition of this series of ORL handbooks are looking forward to the publication of the second part of volume 4 which will complete this second edition.

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