

Dermatology and the New Genetics. C Moss, J Savin. (Pp 198; £49.50) Oxford: Blackwell Science Ltd. 1995.

This book is prefaced with the admirable statement that dermatology needed the new genetics as it had fallen into a rut. Genetic developments have swept through dermatology and the aim of the authors is to "bring the new genetics within the grasp of busy dermatologists".

To this end it has nine chapters dealing with skin development and its disorders, the epidermis and its disorders, the dermis and its disorders, cancer and premature aging, genetically determined benign tumours, genetic inflammatory skin disorders, immunological disorders, and chromosome disorders, ending with a short note on prenatal diagnosis and gene therapy. The chapters are well written and individual disorders are referenced with the MIM numbers. The content is well chosen, referenced, and indexed. I particularly appreciated the section on mosaicism and Blaschko's lines. There are occasional inaccuracies which may well be corrected in a subsequent edition. Colour illustrations are numerous and of good quality, an excellent aid to geneticists using the book as an aid to diagnosis. There is a six page glossary of

genetic terms for the benefit of the non-geneticists for whom the book is primarily aimed.

Overall I feel this book will be useful to both dermatologists wishing to update themselves on genetic developments within the field of dermatology and geneticists counselling patients with dermatological features.

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NOTICES

Human Genome Meeting '96

The Human Genome Meeting '96 will be held on 22-24 March 1996 in Heidelberg, Germany. For further information contact HGM '96 Secretariat, HUGO Europe, One Park Square West, London NW1 4LJ, UK. Tel: (44) (171)935 8085. Fax: (44)(171)935 8341.

10th World Congress of the International Association for the Scientific Study of Intellectual Disabilities (IASSID)

This Congress will be held on 8-13 July 1996 in Finlandia Hall, Helsinki, Finland. For further information contact the Congress Secretariat, Kansalaiskonsultit-Congress Services, PO Box 762, FIN-00101 Helsinki, Finland. Tel: +358-0-440 822. Fax: +358-0-492 810.

5th European Meeting on Psychological Aspects of Genetics

This meeting will be held on 26-28 September 1996 in Rome, Italy. For further information contact Dr G Jacopini, Istituto di Psicologia, CNR, Viale Marx 15, 00137 Rome, Italy. Tel: 0039 6 86090278. Fax: 0039 6 824737.

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