## Guida allo Studio dell'Istologia Introduction to Histology

By Zaccaria Fumagalli (Rome). Published by Casa Editrice Dr. Francesco Vallardi - Società Editrice Libraria - Milan 1969. Paperback  $17 \times 24$  cm; XX + 576 pages; a total of 258 figures: 132 schematic drawings, 104 black-and-white and 22 colored illustrations. Methodological Appendix; single chapter references; subject index. Price: It. lire 17,000 (approx. US \$ 25.00).

This new textbook of histology is the result of a long teaching experience, which has eventually resulted, in the Institute of Anatomy of the University of Rome, in the use of the most modern audiovisive techniques, so as to give all students the possibility of a really direct approach to morphology.

It is divided into two main parts. Part one gives the fundamentals of cytology (including cell physiology) and histology; an introduction to microscopic anatomy is also added, taking into account "multi-tissue units". Part two provides a review of the basic laboratory techniques (observation, fixing and staining, histochemistry) and instruments, as well as an useful reference list of common techniques and solutions.

The book is beautifully produced and richly illustrated. Although mainly conceived for the students who follow the same course in the University of Rome, it may prove largely useful as a reference tool and as a source of illustrative material to anyone interested in the subject.

## Current Problems in Fertility Problemi Attuali sulla Fertilità

Edited by Axel Ingelman-Sundberg and Nils-Olov Lunell. Plenum Press - New York and London 1971. Bound volume with cover;  $17 \times 26$  cm; XV + 244 pages, including numerous tables, graphs, and black-and-white illustrations. Subject index. Price: US \$ 12.50.

Proceedings of the IFA Symposium held in Stockholm, Sweden, on April 2-4, 1970, with a foreword by Prof. A. Ingelman-Sundberg, President of the International Fertility Association.

This book provides a review of the current state of knowledge on fertility and reproduction, and most interesting questions are discussed, such as:

Insemination in Human and Veterinary Medicine; Transplantation in Gynaecology; The Use of Blastocysts in Human and Veterinary Medicine; Recent Advances in Contraception; Sterility, both Experimental and Clinical.

The book is well illustrated, and represents a valuable tool of research for gynaecologists as well as for physiologists and veterinarians.