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Here is today's most in-depth reference for any cardiologist, internist, or nephrologist interested in hypertension. Drawing from international experience in cardiology, physiology, and nephrology, Drs. Lip and Hall have assembled a group of section editors and contributors second to none. You'll find the long-term effects of primary and secondary hypertension and a lengthy section on hypertensions for special populations featured prominently. Prevention and treatment of hypertension are covered in detail, from lifestyle and diet issues to drug choice and delivery, and the section on comparison of guidelines is unique to this book. Find comprehensive coverage of hypertension including pathogenesis, prevention, and treatment all in one practical volume. See the complete systemic problems of hypertension at a glance with detailed, full-color illustrations of cellular and clinical manifestations. Simplify navigating the complexities of hypertension using algorithms for clinical exam and diagnosis. Get specific insight into prevention and treatment of hypertension in special populations. Go global with a comprehensive section on worldwide guidelines and the application of clinical material to local standards of practice. Information flow as nerve impulses in neuronal circuits is regulated at synapses. The synapse is therefore a key element for information processing in the brain. Much attention has been given to fast synaptic transmission, which predominantly regulates impulse-to-impulse transmission. Slow synaptic transmission and modulation, however, sometimes have been neglected in considering and attempting to understand brain function. Slow synaptic potentials and modulation occur with a considerable delay in response to the accumulation of synaptic and modulatory inputs. In these contexts, they are plastic in nature and play important roles in information processing in the brain. A symposium titled "Slow Synaptic Responses and Modulation" was held as the satellite symposium to the 75th Annual Meeting of the Physiological Society of Japan on March 30-31, 1998, in Kanazawa. The theme was selected not only for the reason mentioned above, but also because of the considerable involvement of many Japanese scholars in establishing the basic issues. Following the dawn of synaptic physiological research, as Sir John Eccles, Sir Bernard Katz, and Professor Stephen Kuffler carried out pioneer work, Professor Kyozeu Koketsu and Professor Benjamin Libet, the students of Sir John Eccles, and their colleagues established the concept of slow synaptic responses and modulation by studying vertebrate sympathetic ganglia. Since then, the concept has been expanded with detailed investigations of both peripheral and central synapses at the levels of single ion channels, intracellular Ca^{2+} dynamics, intracellular transduction mechanisms, and genes.

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Development of the brain and the emergence of the mind constitute some of the most important concerns of contemporary biology. Disturbances during fetal life may have profound implications for a child's future neurological and psychological development, which can in turn impact society. The new edition of this highly respected work presents a comprehensive review of the basic mechanisms of brain development and the pathophysiology of disorders of the infant brain, written by a team of distinguished neuroscientists, neonatologists, and neuropediatricians. The book follows the main milestones of brain development, from formation of the neural tube and wiring of the neurons in the brain. Neurotrophic factors, neurotransmitters, glial cell biology, cerebral circulation development of sensory functions are all described in detail. Furthermore, there are more philosophical chapters on the evolution of the brain and the emergence of consciousness. Clinical considerations are highlighted where relevant.

This open access book presents the roles and mechanisms of signal transduction triggered by nicotinic acetylcholine receptors (nAChRs) stimulation in neuroprotection against toxic effects of risk factors of neurodegenerative diseases. Accumulating evidence suggests that nAChRs in the CNS play important roles not only in excitatory neurotransmission but also in neuronal survival and related functions.

Neuroprotection mediated by nAChRs in neurodegenerative diseases such as Alzheimer's disease is the major topic of this book. In response to rapidly evolving areas in clinical and laboratory neuropharmacology and neurochemistry, this volume provides in-depth coverage of neuroprotection in basic research and future developments in the clinical application of effective neuroprotective strategies in neurodegenerative diseases. This work appeals to both basic and clinical researchers in several fields, such as neuroscience, neurology, and pharmacology. This work was published by Saint Philip Street Press pursuant to a Creative Commons license permitting commercial use. All rights not granted by the work's license are retained by the author or authors.

Cardiac therapy has become ever more complex during the past quarter century. For example, 25 years ago, the therapy of cardiac failure was largely limited to digitalis, a very few diuretics, salt restriction, and general supportive measures. Antiarrhythmic therapy involved - in the main - quinidine, procainamide, and digitalis, and questions such as which arrhythmia to treat and how to measure drug efficacy had been addressed in elementary fashion only. Cardiac surgery was limited largely to congenital and valvular heart disease; the areas of cardiac pacemaker therapy, defibrillation and other forms of electrical diagnosis and therapy were rudimentary. The expansion of support of cardiovascular research by the National Institutes of Health as well as by institutional sources following World War II has led to major

successes in clinical health care delivery and improved technology made available to clinical investigators. In reviewing progress over the past 25 years, we have been particularly impressed by one observation: this is the important interaction that has developed between studies of pathophysiology and the delivery of appropriate cardiac therapy.

Recent years have witnessed a resurgence of interest in the possible role of brain acetylcholine in neuropsychiatric disease. Research in this area has involved the renewed investigation of the cholinomimetics physostigmine and arecoline, and has been facilitated by the development of new potential cholinomimetics such as dimethylaminoethanol (Deanol) and choline chloride. Current investigators also have taken advantage of new approaches to neurochemical studies. Increasingly sensitive assay techniques such as gas chromatography/mass spectrometry have allowed investigators to measure low concentrations of choline and acetylcholine in brain tissues. Improved neuroanatomical procedures such as immunohistochemical staining and the use of microelectrodes and micropipets have enabled skilled investigators to begin to map central acetylcholine pathways and to dissect the component parts of the complex interactions between brain acetylcholine and other neurotransmitters. The convergence of data from both clinical and basic studies now suggest that brain acetylcholine may be involved in affective illness, several movement disorders, and some cognitive disturbances. The purpose of this book is to summarize recent clinical and pre-clinical investigations on the possible role of brain acetylcholine in several neurological and psychiatric disorders. The volume is divided into six major sections: (1) Brain Acetylcholine and Psychiatric Disorders; (2) Brain Acetylcholine and Movement Disorders; (3) Brain Acetylcholine and Cognitive Function; (4) The Electrophysiology of Cholinergic Agents; (5) Interactions of Brain Acetylcholine and Other Neurotransmitters; (6) Biochemical and Pharmacological Aspects of Cholinergic Treatment Strategies.

The principal objective of this symposium was to bring together investigators from all over the world who work in diverse areas of research but share a common interest in the physiologic and pathophysiologic functions of the nucleoside adenosine. In 1978, the "International Conference on Physiological and Regulatory Functions of Adenosine and Adenine Nucleotides," held in Banff, Canada, served as an effective catalyst in enabling scientists with different points of view to exchange information and ideas on this subject. Since 1978, the amount of research on different aspects of adenosine metabolism, mechanism of action, transport, and function in various tissues (in both normal and abnormal states) has increased exponentially, and there was an urgent need for another meeting for updating information on this burgeoning subject. The focus of the meeting was extremely sharp, but the scope of the subject material was very broad. Scientists categorized as chemists, biochemists, physiologists, pharmacologists, and immunologists, working with cells and cell fragments, with tissues such as heart, brain, muscle, fat, kidney, and with human beings having immune deficiency diseases participated in the symposium. They had an opportunity to air their differences, reinforce their areas of agreement, and, most important, they educated each other with respect to research on adenosine; it is hoped that they also enriched their own research programs from the information they gained from their fellow participants.

Drawing on the expertise of experienced researchers in neurotransmission and catecholamines, this book provides a brief overview of the latest knowledge in the field. The book contains an introductory chapter that aims to explain the subsequent four chapters for researchers who are new to the field.

This new textbook of critical care is aimed primarily at specialist readership (specialist registrars and consultants in critical care, anaesthesia or any acute specialty) but will be of considerable interest to nurses and other allied health professionals caring for these patients. This book should be found on the desktop of every Intensive Care Unit, High Dependency Unit, acute medical or surgical ward or Accident & Emergency department. Indeed it is relevant and important to every practicing clinician or nurse who looks after acutely sick patients around the world. It offers, as its key feature, ease of access to up-to-date evidence-based information regarding the management of commonly encountered conditions, techniques and problems.

An essential text, this is a fully updated second edition of a classic, now in two volumes. It provides rapid access to information on molecular pharmacology for research scientists, clinicians and advanced students. With the A-Z format of over 2,000 entries, around 350 authors provide a complete reference to the area of molecular pharmacology. The book combines the knowledge of classic pharmacology with the more recent approach of the precise analysis of the molecular mechanisms by which drugs exert their effects. Short keyword entries define common acronyms, terms and phrases. In addition, detailed essays provide in-depth information on drugs, cellular processes, molecular targets, techniques, molecular mechanisms, and general principles.

The Cholinergic Synapse

Section on Pharmacology of the International Union of Physiological Sciences (SEPHAR), Proceedings of the Second International Pharmacological Meeting, August 20-23, 1963, Volume 3: Pharmacology of Cholinergic and Adrenergic Transmission focuses on the effects of drugs on muscles, nerve fibers, and the central nervous system. The selection first offers information on the role of sodium ions in the release of acetylcholine and the distribution and release of acetylcholine in muscles. Discussions focus on the effects of sodium deficiency on ACh release in perfused ganglia; effects of sodium pump inhibitors on ganglionic and myoneural transmission; distribution of ACh and choline acetylase in muscle; and ACh release after denervation. The text then ponders on the roles of acetylcholine and acetylcholinesterase in junctional transmission and correlated studies of monoamines and acetylcholinesterase in sympathetic ganglia, manifesting the distribution of adrenergic and cholinergic neurons. The publication examines the action of acetylcholine and related drugs on mammalian nonmyelinated nerve fibers; possible mechanisms of acetylcholine action in muscles; and electrophysiological analysis of cholinergic transmission in sympathetic ganglia. The text then reviews the interactions of cholinomimetic and cholinergic blocking drugs at sympathetic ganglia; evolution of cholinergic sites of locomotor muscle; and pharmacological blocking of central cholinergic systems and the possibilities of its therapeutic application. The selection is a dependable source of data for readers interested in the pharmacology of cholinergic and adrenergic transmission.

Advances in the Biosciences, Volume 82: Presynaptic Receptors and Neuronal Transporters documents the proceedings of the Official Satellite Symposium to the IUPHAR 1990 Congress held in Rouen, France on June 26-29, 1990. The first part of this book deals with the extensive and still increasing list of presynaptic release-modulating auto and heteroreceptors, emphasizing the various subtypes of presynaptic receptors that are characterized by functional studies, both in vitro and in vivo, using a number of experimental approaches. The next chapters are devoted to the molecular pharmacology of presynaptic receptors, of which can interfere with G proteins and modify the activity of adenylate cyclase, guanylate cyclase, or protein kinase C. The purification and molecular biology of transporter systems, including cloning and sequencing of the neuronal sodium-ion

coupled GABA transporter are also discussed. This compilation concludes with insights on the function of presynaptic receptors and neuronal transporters both in the periphery and in the CNS, as well as their ubiquitous locations and physiological roles. This publication is a good reference for students and individuals researching on the presynaptic autoreceptors and neurotransmitters.

Serotonin (5-hydroxytryptamine, often cited as 5-HT) is one of the major excitatory neurotransmitter, and the serotonergic system is one of the best studied and understood transmitter systems. It is crucially involved in the organization of virtually all behaviours and in the regulation of emotion and mood. Alterations in the serotonergic system, induced by e.g. learning or pathological processes, underlie behavioural plasticity and changes in mood, which can finally results in abnormal behaviour and psychiatric conditions. Not surprisingly, the serotonergic system and its functional components appear to be targets for a multitude of pharmacological treatments - examples of very successful drugs targeting the serotonergic system include Prozac and Zoloft. The last decades of research have not only fundamentally expanded our view on serotonin but also revealed in much more detail an astonishing complexity of this system, which comprises a multitude of receptors and signalling pathways. A detailed view on its role in basal, but also complex, behaviours emerged, and, was presented in a number of single review articles. Although much is known now, the serotonergic system is still a fast growing field of research contributing to our present understanding of the brains function during normal and disturbed behaviour. This handbook aims towards a detailed and comprehensive overview over the many facets of behavioural serotonin research. As such, it will provide the most up to date and thorough reading concerning the serotonergic systems control of behaviour and mood in animals and humans. The goal is to create a systematic overview and first hand reference that can be used by students and scholars alike in the fields of genetics, anatomy, pharmacology, physiology, behavioural neuroscience, pathology, and psychiatry. The chapters in this book will be written by leading scientists in this field. Most of them have already written excellent reviews in their field of expertise. The book is divided in 4 sections. After an historical introduction, illustrating the growth of ideas about serotonin function in behaviour of the last forty years, section A will focus on the functional anatomy of the serotonergic system. Section B provides a review of the neurophysiology of the serotonergic system and its single components. In section C the involvement of serotonin in behavioural organization will be discussed in great detail, while section D deals with the role of serotonin in behavioural pathologies and psychiatric disorders. The first handbook broadly discussing the behavioral neurobiology of the serotonergic transmitter system Co-edited by one of the pioneers and opinion leaders of the past decades, Barry Jacobs (Princeton), with an international list (10 countries) of highly regarded contributors providing over 50 chapters, and including the leaders in the field in number of articles and citations: K. P. Lesch, T. Sharp, A. Caspi, P. Blier, G.K. Aghajanian, E. C. Azmitia, and others The only integrated and complete resource on the market containing the best information integrating international research, providing a global perspective to an international community Of great value not only for researchers and experts, but also for students and clinicians as a background reference Advances in Physiological Sciences, Volume 27: Factors Influencing Adrenergic Mechanisms in the Heart is a collection of papers presented at the 1980 satellite symposium of the 28th International Congress of Physiological Science, held in Visegrád, Hungary. This symposium covered the achievements that modify the traditional views of adrenergic regulation of cardiac muscle and coronary blood vessels. This volume is composed 18 chapters and begins with a discussion of the effect of adrenaline on some aspects of electrical and mechanical activity in the frog heart. The subsequent chapters describe the heart rate changes in neurogenic hypertension, the developmental changes of the catecholamine-induced chronotropic responses related to the blood pressure responses, and the inverse reciprocal regulation of cardiac post-synaptic α - and β -adrenoreceptors by thyroid hormones. Other chapters deal with the mechanism of adenosine-induced inhibition of adrenergic neurotransmission in the ventricular myocardium; the comparative morphological studies of localized exogenous adenosine in heart muscle; adenosine sensitivity of canine coronaries; and the significance of nickel ion in the coronary vascular tone regulation. These chapters are followed by discussions of the physiological and pathological effects of beta modulator release and the histological study of experimental diabetic angiopathy. The last chapters examine some aspects of myocardial noradrenaline metabolism in the ischemic heart and the activity of alpha-adrenoceptor without employing beta blocking agents.

The effect of acetylcholine on vascular adrenergic neuroeffector transmission was investigated. Caudal arteries of rats were isolated and their responses to electrical stimulation of the adrenergic nerves and/or acetylcholine were monitored. Acetylcholine had no effect on the basal perfusion pressure or the vascular response to norepinephrine in arteries from non-stressed rats. In arteries from non-stressed animals acetylcholine caused a dose dependent inhibition of the response to electrical stimulation and the inhibition was blocked by atropine. The conclusion from the data is that acetylcholine inhibits the vascular response to electrical stimulation in the caudal artery of the rat via an action on presynaptic muscarinic receptors. Rats subjected to five days of cold stress at 2.5°C show a significant increase in- sympathetic nervous system activity in the tail artery as measured by a three-fold elevation in the tyrosine hydroxylase activity. Caudal arteries from cold-stressed rats showed no significant difference in their response to acetylcholine administered by itself or to exogenous norepinephrine when compared to the arteries from the non-stressed group. Following cold stress, no significant difference was measured in the effect of acetylcholine on the arteries' response to exogenous norepinephrine when compared to the non-stress group. Likewise there was no significant difference between arteries of the two treatment groups in the ability of atropine to block the response to electrical stimulation. It can be concluded that the response of the postsynaptic effector unit to norepinephrine is not altered by cold stress, and that acetylcholine does not effect this response. It is also concluded that acetylcholine inhibits the vascular response of arteries from cold-stressed rats to electrical stimulation via presynaptic muscarinic receptors. When arteries were electrically stimulated at a constant frequency and

the inhibition of the response by acetylcholine measured, the response in arteries from cold-stressed rats was inhibited to a significantly greater degree when compared to arteries from non-stressed rats. Regression analysis showed the log-dose inhibition curve of arteries from the cold-stressed rats to be parallel to the curve of the non-stressed arteries and shifted to the left. Arteries were also stimulated with electrical stimulation at variable frequencies and the vascular response inhibited with a constant concentration of acetylcholine. Acetylcholine was found to inhibit the response of the arteries from cold-stressed rats significantly more than the arteries from non-stressed rats. Regression analysis again showed a parallel shift in the dose response curve of the arteries from coldstressed rats. It can be concluded from the data that the presynaptic muscarinic receptors have become supersensitive in the presence of increased sympathetic nerve activity.

Yawning is a stereotyped phylogenetically ancient phenomenon that occurs in almost all vertebrates. As an emotional behavior and an expressive movement, yawning has many consequences; nevertheless, it has so far been poorly addressed in medical research and practice. Bringing together the latest research from many fields, this volume integrates current insights within embryology, ethology, neurophysiology, psychology, fMRI and pathology. The phylogenetic and ontogenetic aspects of yawning offer an interesting perspective on human development, and its occurrence in neurological diseases - an area explored by only a few investigators - may provide useful clinical information. This book will make valuable and fascinating reading to neurologists, sleep specialists, psychologists, ethologists and pharmacologists, as well as to anybody interested in uncovering the mystery of yawning.

Not much more than a decade has passed since the appearance of the outstanding handbook, Catecholamines, edited by BLASCHKO and MUSCHOLL, in the series: Handbook of Experimental Pharmacology. However, this extremely well organized volume dealt mainly with the origin, molecular actions, and fate of the naturally occurring catecholamines. It was felt that a separate volume should be dedicated to the remarkable and exciting progress made in the field of agents influencing the adrenergic system, both in physiologic and pharmacologic respect. The editor of the present volume considers himself lucky to have been able to persuade a number of eminent specialists to collaborate. The main concept of the present handbook is a systematic approach to the various effects of adrenergic activators and inhibitors starting with the chemistry and structure activity relationship, followed by the evaluation of adrenergic activators and inhibitors, and discussing their mode of action. The most voluminous part is the chapter dealing with the systemic pharmacology of these agents analyzing the effects on the central nervous system, on the autonomic nervous system, on the cardiovascular, the respiratory, the digestive, the endocrine system, on the skeletal muscle, and on metabolism. Kinetics and bio transformation, further toxic effects are discussed in the following chapters. A special chapter on clinical features concludes the monograph.

“Nerve-Driven Immunity: Neurotransmitters and Neuropeptides in the Immune System” summarizes, analyzes and sheds new light on an unrecognized, yet very important role of key neurotransmitters and neuropeptides in the immune system. Each chapter of the book deals with a different neurotransmitter/neuropeptide from the following list: Dopamine, Adrenaline, Noradrenaline, Acetylcholine, Glutamate, GABA, Somatostatin, Neuropeptide Y (NPY), Vasoactive intestinal polypeptide (VIP), Calcitonin gene related peptide (CGRP), Opioids and Cannabinoids. For each of these neurotransmitters/neuropeptides, the following four topics are discussed: The specific receptors for the neurotransmitter/neuropeptide expressed in various types of immune cells The direct effects induced by the neurotransmitter/neuropeptide in various types of immune cells (either resting or activated), and the specific immune functions and features it activates/elevates or rather inhibits in specific concentrations The production of the neurotransmitter/neuropeptide in, and its release by, various types of immune cells The involvement of the neurotransmitter/neuropeptide in various diseases of the immune system (among them autoimmune diseases, immunodeficiency diseases and hematological cancers) The book includes many original figures, overview tables, and proposed models of events which are instrumental, enriching and stimulating for the reader. In light of the above-mentioned aspects, “Nerve-Driven Immunity: Neurotransmitters and Neuropeptides in the Immune System” is ideally suited as a textbook for new courses in Immunology, Neurology, Neuro-immunology or Pharmacology. The book chapters were written by highly skilled authors from 10 countries: the USA, the United Kingdom, Italy, Israel, Sweden, France, Germany, Spain, Serbia and Romania. “Nerve-Driven Immunity” is a term first coined by Dr. Mia Levite (the editor of the book).

Using the most well-studied behavioral analyses of animal subjects to promote a better understanding of the effects of disease and the effects of new therapeutic treatments on human cognition, Methods of Behavior Analysis in Neuroscience provides a reference manual for molecular and cellular research scientists in both academia and the pharmaceutical

Aging of the Autonomic Nervous System is the first book devoted to the aging of the autonomic nervous system. The book presents the most recent findings on topics such as general aspects of the autonomic nervous system, main neurotransmitter systems, age-dependent changes of neuroeffector mechanisms in target organs, and therapeutic perspectives. It also provides a comprehensive analysis of the possible consequences of these findings. Aging of the Autonomic Nervous System will be a useful volume for gerontologists and neuroscientists.

The Physiology of Synapses covers the considerable advances in understanding the complex physiology of synapses. This book is divided into 16 chapters that emphasize the mechanism of synaptic transmission. The first chapters describe the structural and physiological features of chemically transmitting synapses. The subsequent chapters deal with the excitatory postsynaptic responses to presynaptic impulse and the release of transmitter by presynaptic impulses. These topics are followed by discussions of the impulse

generation by the excitatory postsynaptic potential; the postsynaptic electrical events produced by chemically transmitting inhibitory synapses; the ionic mechanism generating the inhibitory postsynaptic potential. The last chapters consider the mechanism of inhibitory transmitter substances, pathways responsible for postsynaptic inhibitory action, and the trophic and plastic properties of synapses. This book will prove useful to physiologists, neurologists, and researchers.

The Release of Catecholamines from Adrenergic Neurons focuses on the processes involved in determining the release of catecholamines from neurons, noting the influence of alcohols, analgesics, and acids in the release. The selection first discusses biochemical and ultrastructural studies of the mechanism of release, as well as release of constituents of noradrenergic vesicles upon nerve stimulation; constituents of noradrenergic vesicles; and mechanism of release. The book then takes a look at the role of calcium in catecholamine release from adrenergic nerve terminals and presynaptic adrenoceptors and regulation of release. Topics include calcium-dependent versus calcium-independent noradrenaline release; differences between the presynaptic and postsynaptic alpha-adrenoceptors; and influence of neuronal uptake of noradrenaline on the negative feedback mechanism mediated by presynaptic alpha-adrenoceptors. The publication reviews presynaptic muscarine receptors and inhibition of release, including muscarinic inhibition of noradrenaline release evoked by electrical stimulation of sympathetic nerves; effect of muscarinic agonists on noradrenaline releasing procedures independent of calcium ions; and possible physiological and pharmacological significance of the muscarinic inhibitory mechanism. The text also ponders on the role of prostaglandins, cyclic adenosine monophosphate, analgesics, peptides, acids, anesthetics, and alcohols in the release. The selection is a dependable reference for readers interested in the study of the release of catecholamines from adrenergic neurons.

This book undertakes to cover all angles of current research in [actual symbol not reproducible] receptors, each chapter being written by a leader in the field. Starting with an excellent overview of the subject, it provides insights into ligand binding and the effects of site-directed mutagenesis; the transfer of the signal through the G-protein to various effectors and the internal cellular response; receptor trafficking; and the therapeutic implications of the receptors, with the effects of agonists and antagonists. The scope of this volume makes it an indispensable guide for researchers working on any feature of [actual symbol not reproducible] receptors. It will also prove valuable to anyone with an interest in the structure and function of G-protein coupled receptors and the mechanisms by which they direct the response of the cell to multiple types of external stimuli.

Neurotransmitters, Drugs and Brain Function aims to link basic aspects of the activity of neurotransmitters at the receptor and synaptic level with their role in normal brain function, disease states, and drug action. Thus, the material considers to what extent our knowledge of the central synaptic action of certain drugs can explain their possible roles in the cause of diseases and in the modes of action of drugs effective in those conditions. It offers a working explanation of drug and neurotransmitter action in CNS function, with a clear, comprehensive, and challenging style of writing. The authors review the chemical basis for drugs and the conditions they treat. It also, includes numerous illustrations and schematic diagrams.

The costs associated with a drug's clinical trials are so significant that it has become necessary to validate both its safety and efficacy in animal models prior to the continued study of the drug in humans. Featuring contributions from distinguished researchers in the field of cognitive therapy research, Animal Models of Cognitive Impairment examines some of the most popular and successful animal archetypes used in the context of drug discovery. It provides integrated coverage of the latest research concerning neuronal systems relevant to cognitive function and dysfunction, assimilating reviews of this research within the context of each chapter. This approach is unique in that it brings together molecular and neurochemical methodologies, behavioral applications in translational models, and clinical applications. The book comprehensively discusses a wide variety of animal models of cognitive impairment, including genetic, lesion, pharmacological, and aging related impairments. It also explores the significance of this research in regards to the treatment of various addictions and disorders such as stroke, autism, Alzheimer's, schizophrenia, and ADHD. Edited by two renowned authorities in the field, Animal Models of Cognitive Impairment is a timely book that provides integrated coverage of cutting-edge research that concerns neuronal systems relevant to cognitive function and dysfunction.

Dale's Principle and Communication Between Neurones is based on a colloquium of the Neurochemical Group of the Biochemical Society, held at Oxford University, July 1982. This book focuses on communication between neurones by means of chemical signals. The book contains an introductory chapter by V.P. Whittaker and nine further chapters on various aspects of the chemical communication processes between neurones. Topics covered include chemical communication between excitable cells; the neuroendocrine division of the nervous system; evidence for a neurone having the capacity to use two chemical ...

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