

## Books Received

**BIOGENETICS OF NEUROHORMONAL PEPTIDES.** Edited by Rolf Hakanson & Jan Thorell. Published by Academic Press (Harcourt Brace Jovanovich). 303 pages. \$55 Cdn. approx.

**BIOLOGY OF THE NERVE GROWTH CONE.** Edited by Stanley Kater & Paul Letourneau. Published by Alan R. Liss Inc. 364 pages. \$58 Cdn. approx.

**CLINICAL AND EXPERIMENTAL NEUROLOGY.** Edited by John H. Tyrer & Mervyn J. Eadie. Published by ADIS Health Science Press. 264 pages. \$87 Cdn. approx.

**CORRELATIVE NEURORADIOLOGY.** 2nd edition. By Ronald G. Quisling and Preston R. Lotz. Published by John Wiley & Sons. 422 pages. \$89 Cdn. approx.

**ELECTRO-MYOGRAPHY AND EVOKED POTENTIALS.** Edited by A. Struppler and A. Weindl. Published by Springer-Verlag. 268 pages. \$42 Cdn. approx.

**ENERGETIC ASPECTS OF MUSCLE CONTRACTION.** Monographs of the Physiological Society No. 41. By Roger C. Woledge, Nancy A. Curtin, Earl Homsher. 357 pages. \$111.50 Cdn.

**HANDBOOK OF REGIONAL ANESTHESIA.** By P. Prithvi Raj. Published by Churchill Livingstone. 285 pages. \$58 Cdn.

**INTERNATIONAL REVIEW OF NEUROBIOLOGY.** Volume 26. Edited by John R. Smythies, and Ronald J. Bradley. Published by Academic Press Inc. (Harcourt Brace Jovanovich). 342 pages. \$85 Cdn. approx.

**MIGRAINE AND ITS VARIANTS.** By George Selby. Published by ADIS Health Science Press. 153 pages. \$35 Cdn. approx.

**NEUROLINGUISTIC ASPECTS OF THE JAPANESE WRITING SYSTEM.** By Michel Paradis, Hiroke Hagiwara and Nancy Hilderbrandt. Published by Academic Press (Harcourt Brace Jovanovich). 222 pages. \$62 Cdn. approx.

**NEURO-OPHTHALMOLOGY: CLINICAL SIGNS AND SYMPTOMS.** 2nd edition. By Thomas J. Walsh. Published by Lea & Febiger. 499 pages. \$62 Cdn. approx.

**PRINCIPLES OF NEUROLOGY.** 3rd edition. By Raymond D. Adams & Maurice Victor. Published by McGraw Hill Ryerson. 1186 pages. \$87.75 Cdn.

**TAURINE BIOLOGICAL ACTIONS AND CLINICAL PERSPECTIVES.** Series: Progress in Clinical and Biological Research Vol. 179. Edited by Sima S. Oja, Liisa Ahtee, Pirjo Kontro, Matti K. Paasonen. Published by Alan R. Liss, Inc. 500 pages. \$89 Cdn. approx.

**TEXTBOOK OF NEUROPATHOLOGY.** By Richard L. Davis & David M. Robertson. Published by Williams & Wilkins. 900 pages. \$170 Cdn. approx.

**THE SPECTRUM OF PSYCHIATRIC RESEARCH.** Edited by Michael Shepherd. Published by Cambridge University Press. 240 pages. \$39 Cdn. approx.

**WALSH AND HOYT'S CLINICAL NEURO-OPHTHALMOLOGY.** 2nd edition. Volume 2. By Neil R. Miller. Published by Williams & Wilkins. 1133 pages. \$134 Cdn. approx.

## Notes and Announcements

### *Editor's Note* —

*With this issue we are pleased to welcome Dr. T.P. Morley as the new editor of the "Notes and Announcements" section of the Journal. Readers of the Journal, the sponsoring societies, and other organizations are encouraged to use this column on a regular basis. News items should be sent to Dr. Morley at P.O. Box 58, Claremont, Ontario L0H 1E0.*

### **Canadian Neurosurgical Society**

Pride of place must be given this quarter to the highly successful meeting in Toronto of the World Federation of Neurosurgical Societies. It brought credit to the whole Canadian neuroscience community. The choice of meeting place for this four yearly jamboree is always hotly contested, so it is to Alan Hudson's credit that he landed the honour. He and his unsung colleagues and their wives must have wondered at times if it was really worth it. But the judgement of those who came from far and near, including those of us who never lifted a finger to help, was enthusiastic. How Harold Hoffman managed to balance a budget of over a million dollars remains one of those minor miracles,

like the turning of the autumn leaves. You know it will happen but it still takes your breath away. These huge meetings have more the function of the *agora* than the intellectual retreat; good for communication, creativity can wait.

During the meeting a dinner was held at the King Edward Hotel to honour S. J. Peerless, the first C. G. Drake Professor of Neurosurgery at the University of Western Ontario. The guests represented world neurosurgery and the King Eddy rose splendidly to the occasion as one would expect from a member of the Savoy chain. Meanwhile the other member societies of the Canadian Congress of Neurological Sciences held their annual meeting in Montreal without the full participation of neurosurgeons for the first time since the founding of the Canadian Neurological Society and its progeny, the Congress.

### **Canadian Association of Neurological and Neurosurgical Nurses**

Axon is the quarterly journal of CANN. It emerges this September in its new finery, a shiny cover in colour. Its clinical articles and detailed in-house information — all forty four pages — have been put together by its two editors Pauline Weldon

and Irving Deale. CANN's cherished tradition of conducting their affairs bilingually is upheld throughout the journal. Altogether a credit to CANN. Is there any other specialty nursing group in the country with CANN's vigour and cohesion?

#### Canadian Society of Clinical Neurophysiologists

CSCN awards the Jasper Prize for research in clinical neurophysiology performed by a person in training in neuroscience or within three years of having received a doctorate or specialty certificate of the Royal College. Programme directors and doctorate supervisors are urged to channel their students' best work in the direction of the Jasper Prize.

The CSCN has generously surrendered the use of Dr. Penfield's name in connection with the annual guest lectureship which will in future be designated the CSCN Lectureship. Whether this lectureship was created after the Canadian Neurosurgical Society's Penfield Lectureship, or whether CSCN decided the surgical organisation had a more proprietary claim to the title, I do not know. But this gesture ends the confusion harmful to both societies.

CSCN is pressing for a prolongation of the required training in clinical EEG, evoked potentials and EMG from the present statutory six months. Too often it is the only period during training set aside for these skills. At the same time CSCN is compiling a list of accredited centres for training in clinical neurophysiology. This will include descriptions of current research activities, the availability of positions for graduate students or fellows, and the availability — or otherwise — of local funding.

The Society is considering the creation of a category of Junior Membership with reduced membership fee and journal

subscription, and the possibility of free attendance at the annual neurophysiology course.

New members: Myra Sourkes, Montreal (full member in the EEG and EMG sections); Paul Huang, Toronto (full member in the EEG section).

Officers:	President	T. Picton
	Secretary/Treasurer	R.D.G. Blair
	Councillors	W. Becker
		W. Brown
		T.E. Feasby
		D.R. McLean

#### Canadian Neurological Society

All the constituent medical societies of the Congress have ratified the Guidelines for the Determination of Brain Death. Apparently the Canadian Medical Association — and probably other bodies for all I know, since it is a topic with irresistible appeal to all sorts of organisations — has been working along the same lines and ruefully sees itself scooped. We would like to think, on the contrary, that the CMA's burden has been lightened.

CBC Radio has just issued a fulsome release promoting The Medicine Show, to start 2 October 1985 every Wednesday evening. Without doubt the determination of brain death will occupy an instalment. It is not clear from the release if the show will be aired nationwide or limited to Ontario and points east.

Past President T.J. Murray has been appointed Dean of the Faculty of Medicine at Dalhousie University.

We regret to report the deaths of Gilbert Adamson (Winnipeg), Keith Seamans (Saint John) and Bernard H. Smith (Buffalo).

## Calendar of Events

**December 3-4, 1985. The Annual Meeting of the American Epilepsy Society** will be held in New York City. Contact: American Epilepsy Society, 179 Allyn Street, Suite 304, Hartford, CT 06103.

**December 6-7, 1985. The Association for Research in Nervous and Mental Disease, Inc.** will hold its 65th Annual Meeting in New York City. "Implications of Molecular Neurobiology for Neurology and Psychiatry."

**January 26-February 1, 1986. 13th Annual Meeting of the Southern Clinical Neurological Society** will be held at Colony Beach and Tennis Resort, Longboat Key, Sarasota, Florida. Course title: Advances in Neurology. Contact: Millie F. Walden, Executive Secretary, Southern Neurological Society, 3425 S.W. 2nd Avenue, #153, Gainesville, Florida 32607.

**March 8-16, 1986. Postgraduate course on Functional and Stereotactic Neurosurgery** will be held in Garmisch-Partenkirchen, West Germany. Contact: Extended Programs in Medical Education, Registration Office, Room 569-U, University of California, San Francisco, California 94143 USA.

**March 16-20, 1986. 4th International Child Neurology Congress.** Contact: P.O. Box 29313, Tel Aviv 61292, Israel.

**April 17-19, 1986. Neurovascular Society of North America and the Society for Neurovascular Surgery.** Call for Abstracts deadline January 31, 1986. Contact: Program Chairman, NVNSA/SNVS Box 679, Oak Park, Illinois 60303 USA.

**June 15-18, 1986. The Second International Aphasia Rehabilitation Congress** will be held in Goteborg, Sweden. Contact: Second Aphasia Rehabilitation Congress, c/o BNL, Ostra Hamngatan 45, S-411 10 Goteborg, Sweden.

**June 24, 1986. First Canadian Symposium on the Organic Dementias** will be held in London, Ontario. Contact: Dr. M.J. Ball, Department of Pathology, University of Western Ontario, London, Ontario, Canada N6A 5C1. (519) 663-3384.

**June 24-28, 1986. The XXIst Canadian Congress of Neurological Sciences** will be held in London, Ontario. Contact: Dr. P. Cooper, Local Arrangements Chairman, XXI CCNS Office, Room 1-360, St. Joseph's Hospital, 268 Grosvenor Street, London, Ontario, Canada N6A 4V2.

**July 6-11, 1986. International Congress on Neuromuscular Diseases NMD VI** will be held in Los Angeles, California, USA. Contact: NMD VI, KAM 318, USC School of Medicine, 2025 Zonal Avenue, Los Angeles, CA 90033 USA.