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Introduction

In recent years, numerous publications have pointed to the particular problems of health and hygiene that have resulted from mass tourism in tropical regions as well as from the foreign travels, for political and business purposes, of inhabitants from these regions.

For the most part, these publications have concentrated on the major infectious diseases, with malaria continuing to require prime attention despite intense efforts to eradicate this disease. In civilized countries, other parasitic diseases tend to be regarded as insignificant and rare - so rare, in fact, that they seldom achieve mention in the colorful brochures issued by travel agencies. It is exactly these lesser known parasitoses, however, that can pose a particularly dangerous and insidious threat to human health.

The present volume of Antibiotics and Chemotherapy is intended to serve as a source of information covering important human parasitoses which have received inadequate attention. The editors are aware that a complete review of all such diseases would be beyond the scope of this series and have therefore chosen to concentrate on selected disorders of major interest.

Unfortunately, two contributions scheduled to cover schistosomiasis and distome flukes were not submitted in time. These papers will appear in forthcoming issues of the journal Chemotherapy.

In keeping with the editorial policy of Antibiotics and Chemotherapy, all contributions feature the original work of well-known experts. The editorial board respects the authority of these contributions and has not altered their contents.

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