

MONTEFIORE, D.G.; ALAUSA, K.O. & TOMORI, O. — **Tropical Microbiology**. Edinburgh, Churchill Livingstone, 1984. 358p. illus. (Medicine in the Tropics Series). ISBN 0 443 02741 2.

This book originated from lectures in bacteriology, virology and the immunology of infection given to undergraduate medical and dental students, but it will also be of value to general practitioners and postgraduates working for higher professional qualifications. References to recent publications have been included at the end of each chapter for the benefit of those interested in exploring the subject in greater depth. Microbiology laboratories are generally scarce in tropical countries, and once away from the main teaching centres most practitioners will not have easy access to these diagnostic

services. The authors emphasized the clinical aspects of the subject, but have included sufficient systematic bacteriology and virology to help understand the pathogenesis of the various infections discussed. Although most bacterial and viral infections can occur in all parts of the world, climatic and environmental conditions in the tropics result in their being one of the most important causes of disease and death in these areas. An up-to-date knowledge of their causes, prevention and treatment is therefore essential for medical and dental practitioners in tropical countries.

CHEESBROUGH, Monica — **Medical Laboratory Manual for Tropical Countries**. v. II: **Microbiology**. Cambridgeshire, Tropical Health Technology, 1984.

Volume II of a Medical Laboratory Manual for Tropical Countries, by Monica Cheesbrough has now been published. It contains Bacteriology, Virology and Mycology. Special Features of the new volume include: — Emphasis on the major communicable diseases; — Well illustrated with more than 50 Colour plates showing microscopical and cultural features of pathogens that cause: *Campylobacter* enteritis, *Salmonella* and *Shigella* infections, cholera, amoebic dysentery, meningitis, tuberculosis, leprosy,

gonorrhoea, pneumonia, staphylococcal and Group A streptococcal infections, donovanosis, diphtheria, clostridial infections, anthrax, trachoma and relapsing fever; — Safety in the microbiology laboratory; — Free kit with each manual to make condenser stops to examine specimens by dark-field microscopy, e.g. chancre fluid spirochaetes; — Subsidized low price to developing countries. (Availability from Tropical Health Technology, 14 Bevills close, Dodington, March, UK).