

NEWS FROM CHINA

1). A special Medical Mycology course will be offered from May 12 to 2 June, 2006 at the Peking Medical University, First Hospital in Beijing. Convener for the course is Professor Li Ruo Yu, MD, Chairman of the Dermatology Department, one of China's leading medical mycologists. Invited lecturers are: Eminent Professor Wang Jiabi; Professor Glenn S. Bulmer (Manila/Beijing) and Dr Richard Calderon (USA). The course will include morning lectures and complete wet labs all afternoon. All aspects of the mycoses will be covered with emphasis on culture, lab identification, therapy, research, PCR methods, etc. For further information contact: Professor Li, Ruo Yu at lrymm@medmail.com.cn or lrywdh@public.bta.net.cn . Phone: +13651132055.

2). Professor Xiong Ming Pu, MD., has invited Professor Glenn S. Bulmer to return to the Xinjiang Provincial Hospital system in Urumqi City, Xinjiang province, far west China for July/August, of 2006. This is China's largest and most westerly province. It borders on Afghanistan, Pakistan, Russia, Mongolia, etc. Most inhabitants belong to the Uyghur ethnic minority. Professor Bulmer will establish clinical labs for the province and initiate mycology research programs in West China. He has worked there previously and has a faculty appointment at the university.

3). New book: *Medical Mycology in Chinese and English*. Published in August, 2005 by the Shanghai Scientific and Technical Publishers (Shanghai, China) ISBN 7-5323-7505-6, 349 pages + CD-ROM.

This text is an introduction to human fungus diseases with emphasis on those in the Orient and especially China.. All chapters have many pictures and helpful study questions at the end. The book has a large Appendix with numerous Tables, Charts and everything you need to know to set up and run a diagnostic Medical Mycology laboratory. A special section is an update on therapy written by two world authorities (JR Graybill and Robert Fromtling).

The text is unique in three ways:

- 1). It is written in Chinese and English. These languages are side by side in the text so one can learn about the mycoses in either language and also by comparison study scientific English (or Chinese).
- 2). An interactive CD is included with the text (free). It contains all the photos in the book with English and Chinese explanations.
- 3). The book was underwritten by generous anonymous donations so the price can be kept affordable to all. It sells in China for only 150 RMB or 20 USD.