

succinctly reviews the progress that has been made using these methods to clarify the relationships within the *Echinococcus* complex, to characterize antigens and to develop improved diagnostic tests. Although, as pointed out in a chapter by R.C.A. Thompson, the fundamental questions about how genes control development and differentiation in *Echinococcus* are only starting to be addressed.

What is evident is the extent to which research on *E. multilocularis* lags behind that on *E. granulosus*. For example, there are many basic biological, biochemical and immunological parameters that are still unknown, and there is still much work to be done determining the pattern of genetic variation within *E. multilocularis*. However, the report of the establishment of a viable cell line and the growth of *E. multilocularis* in immunosuppressed hosts should pave the way for rapid future advances.

The book contains chapters on: the biology and systematics by R.C.A. Thompson; genetic diversity, differentiation and speciation by A.J. Lymbery; life cycle patterns and geographic distribution by R.L. Rausch; biochemistry, physiology and molecular biology by D.P. McManus and C. Bryant; immunology by D.D. Heath; maintenance and cultivation by M.J. Howell and J.D. Smyth; epidemiology and control by P.M. Schantz and six others; modelling by M.A. Gemmell and M.G. Roberts; antigens, immunological and molecular diagnosis by M.W. Lightowlers and B. Gottstein and finally, diagnosis and treatment in humans by R. Amman and J. Eckert.

With over 1900 references, the majority published since 1985, this book will be an invaluable source of information for research workers, teachers, students of parasitology, clinicians, field workers and scientific advisers.

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Errata

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