isotopes in ophthalmic measurement. This is followed by detailed descriptions which include measurement of clearance from the anterior chamber, capillary exchange as measured by xenon-133 clearance and phosphorus-32 uptake by malignant melanomas. The book can be recommended for its practical value to workers in this field.

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Biométrie Oculaire Clinique (Oculométrie). By Y. DELMARCELLE, J. FRANÇOIS, F. GOES, J. COLLIGNON-BRACH, J. LUYCKX-BACUS, and H. VERBRAEKEN. 1976. Pp. 608, 192 figs., 116 tables, bibliography. Paris, Masson (250 fr).

This is a factual account of the dimensions of the eye, its adnexa, and contents as these relate to clinical practice. Apart from a simple account of the problems of biological measurement there is but little discussion of the reliability of the data presented or the problems of obtaining a specific ocular measurement. This somewhat detracts from the value of the book for those who are undertaking some new work in this field. However, as a book of reference it is excellent, and an extensive bibliography contributes much to its value.

R. F. FISHER

Medical Ophthalmology. Edited by F. CLIFFORD ROSE. 1976. Pp. 574, figs., refs. Chapman & Hall, London (£15)

Thirty-five contributors, the large majority from London, have produced an up-to-date, well-indexed, comprehensive book on the most important aspects of non-operative ophthalmology. It is divided as follows: Part I, Diagnostic Aspects, pp. 1-68 (tests of visual function, fluorescein angiography, electrophysiology, radiology of unilateral proptosis); Part II, Neuro-ophthalmology, pp. 69-237; Part III, Inflammatory Disorders, pp. 238-338 (excluding pyogenic infections); Part IV, Vascular Disorders, pp. 339-429; Part V, Other Systemic Disorders, pp. 430-517

(diabetes, Graves's disease, blood disorders, cataract); Part VI, General Therapeutic Aspects, pp. 518-555 (genetics, pharmacology, adverse drug reactions). Each chapter starts with a useful list of topics covered and ends with references.

This entirely new book will be useful and not too large for candidates for higher degrees in ophthalmology and for any clinician, especially the ophthalmologist and neurologist, who requires a concise account of eye-related disease and its management. Reasons of cost probably explain the absence of colour plates, but some of the black-and-white illustrations could be improved. £15 seems reasonable for this handsome volume. The quickly accumulating new material on this subject will probably justify new editions every 5 to 10 years, which the multiple authorship should be able to achieve without too much difficulty.

C. J. PHILLIPS

Year Book of Ophthalmology. Edited by W. F. HUGHES. 1976. Pp. 376, 73 figs., tables, refs. Year Book Medical Publishers, Chicago (£14)

The 1976 volume reviews the literature up to January 1976 and maintains its high standard of compression and clarity. In addition to the abstracts the editor summarises present trends and highlights important aspects. The section on vision, refraction, and contact lenses has an introduction by Jack Hartstein; the section on glaucoma has a chapter by Jeffrey S. Robin and Philip P. Ellis on developments in pilocarpine therapy; there is an introduction to the section on the lens by Samuel D. McPherson and to the section on the uvea by T. F. Schaeffel; in the section on the retina Gerald A. Fishman discusses rhodopsin and visual excitation; and the section on neuro-ophthalmology is introduced by Michael E. Rosenberg. These chapters add to the character of the production, which can be read in small quantities over a prolonged period. It is, furthermore, an excellent source of references.

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Notes

XXIII International Congress of Ophthalmology

Kyoto, Japan, 14-20 May 1978

This congress will be held in the Kyoto International Conference Hall. Official languages are English, French, Spanish and Japanese. Scientific programme will consist of reports on (1) ocular immunology and (2) retinal pigment epithelium. There will be round-table discussions on ocular toxicology, choroidal circulation, management of corneal diseases, optic neuropathy, pathology of visual cells, vitreous surgery, and infections of the eye. In addition there will be free papers.

There will also be symposia supported by the International Council. (1) The International Organisation Against Trachoma will meet on 16 May 1978. (2) The International Agency for Prevention of Blindness will meet on 17 May 1978. (3) The International Study

Committee for Teaching and Postgraduate Continuing Education in Ophthalmology will meet on 19 May 1978. (4) The International Glaucoma Club will meet at the Nara Hotel, Nara, 8-11 May 1978.

Those who wish to present papers or films or to enter items of display in the scientific exhibition are requested to submit their application forms with an abstract on their paper, film, or display of 200 words or less in one of the official congress languages by 30 April 1977. Inquiries to the Secretariat, XXIII International Congress of Ophthalmology, c/o Simul International Inc., Kowa Bldg. No. 9, 1-8-10 Akasaka, Minato-ku, Tokyo 107, Japan. Telephone (03) 582-4224, Cable, SIMULCONFER.