

and at £110 rather expensive. The expense arises from the necessity of having a large number of colour illustrations (on the odd numbered pages). I understand the publisher's difficulty, but if I were buying this book I might feel rather aggrieved when most of the facing, even numbered pages are virtually devoid of text.

Computerised videokeratography is in its infancy and this book will certainly be of interest to many corneal surgeons who may already have purchased a videokeratoscope (VKS). The authors of this book have considerable experience in interpreting videokeratographic analysis although they, like the rest of us, are still exploring exactly how much information the VKS can give us. Nowhere in the text, however, was there discussion of the rationale for choosing to write about the output of only one VKS system (the Computed Anatomy System) when several others are produced; and nowhere did I see a discussion on the merits of the various techniques or devices. The book concentrates on the colour coded 'maps' and makes only passing reference to the many other graphic display modes that are possible with videokeratoscopes, or of the mechanisms for statistical analysis of the

numerical data. The untutored reader attempting to determine how the image of several illuminated rings is transformed into a contour map of the cornea, is not enlightened. While the algorithms may be confidential, the principles involved are not, and a brief description would have helped our understanding of the interpretation of the maps.

As befits a colour atlas on topography, a series of examples of the patterns associated with several types of corneal disease and ectasia are demonstrated but the range of pathology is limited. A disproportionate amount of space is dedicated to excimer laser surgery and interesting areas such as graft or contact lens related corneal warpage are almost ignored. One of the most important uses for VKS is in the control of post-keratoplasty astigmatism but penetrating keratoplasty is covered in only nine pages.

In summary, this book provides an initial insight into the possibilities of a VKS system and neatly collects a spectrum of useful though limited examples of the medium. I enjoyed skimming through the book but I think it fails to explore the possibilities of its subject.

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IN MEMORIAM

Kenneth Colin Wybar 1921-1992

It is two years since Kenneth Wybar died. Those who knew him well would wish to be associated with this brief note on the anniversary of his death.

Kenneth Wybar will be specially remembered for his contributions to the science of ophthalmology. These were presented in many papers and books written in characteristic clear and explanatory style. He became a world authority on paediatric ophthalmology and was invited to give the most prestigious eponymous lecture on this subject, the Bielschowsky Oratorion, in the United States where his work was particularly highly regarded.

Kenneth Wybar's lasting memorial will be his vitality and unsparing vigour in any task he undertook. His approach to his work was selfless and he was lacking in envy of the success of others. He is warmly remembered by his many colleagues in ophthalmology.

NOTICES

Glaucoma Society (UK & Eire)

DAVID COLE TRAVEL FELLOWSHIP

The David Cole Travel Fellowship, instituted by Merck Sharp and Dohme in memory of Professor David Cole, will assist a visit to a hospital or research centre during the academic year starting 1 October 1994. The award will be equivalent to £2000. The purpose of the award is to enable the successful applicant to gain experience and knowledge in pursuit of a specific project related to glaucoma.

THE GLAUCOMA SOCIETY (UK & EIRE) RESEARCH GRANT

The Glaucoma Society (UK & Eire) research grant, sponsored by the International Glaucoma Association will be available for a research project clinically oriented to glaucoma for 1994. The award will be equivalent to £2500. The grant may be used towards salary or project expenses or for buying equipment.

THE GLAUCOMA SOCIETY (UK & EIRE) RESEARCH AWARD

The Glaucoma Society (UK & Eire) research award, sponsored by Alcon Laboratories will be given in support of a research project related to glaucoma. The award will be equivalent to £2000.

These awards are available to both medical graduates and non-medical scientists resident in the United Kingdom or Eire. They may be held concurrently with other awards.

For further details and application form please contact: Dr S Nagasubramanian, Secretary, The Glaucoma Society (UK & Eire), Glaucoma Unit, Moorfields Eye Hospital, City Road, London EC1V 2PD.

The closing date for applications is 1 June 1994. The successful candidate will be informed by August 1994.

European Society of Traditional Ophthalmology and Traditional Chinese Medicine

The 3rd international symposium of traditional medicine will be held on 12-22 May 1994 in Japan. Further details: Dr J Poletti, Société Européenne d'Ophthalmologie Traditionelle, CHIC Tarbes, BP 1330, 65013 Tarbes Cedex, France. (Tel: 62 51 54 55; Fax: 62 51 51 62.)

American Academy of Optometry

A meeting of the American Academy of Optometry will be held on 28-30 May 1994, at the Amsterdam Marriott Hotel, Amsterdam, The Netherlands. Further details: Academy Office, 4330 East-West Highway, Suite 1117, Bethesda, MD 20814, USA. (Tel: (301) 718-6500; Fax: (301) 656-0989.)

Outcomes into Clinical Practice

A conference organised by the BMA, BMJ, and UK Clearing House on Health Economics will be held on 7 June 1994, at the International Hotel, Marsh Wall, Docklands, London. The meeting is particularly geared to clinical teams in both hospital and general practice. For further details: Pru Walters, BMA House, Tavistock Square, London WC1H 9JP. (Tel: 071-383 6518.)

Office of Continuing Education

The Office of Continuing Education is holding a conference entitled 'Principles and Practices of Data Management for Clinical Trials' on 16-17 June 1994 at the Thomas B Turner

Building, Johns Hopkins Medical Institutions, Baltimore, Maryland, USA. Further details: Conference Coordinator, Johns Hopkins Medical Institutions, Office of Continuing Education, Turner Building, 720 Rutland Avenue, Baltimore, MD 21205, USA. (Tel: (410) 955-2959.)

International Conference on Biomedical Periodicals

The International Conference on Biomedical Periodicals will be held on 16-18 June 1994 in Beijing, China. Further details: Dr Yongmao Jiang, International Conference on Biomedical Periodicals, c/o Publishing House of Medical Journals, Chinese Medical Association, 42 Dongsi Xidajie, Beijing 100710, China. (Tel: 86-1-5133311 ext 362; Fax: 86-1-5123754.)

Xth Congress of the European Society of Ophthalmology

The Xth Congress of the European Society of Ophthalmology will take place on 25-29 June 1995 at the Milanofiori Convention Centre, Milan. Further details: Organising Secretariat: Moretti, Rossi & Associates, Largo Settimio Severo, 4, 20144 Milano, Italy. (Tel: 39-2-48021681; Fax: 39-2-48021977.)

XXVIIth International Congress of Ophthalmology

The International Council of Ophthalmology will hold its XXVIIth Congress in Toronto, Canada on 26-30 June 1994. Further details: Secretariat, 275 Bay Street, Ottawa, Ontario, Canada K1R 5Z5. (Tel: (613) 563-1994; Fax: (613) 236-2727.)