

## Book Reviews

### **Trattato di Farmacologia - 4 Volumi** **Handbook of Pharmacology - 4 Volumes**

By Mario Aiazzi Mancini (Florence) and Leonardo Donatelli (Naples). Published by Casa Editrice Dr. Francesco Vallardi - Società Editrice Libreria - Milan 1969/1970/1971, in the series Biblioteca Medica Vallardi. Second Edition. Four bound volumes with cover, 17 × 24 cm, amounting to LVIII + 4,028 pages (3,726 pages of text, 160 pages of single volume indexes, and 142 pages of general index). With a total of 688 coloured and black-and-white illustrations, and a rich number of tables, including 34 foldout-insert plates. Single chapter references; single volume indexes, general index. Price: It. lire 88,000 (approx. US \$ 142.00).

Twelve years after its first edition in 1958, rapidly gone out of print after only a couple of years, the Handbook of Pharmacology by Professor Mario Aiazzi Mancini, Emeritus of Pharmacology and Toxicology in the University of Florence, and his former assistant and coworker, Leonardo Donatelli, Professor of Pharmacology in the University of Naples, is available again in a second edition, completely and carefully revised by the same authors, and beautifully printed by the Vallardi Publishing House.

On account of the important advances made in the last few years, the text has been largely restructured and updated, new chapters have been included, and a very large number of graphs, tables, and illustrations added. As a result, the formerly two volumes have now become four. The general plan of the work now looks as follows:

#### VOLUME 1

INTRODUCTION

GENERAL PHARMACOLOGY

SPECIAL PHARMACOLOGY

*Part One - Antiparasitic Drugs*

General, Local, Environmental

*Part Two - Organotropic, Functionally Aspecific Drugs*

#### VOLUME 2

*Part Three - Organotropic, Functionally Specific Drugs*

Drugs of the nervous system

#### VOLUME 3

Drugs of muscular and glandular effectors of sense organs

Drugs of the digestive system

Drugs of the circulatory system

Drugs of the respiratory system

#### VOLUME 4

Drugs of the excretory system

Drugs of the genital system

Drugs of the tegumentary system

Drugs of the endocrine system and vitamins

Drugs of metabolism

Drugs of the organism's defense mechanisms

Drugs in space medicine

The authors have, for the second time, performed an excellent and very hard task, successfully getting through a great number of difficulties. And the Vallardi Publishing House must also be complimented for undertaking such a heavy task and beautifully producing such a monumental handbook, which will long be considered as a fundamental reference tool for all students and scientists in pharmacology and a wide range of allied fields in medicine, chemistry, and biology.