Book Reviews

Livres nouveaux * Buchbesprechungen
Joseph Jankovic, Mark Hallett Therapy with Botulinum Toxin
Here we have an outstanding volume presenting the latest developments in the therapeutic applications of botulinum toxin, which revolutionized the hitherto standard approaches to various dystonias and other neuromuscular disorders.
Its particular conception is that of a handbook combined with a collection of reports and studies by experienced researchers and clinicians in this field. Thus one gets more detailed and up-to-date information about the topic, from the beginning of botulinum toxin therapy to the latest developments in basic science concerning the toxin. The last part comprises the therapeutic indications for the most diverse and difficult motor neuron dysfunctions.
The reader realizes that botulinum toxin research is still in a dynamic stage. More effective products are expected to improve as yet insufficiently treatable and disabling symptoms. The book is meeting the expectations of readers, especially in the fields of ophthalmology and neurology.
Zubcov, Frankfurt

A. A. Bialasiewicz, K. P. School
Infections Diseases of the Eye
New innovative techniques in Ophthalmology, especially minimally invasive operations like phacoemulsification with small incisions, clear-cut cornea and silicon intraocular lenses or excimer laser PRK, are definitely beneficial for the patients and allow faster healing!
Nevertheless, in all operative procedures, there is the possibility of the development of intra- or postoperative infections. Infections Diseases of the Eye combines new publications on postoperative infections with a reasonable amount of basic knowledge for the ophthalmologist with additional suggestions for treatment. This piece of information which is still missing in ophthalmological works just fills one chapter of the bock.
Special infections like contact-lens-associated acanthamoeba keratitis are discussed at considerable length, Lyme disease even fills a chapter of its own.
The methodical structure allows easy access for the interested ophthalmologist, depending on whether the anterior or posterior part of the eye is concerned. Infectiologists and clinical microbiologists find an equally good structure concerning bacteriological and mycoid eye infections based on etiology.
The last chapter of the book gives an important review of ocular infections in tropical medicine with corresponding suggestions for treatment.
Only the form of figures and scales may give rise to some criticism as they are quite often small and could be more informative if printed in color. An additional chapter on AIDS would be another asset.
Bialasiewicz and Schaal created a new standard with their book, they combine a reference book with basic knowledge without forgetting current topics of infections in ophthalmology.

H. O. G. Giimbel, Frankfurt
Gregoiy R. Bock, Jamie A. Goode
Higher-Order Processing in the Visual System

This book consists of a series of papers written by leading neurophysiologists and psychophysicists about the research status in visual processing. The ambiguous sounding title can be understood either as ‘nonlinear processing’ which would be occurring at any anatomical level or ‘higher level processing’ occurring at progressively higher levels of the visual pathway beyond the primary visual cortex. The excellent discussions of each paper and the final discussion integrate opinions of physiologists and psychophysicists and bring us to the point. We are confronted with theories about visual processing and with their alternatives. What are the roles of VI and V2, do cells in VI contribute to cortical evoked potentials? There are discrepancies in research results between physiologists and psychophysicists. The neurophysiologists’ more mechanical approach to the problem might be the cause. The book addresses especially researchers in the field of visual processing, it is, however also highly recommended for strabis-mologists and neuro-ophthalmologists.

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