

New to this edition are structure–correlation tables for PMR and IR spectroscopy, ionization potentials of molecular and radical species, potentials of reference electrodes for water–organic solvent mixtures, and a wavenumber/wavelength conversion table.

In the original edition of this handbook, Dr. N. A. Lange described his effort "to select material to meet the needs of chemists who cannot command the unlimited time available to the research specialist, or who lack the facilities of a large technical library . . . (or who) may find this volume of value as a time-saver because of the many tables of numerical data which have been especially computed for this purpose." The present edition contains clear, comprehensive tables entirely consistent with the original editor's purpose. The compilations of commonly used information in mathematics, atomic and molecular structure, inorganic chemistry, analytical chemistry, electrochemistry, organic chemistry, and spectroscopy are complemented by succinct, well-written summaries of basic theory in each area.

This excellent, relatively inexpensive volume would be a useful addition to the library of anyone involved in pharmaceutical research.

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**Progress in Drug Research, Vol. 22.** Edited by ERNST JUCKER. Birkhauser Verlag, P.O. Box 34, CH-4010, Basel, Switzerland. 1978. 412 pp. 16 × 24 cm. Price Fr. 168.

This volume of "Progress in Drug Research" contains eight chapters of diverse character and subject matter. However, all are expert accounts of recent progress or current activity in a particular area of drug research.

The first contribution, "Aspects of Social Pharmacology," discusses this emerging discipline. Social pharmacology is described as drawing on disciplines (*e.g.*, sociology and economics) outside pharmacology in order to better evaluate the effects of drugs as they are usually employed, *i.e.*, after controlled clinical studies. The second contribution, "Fundamental Structures in Drug Research II," is a companion piece to Part I, which appeared in Vol. 19 of "Progress in Drug Research." The basic approach is one of showing how the structures of members of a therapeutic group evolve from a lead or prototypical compound. Included in Part II are antimicrobials, antiprotozoals, anthelmintics, antibiotics, antivirals, antineoplastics, steroidal and peptidal hormones, prostaglandins, and vitamins. This work can be useful in several ways, one of which is as an efficient summary or outline of structural types associated with particular pharmacological activity.

Chapter three, "Antifungal Agents," is a good treatment of the clinically useful antifungal agents. For each agent, there is a summary of pertinent chemistry and thorough reviews of mechanism(s) of action, mechanism(s) of resistance, and assessments of current clinical utility. Chapter four, "Analgesics and Their Antagonists: Recent Developments," covers the literature since 1970 in a thorough and well-written review of synthesis and structure–activity relationships among opium alkaloids and synthetic analgesics. A good account of the opioid peptides is included also.

The fifth contribution, "The Benzodiazepine Story," recounts interesting personal research experiences of Leo H. Sternbach in the development of this field of medicinal agents. Additionally, this chapter is a good overview of the development of, and the present directions of research in, benzodiazepines and related compounds. Chapter six, "Antiviral Agents," carefully reviews recent advances. The agents are grouped by chemical type where feasible. Chemical modifications and antiviral activities for each group are given.

The seventh contribution, "Klinisch-Pharmakologische Kriterien in der Bewertung Eines Neuen Antibiotikums. Grundlagen und Methodische Gesichtspunkte," describes problems encountered and procedures involved in the clinical evaluation of new drug entities. A good general

treatment of the factors involved in antibiotics evaluation is presented. The concluding chapter, "Drug Research and Human Sleep," is a concise account of the state of the art in the study of the drug effects on sleep in human subjects. Included are discussions of factors to be considered in accurately measuring drug effects on sleep and the problem of determining the significance of these effects.

The present volume offers a high quality and varied bill of fare. Each contribution is current and is authoritatively written. Volume 22 upholds the series' reputation as one of the classic and indispensable reference works for any college of pharmacy library.

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**Animal Health Products: Design and Evaluation.** DONALD C. MONKHOUSE. American Pharmaceutical Association, 2215 Constitution Ave., N.W., Washington, DC 20037. 152 pp. 15 × 23 cm, soft cover, \$14.00 (\$9.00 APhA Member Rate).

The increasing likelihood of a global food shortage is drawing more attention to the area of animal health products, particularly those designed to improve agricultural productivity. *Animal Health Products: Design and Evaluation* is the first booklength compilation of concepts and ideas related to research in this field and will doubtless serve as a reference text for teaching and for defining future research. As such, it is an important and readable contribution to an area largely neglected in pharmaceutical journals and texts and rarely addressed by the curricula of schools of pharmacy.

The APhA Annual Meeting symposium from which this volume evolved was designed to acquaint scientists working primarily in human therapeutics with the rapidly expanding area of veterinary research. The growing importance of pharmaceutical support for animal husbandry is one reason this volume should be of interest to scientists in this and in related fields. Another reason is that the growth of government regulatory requirements for animal products—which are generally stiffer than those for human products—is increasing the need for cooperative work between scientists in various areas, particularly in toxicology and metabolic studies.

A final attraction is the pure intellectual challenge of this area of pharmacy. As Dr. Lloyd H. Conover wrote in the "overview" Chapter:

*"The dip-bath constitutes the greatest challenge I know to the art and science of pharmacy. Dip-baths are water-filled vats in which cattle or sheep take periodic involuntary 'dips.' The active ectoparasiticidal agent, usually in the form of an emulsifiable concentrate, is maintained at an effective concentration by periodic additions to the bath. Thousands of animals may pass through a dip-bath in the course of a week, and as they do, excreta, soil, microorganisms and other miscellaneous debris accumulate. The emulsion must retain its chemical and physical integrity in the murky bath for months, while the ectoparasiticidal film left on the skin and hair of dipped animals must withstand tropical rains and sun for at least a week. Think on this, if you are accustomed to working with elegant human dosage forms!"*

*Animal Health Products* covers several of the major problems in veterinary pharmacy, with particularly good information on the pharmacokinetics of oral dosage forms in multigastric animals, the analyses and metabolism of tissue residues, the problems of incorporating drugs into feed, and the special stability problems of veterinary formulations.

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