

BOOK REVIEW

PHYSIOLOGICAL BASIS OF ANAESTHESIOLOGY: Theory and Practice. W.W. MUSHIN, J.W. SEVERINGHAUS, M. TIENGO AND S. GORINI, Eds., Padua, Piccin Medical Books, 1975.

THIS VOLUME is the proceedings of the First International Seminar on the Physiological Basis of Anaesthesiology held in Italy. In fact it concerns itself almost exclusively with pulmonary and cardiovascular physiology with the opening chapter on sleep being the only exception. The names of most of the contributing authors will be familiar to all anaesthetists with J. Mead, P.T. Machlem, J. Milic-Emili, E.M. Scarpelli, J.B. West, W.W. Mushin, and J.W. Severinghaus being some examples. There appears to be a wide variation in the quality of material varying from a very simple approach; for example, the chapters on cerebral blood flow and on shock to chapters which are difficult to understand; for example, the chapters on Diffusion in Alveolar Gas Exchange. Also, as one might expect from a compendium of presentations, the text lacks a feeling of continuity. However, there is much valuable information in this book and it is a worthwhile exercise separating the wheat from the chaff. This book should be thought of as a reference text and might find its place in department of anaesthesia libraries. C.E.

ERRATUM

WYANT, GORDON M. AND CAMERLAIN, MONIQUE. Chinese Acupuncture, Canad. Anaes. Soc. J. 24: 75. Page 77, line 5, *should read*: "with over 1,000,000 barefoot doctors".

CORRECTION

We regret the following error in the paper PORCINE MALIGNANT HYPERTHERMIA: ROLE OF SKELETAL MUSCLE IN INCREASED OXYGEN CONSUMPTION. GERALD A. GRONERT, JAMES J.A. HEFFRON, JAMES H. MILDE AND RICHARD A. THEYE - Volume 24, page 106, January 1977.

In the Table, the heading "Skeletal Muscle V" should read "Skeletal Muscle V_{O_2} ."