

# Book Reviews : Boekbesprekings

## SWAM INFEKSIES

**The Diagnosis and Treatment of Fungal Infections.** Gered deur H. M. Robinson, jr. M.D., F.A.C.P. Pp. xviii + 560. Geïllustreer. \$29,50. Springfield, Illinois: Charles C. Thomas. 1974.

Hierdie is geen naslaanwerk nie, maar bestaan uit bydraes deur veertig dermatoloë, mikoloë, ens. Hulle bespreek dan ook meestal die ondervindings en kliniese gevalle van hul eie sentra.

Sommige dele, bv. die hoofstukke oor tinea faciale en chroniese mukokutane candidiase, is baie goed, maar ander dele, bv. dié oor terapie, stel teleur. Daar word niks oor die behandeling van chromomikose met 5-fluorocytosine en ander middels gemeld nie.

Die gedeelte oor eksperimentele studies is stimulerend, veral dié oor die byvoeging van plant- stimulerende hormone tot kweekmedia om vinniger groei van swamme te verkry.

Die boek lees maklik, die drukwerk en afdrukke is goed, en die lyste van verwysings baie uitgebreid.

E.S.

## EPILEPSY

**The Management of Epilepsy.** By R. B. Aird, M.D. and D. M. Woodbury, Ph.D. Pp. xvii + 448. \$17,75. Springfield, Illinois: Charles C. Thomas. 1974.

This book is the combined effort of a neurologist and a pharmacologist who have skilfully interwoven clinical and neurophysiological (especially neurochemical) facts and theories about the epilepsies.

Both authors are highly knowledgeable and experienced people and, in addition to their technical expertise, have an acute awareness of the predicament of being epileptic in contemporary Western society.

'Management' of epilepsy comprises precise diagnosis, neurophysiological understanding, drug therapy and social 'manipulation'. This book manages to cover all these aspects, in addition to supplying a comprehensive reference section.

The writing is reasonably good, and although one is occasionally jarred by terms like 'space-consuming lesions', this is a very minor criticism of a most useful book.

F.A.