The much neglected problem of post-stroke depression, which so often interferes with successful rehabilitation, receives extensive coverage. Emphasis is laid on the frequent presence of a syndrome of dementia which is clearly not true dementia as it is reversed by successful treatment of the depression. It must of course be distinguished from true vascular dementia which may also be present and is well described.

All this precedes the section on neuropsychological deficits which are encountered in cerebrovascular disease including those of speech and hearing. This ends with a chapter on neuropsychological rehabilitation which consists of an extensive review of published studies which, though not leading to firm conclusions, give the reader some idea of the state of the art and the research worker good indications of what further studies need to be carried out. All in all, this is a good publication and, by current standards, reasonably priced at £40.

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Proceedings of the XIV Symposium Neuroradiologicum, London 17-23 June 1990. Edited by GEORGE DU BOULAY, ANDREW MOLYNEUX AND IVAN MOSELEY. (Pp 660 Illustrated; Price: DM 348.00.) Heidelberg, Springer-Verlag, 1991. ISBN 3 540 53726 0.

The Editors are to be congratulated in collecting together well over half of the material presented at the symposium and publishing it as a series of 250 short, well-edited and excellently illustrated papers in under one year after the event.

The scientific standard of the material presented varies considerably, some being excellent but others more in the nature of preliminary communications or case reports. There is an alphabetical index of authors but not of subject matter, which is, however, to some extent subdivided into sections related by pathology or by region studied.

There is no doubt that those who participated in the conference will find the book of great value, but all neurologists who were unable to attend will surely wish to spend a few hours assimilating this material.

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Acquired Aphasia. 2nd Edition. Edited by MARTHA TAYLOR SARNO. (Pp 600; Price \$55.00). San Diego, CA 92101 USA, Academic Press; London, Harcourt Brace Jovanovich, 1991. ISBN 0 12 619321 5.

This second edition of *Acquired Aphasia* follows ten years after the first and has a broadly similar format. It contains sixteen chapters by different authors, which include an historical account of aphasia, aphasia classification and assessment, neuroanatomical correlates, phonological, lexical and sentence processing, aphasia following head injury and in dementia, recovery and rehabilitation.

The Boston classification of aphasia is adopted, reflecting the all-American authorship and predominant neurological emphasis.

However, a recurring theme is the importance of explicit cognitive theory in providing a framework within which to interpret patterns of language disorder and the value of cognitive models. It is illustrated by some case histories. The quality of the writing is of a uniformly high standard and the breadth of the coverage and historical perspective result in a valuable and interesting text. What is lacking in reading the text is a sense of current controversy and dynamism, perhaps stemming from the similar perspective of most authors.

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