

College Notices

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SOME RECENT ADDITIONS

COOPER DN, KRAWCZAK M: Venous thrombosis: from genes to clinical medicine. BIOS, 1997; 352pp

A new title in the field of medical genetics, *Venous Thrombosis* gives the background of our present understanding of prothrombotic protein abnormalities and illustrates how the proteins interact in haemostasis. Individual proteins are depicted in their own chapters. The book approaches the condition from a variety of considered angles, exploring potential causes, relationships, and effects of venous thrombosis,.

FRIEDMAN CP, WYATT JC: Evaluation methods in medical informatics. Springer, 1997; 304pp
This new text on the assessment and implementation of medical information systems covers evaluative studies, assessing informational studies, measurement techniques, and demonstration and subjectivist studies. The author explains how they are best utilised and to whom they are tailored. It is a valuable reference source for medical information professionals who need systematic methods to review the dynamic and expanding role of technology in medicine.

GRANGE JM: Mycobacteria and human disease. Arnold, 1996; 224pp

This is an updated second edition of the original 1988 text. It covers developments in immunology, the application of genetic engineering techniques, and advances in drug treatment of myobacterial diseases such as tuberculosis and leprosy. This book provides an overview of the latest research into identifying, healing and preventing myobacterial disease, as well as the nature of the bacterium and how it reacts to its host and environment.

WINSTON ML: Nature wars: people vs. pests. Harvard University Press, 1997; 197pp

Nature Wars is a forceful and immensely readable argument against our ongoing battle to eliminate pests. Winston takes issue with our heavy use of chemical pesticides - estimated to amount to as much as four pounds worth per person annually - and questions the human health costs involved in what appears to be a doomed chemical war. The book convincingly re-evaluates humans' long-standing strategy of pest eradication, and proposes less aggressive and less toxic pest management. Winston explores a complex topic across a variety of disparate species, and the result is a comprehensive, convincing and entertaining read.

WORLD CANCER RESEARCH FUND: Food, nutrition and the prevention of cancer: a global perspective. American Institute for Cancer Research, 1997; 663pp

This work is an extensive report on a topical subject - the role of nutrition and lifestyle in cancer. Basing its research on the work of top international specialists, the book estimates that approximately one third of cancers can be prevented by a healthy diet, regular exercise and not smoking. Providing new preventative nutritional recommendations on all major types of cancer, the report goes on to examine specific components of diet and make policy recommendations. Its scope and detail, as well as ease of use, make this report a useful tool on the subject of cancer prevention.