

## ANNOUNCEMENT

### **New lab manual for hospitals in tropical countries**

With a view to help hospitals in developing countries, a new medical laboratory manual with special reference to the needs of tropical countries is being brought out on a non-profit basis. The first volume of the manual is slated for release in mid-1981.

The introduction of the manual contains material on safety, ordering, use and care of equipment, microscopes and details of setting up a laboratory. The anatomy and physiology section discusses laboratory diagnosis. The chapter on clinical chemistry deals with the organisation of a biochemistry department, absorption spectrometry (colorimetry), flame emission spectrometry (photometry), collection of specimens, quality control, reference ranges and tests to investigate renal function, liver, gastrointestinal and other metabolic disorders. Detailed preparation of reagents, addresses of manufacturers of lab-oriented products and useful tables are also provided. Along with the book are supplied a set of charts and illustrations for wall display, SI unit conversion tables and labels to mark dangerous chemicals.

The manual has been prepared by Miss Monica Cheesbrough and is available from her at 14, Bevills Close, Doddington, Cambridgeshire, England PE15 0TT. Orders from developing countries are executed at £ 4.70 (plus £ 1.25 postage) and those from developed countries at £ 7.60 (plus £ 1.75 postage) per manual.

## **ERRATA**

The title of the paper by S. Ramaprasad [Vol. 62(C), No. 12, 1980, 83] should read as

“The crystal structure of N-acetyl-L-prolyl-D-alanyl-methylamide hemihydrate by the method of packing analysis *based* on contact criteria ”

instead of as published.

(Essentially the word *based* in the above title is missing in the original version. We regret the error.)