

BOOK REVIEWS

World Health Organization (1977) **Environmental Health Criteria 3 Lead**, Geneva, World Health Organization, 160 pp. Sw. fr. 16.

This is the third volume of a series on Environmental Health Criteria. It reviews and evaluates the biological effects and other environmental influences of lead on health. The book begins with a summary and recommendations for further research and contains chapters on the physical and chemical properties of lead and its compounds, sources of lead in the environment, its environmental transport, distribution, levels and exposures, its metabolism and studies of its effects on animals and humans, epidemiological and clinical studies of its effects on man and an evaluation of health risks to man from exposure to lead and its compounds. There is a bibliography of some 600 references.

This book will be of particular interest to Ministries of the Environment, of Health and of Labour, as well as to occupational health physicians, plant engineers, toxicologists, public health workers and those involved in the lead industry.

World Health Organization (1977) **World Directory of Schools for Dental Auxiliaries 1973**, Geneva, World Health Organization, 380 pp. Sw. fr. 42.

The acute shortage of dental manpower in many countries of the world has compelled health planners not only to increase the number and size of dental schools but also to increase the capacity of the individual dental surgeon through the utilization of chair-side assistants and other dental auxiliaries. Basically all dental auxiliaries can be classified into operating auxiliaries, who perform a limited range of diagnostic, preventive and curative services in dentistry under the supervision of a dental surgeon, and non-operating auxiliaries, such as dental laboratory technicians and chairside assistants, who do not independently carry out any intraoral procedures.

The World Directory of Schools for Dental Auxiliaries, which is bilingual (English/French), contains data up to 1973 on the schools for these two types of auxiliaries and summaries information regarding conditions of admission, duration of training, language of instruction and curriculum content, and will prove useful to those concerning with dental manpower planning and training.

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