

Notes & Announcements

New Head, Division of Neurology, University of Toronto

Dr. J.A. Sharpe was appointed Head of the Division of Neurology, University of Toronto, in November 1989. The previous incumbent, Dr. J.R. Wherret, has just returned from a sabbatical in the Netherlands and will rejoin the Division as an active member of the Neurology Staff. Dr. Sharpe will continue both his research activities in oculomotor and vestibular physiology at The Toronto Hospital, and his duties as Head of Neurology at the Toronto Hospital.

New Head, Division of Clinical Neurological Sciences, University of Western Ontario, London, Ontario

Dr. V.C. Hachinski became the Richard and Beryl Ivey Professor and Chairman of the Department of Clinical Neurological Sciences, University of Western Ontario, in February 1990, taking over from Dr. John Girvin. Dr. Hachinski joined the Department in January, 1980, having previously been in the Faculty of Medicine, Division of Neurology, University of Toronto, until 1980.

Diagnosis of poliomyelitis in Canada

Dr. Anne Carter, Secretary, National Advisory Committee on Immunization, Health and Welfare Canada, wants to encourage

physicians to exert a higher degree of suspicion of the possibility of polio in Canada. Since November, 1987, there have been six cases in Canada, five being vaccine associated and one wild. If the potential diagnosis is not entertained early, appropriate diagnostic work-up and treatment is delayed. The major differential is Guillain Barre polyneuropathy.

Canadian leads team in brain study

Dr. Harold Robertson, a pharmacologist at Dalhousie University, heads a Canadian team of seven scientists in an international project involving the USA, Japan and Britain. The \$25 million project is to investigate the role of dopamine in Parkinson's, Huntington's disease and schizophrenia.

New Chairman, American College of Physicians

Dr. Thomas J. Murray became Chairman of the American College of Physicians' Board of Governors at the 71st Annual Session in Chicago, April, 1990. The ACP is the largest medical-specialty society in North America, consisting of 67,000 members. Dr. Murray is at present Dean and Professor of Medicine at Dalhousie University, and was past president of the Canadian Congress of Neurological Sciences.

Books Received

CHRONIC EPILEPSY: ITS PROGNOSIS AND MANAGEMENT. By Michael R. Trimble. Published by John Wiley and Sons, Inc. 272 pages. \$72 Cdn. approx.

NEONATAL SEIZURES 1990. Edited by Claude G. Wasterlain and Paul Vert. Published by Raven Press. 336 pages. \$109 Cdn. approx.

NEUROBIOLOGY OF PANIC DISORDER. By James C. Ballenger. Published by John Wiley and Sons, Inc. 391 pages. \$105 Cdn. approx.

NEURO-OPHTHALMOLOGY – 2ND EDITION. By Joel S. Glaser. Published by J.B. Lippincott Company. 554 pages. \$82 Cdn. approx.

NEURO-TRANSMITTER RELEASE: THE NEUROMUSCULAR JUNCTION. By Francesco Clementi and Jacopo Meldolesi. Published by Academic Press. 232 pages. \$37.50 Cdn. approx.

NEUROTRANSMITTERS IN EMBRYOGENESIS. By G.A. Buznikov. Published by Harwood Academic Publishers. 526 pages. \$275 Cdn. approx.

PARKINSON'S DISEASE. By Gerald Stern. Published by The John Hopkins University Press. 688 pages. \$127 Cdn. approx.

SEROTONIN AND 5-HT₂-RECEPTOR-BLOCKADE IN THE CARDIOVASCULAR SYSTEM. By Manfred Gothert. Published by Gustav Fischer Verlag. 88 pages. \$96 Cdn. approx.

THE PERIPHERAL NERVE: STRUCTURE, FUNCTION AND RECONSTRUCTION 1990. By Julia K. Terzia and Kevin L. Smith. Published by Raven Press. 192 pages. \$60 Cdn. approx.

THE TREATMENT OF INFANTILE HYDROCEPHALUS. VOLUMES I AND II. By Concezio Di Rocco. Published by CRC Press. 325 pages. \$242 Cdn. approx.