A. Borbély and J.L. Valatax — Sleep Mechanisms
Springer-Verlag, Berlin, 1984

This book is the record of the course on sleep mechanisms organised by the European Training Programme in Brain and Behaviour Research (ETP) at Zuoz (Switzerland) in 1983. The contributions are presented in the form of concise reviews of specific aspects of sleep research: physiological, neurochemical and metabolic, genetic and phylogenetic and clinical (with special reference to psychopathological problems). The upshot is a lively and up-to-date text on some modern aspects of sleep research which may be of interest to the clinician as well as to those engaged in the neurosciences.

G. Avanzini

News

An Italian Polish Meeting of Neurology has been planned by Prof. A. Agnoli as a Satellite Workshop of the European Congress of Neuropharmacology, in Rome on 22 April 1985. Ten Polish papers will be presented on the many fields of current research in Clinical Neurology and Clinical Neurophysiology. A summary of 1-2 pages should be sent to Prof. A. Agnoli (Direttore Clinica Neurologica I, Università di Roma, Viale Università 30, 00185 Roma); subjects of therapeutic aspects are recommended.

The First International Symposium on Advanced Technology in Neurosurgery is to be held at: Palazzo delle Stelline, corso Magenta from 30 May to 1 June 1985. The fee will be Lire 200.000 for Italian and $150 for foreign participants. The program is outlined hereunder:

THURSDAY — May 30

Morning
Opening lecture on: New trends in microsurgery and applied technology

Prof. L.I. Malis (New York)
Prof. M.G. Yasargil (Zurich)

Afternoon

Intraoperative monitoring by evoked potentials

Prof. E. Roy John (New York)
Prof. B. Fraysse (Toulouse)
Prof. Y. Lazorthes (Toulouse)

Implantable devices for chronic drugs administration

Prof. Y. Lazorthes (Toulouse)
FRIDAY - May 31

Morning

CUSA system surgery

Prof. M. Brock (Berlin)
Prof. F. Epstein (New York)
Prof. L. J. Malis (New York)
Prof. B.M. Stein (New York)

Laser surgery and die laser photoradiation therapy

Prof. F. Epstein
Prof. Y. Hosobuchi (San Francisco)
Prof. E.R. Laws Jr. (Rochester)

Afternoon

Computer assisted stereotactic surgery and stereotactic radiosurgery

Prof. E.R. Cosman (Cambridge, M.A.)
Prof. P.J. Kelly (Rochester)
Prof. B. Ostertag (Homburg-Saar)
Prof. L. Steiner (Stockholm)

SATURDAY - June 1

Morning only

Advances in neuroradiology

Prof. T.H. Newton (San Francisco)

Superselective catheterization and embolization of cerebral and spinal vascular malformations

Prof. I.S. Choi (New York)
Prof. J. Merland (Paris)
Prof. B.M. Stein (New York)

The 13th Scientific Meeting of the International Society for Paediatric Neurosurgery will be held in Mexico City, July 14-17 1985. Additional information may be obtained from: Fernando Rueda Franco, M.D. Instituto Nacional de Pediatría, Servicio de Neurocirurgia, Insurgentes Sur 3700, Mexico, D.F. 04530, Mexico.

A satellite meeting of the XIII World Congress of Neurology on Acute Brain Ischemia 1985 — Medical and Surgical Therapy is to be held at Le Scotte Teaching Center of Siena University from 11 to 14 September 1985. For information apply to the Organising Secretary, Maria Paola Gerini MD, Via Olona 7, 00198 Rome.

Grant from the National Research Council to the Journal

Thanks to the intervention of Prof. C.L. Cazzullo the National Research Council has made a grant of L. 5.000.000 to our Journal for the year 1984.