

BOOK REVIEWS - LIVROS

SHARMA, Om P., ed. - **Lung disease in the tropics**. New York, Marcel Dekker, 1991. 596 p. illus. (Lung Biology in Health and Disease Series, 51). ISBN 0-8247-8398-0.

This book presents a comprehensive selection of review articles on lung diseases occurring in tropical areas, where inhabits two thirds of the World population. Its is devoted to the physician working in these areas, dealing with some important pulmonary pathologies often neglected by standard textbooks, designed for developed country physicians, generally from temperate climates, with better public health care. Textbooks dealing with specific tropical medicine areas became rare and restricted, and this book is gladly wellcome.

Mainly articles are written by specialists actively working in tropical areas. Some parts, specially those dealing with basic pulmonary fenomena like pulmonary function and immunology, are excessivly succinct, dificulting the reader comprehension. The chapter of granulomatous affections is also limited by some incorrections and some important tropical pathogens, like *Paracoccidiodes brasilienses* are neglected.

Some articles are superbs, in special those dealing with lung alterations in malaria, meliodosis and hidatid cysts, with precise texts and up-to-date revision.

This book will be useful by all tropical medicine physicians, but specially those from Asia where most of discussed diseases occurs.