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Book review

Recent Advances in Systemic Lupus Erythematosus. By P H Lambert, L Perrin, S Izui. Pp. 359. £24.00. Academic Press: London. 1984.

This book is a report of a meeting on immunological and pathological aspects of systemic lupus erythematosus (SLE) which was held in Geneva in September 1983. It was also an opportunity to celebrate the 60th birthday of Dr Peter Miescher who has been a major contributor to the study of autoimmunity and particularly SLE. Many of the well known clinical and laboratory investigators concerned with SLE and autoimmunity are included in the 94 named participants. After an introduction on 'Current concepts of SLE', the sections are clustered as follows: two under 'Basic aspects of autoimmunity', four under 'SLE at the gene level', nine under 'Lymphocyte function and effector mechanisms', five under 'Pathology of SLE', and six under 'Present and future treatment in SLE'.

The format is that of a book of abstracts: judging from the differing type faces, style, and quality of editing the chapters have been assembled for printing without final editing. Some sections are notable for errors in typing, spelling, and accuracy of referencing, which might lead to scepticism as regards the accuracy of the contents. This is unfortunate, as the book contains a wealth of material for the clinical and laboratory investigator concerned with this area. One is also not sure how much was presented at the meeting but not included in the review: a contribution by Dr Aarden was apparently made at the meeting as judged by the reported discussion but is not included in the book.

Some of the sections are straightforward reviews, such as that on 'Antibodies to nonhistone nuclear antigens' by Tan and Wilson or the 'Haematological aspects of auto-antibodies in SLE' by Gordon Smith and Harris. Some are restricted to detailed reporting of personal research, such as that by Drs Morel Maroger, Soderland, and Striker on the 'Characteristics of glomerular cells and their response to interferon'.

The meeting was supported by the Sandoz Company, and the commercial interests of that organisation are apparent in one chapter on the use of cyclosporin A, and one on the use of intravenous gammaglobulin. That is not to say that there is any indication of a particular bias towards these products in this book: indeed they form a definitely coherent part of the section on treatment, which includes a useful and personal report by Dr Miescher and his colleagues on their own series of 85 patients.

In summary, this is a somewhat uneven presentation of what must have been a most stimulating and useful meeting for those participating. It would probably be most useful, therefore, as a record for those who actually participated. Nevertheless, it forms a valuable work of reference for both clinicians and laboratory scientists concerned with SLE.

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