Brown; Horst *et al.*; Wilson and Sutton; Zwicker).

Section 2. Auditory Nerve and Cochlear Nucleus, Central and Centrifugal Auditory Systems, contains several papers on physiological correlates of psychoacoustic phenomena such as masking by background noise (Young et al.); the pitch of complex stimuli (Evans; ten Kate and Bloothooft); and the critical bandwidth (Pickles). The remaining papers in the section are relatively unrelated and include studies of responses of inner hair cells and neurons in the cochlear nerve and cochlear nucleus as a function of tone level (Smith et al.) and of responses of cochlear neurons to two tones (Allen and Fahey); a theoretical study of adaptation (Duifhuis and Bezemer); and studies of the cortex and cochlear efferents (Merzenich and Jenkins; Schreiner et al.; Stopp).

Section 3, Binaural Interaction, is highlighted by an outstanding review of binaural psychoacoustic phenomena (Blauert) containing insightful comments on lateralization and image splitting, auditory spaciousness, localization in a noisy environment, signal detection and discrimination, the cocktail-party effect, inhibition of reverberance, pitch, the summation of loudness, and fusion. The other eight papers in this section describe some principles of binaural modeling (Colburn); psychoacoustic research on lateralization of transients (Henning; Hafter and Wenzel) and on time-varying interaural differences (Stern and Bachorski); and physiological research on the superior olivary complex in the cat (Caird and Klinke), the inferior colliculus in the rat (Syka et al.), the superior colliculus in the guinea pig (Palmer and King), and the auditory midbrain in the grassfrog (Eggermont et al.).

Section 4, Psychophysics, is organized awkwardly. The choice of title is curious since many other sections also contain material on psychophysics. The section begins with a review of the psychoacoustics of normal and impaired listeners (Moore) and continues with seven papers (that as a group lack coherence) concerned exclusively with normal hearing: two on loudness (Scharf et al.; O'Loughlin); three on modulation (Plomp; van Veen and Houtgast; Fastl); one on monaural phase (Mehrgardt and Schroeder); and one on decay of pulsation threshold patterns (Verschuure et al.).

Section 5, Pitch Perception, continues the tradition in this series of symposiums of interest in pitch phenomena. It contains papers on sound-induced pitch shifts (van den Brink), monotic and dichotic just noticeable differences (JND's) in pitch (Bilsen and Raatgever), the effect of backward masking on pitch discrimination and interval recognition (Rakowski), the pitch of high-frequency sounds (Burns and Feth), and neural mechanisms for periodicity analysis in the time domain (Langner). A paper by Patterson et al. on threshold duration for melodic pitch considers the interesting question of whether the residue pitch mechanism (extraction of fundamental pitch from higher harmonics) increases the speed with which fundamental pitch can be extracted and therefore the rate at which changing fundamental frequency can be tracked.

Section 6, Speech and Hearing Impairment, reflects the growing concern (in both Europe and the United States) with hearing impairments and with relating speech perception to underlying psychoacoustics and physiology. The first paper (Miller and Sachs) considers the temporal and spectral representation of humanvoice pitch in the discharges of auditorynerve fibers in cats. The remaining papers focus on normal and impaired human listeners and are concerned with JND's for spectral envelope parameters in speech (Ghitza and Goldstein); impaired frequency-time resolution and its effect on intelligibility (Dreschler); unmasking, tuning, and thresholds in the compound action potential (Rutten); frequency and temporal resolution in impaired listeners with large losses at audiometric frequencies but small losses at higher frequencies (Long and Cullen); the relation between thresholds and tuning curves (Tyler et al.); and dissociation between frequency resolution and threshold (Pick and Evans). In a paper on the reception threshold of interrupted speech, de Laat and Plomp show a correlation between mean audiometric loss and the difference in speech reception threshold for continuous and interrupted noise that is remarkably high (0.85).

The book is satisfactory as the proceedings of a symposium. As a contribution to the field it is of mixed value. Although much of the material is new most of the worthwhile papers will eventually be published in refereed journals (after significant improvements). Furthermore, in addition to some organizational problems, the book suffers from great variability in clarity and quality of presentation.

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## The European Quaternary

Glacial Deposits in North-West Europe. JURGEN EHLERS, Ed. Balkema, Rotterdam, 1983 (U.S. distributor, MBS, Salem, N.H.). x, 470 pp., illus. \$48.50.

Glacially rafted chalk floes, tunnel valleys, hat-shaped hills, Kalix and Sveg tills, Rogen moraine, the "perfect gravel zone"—these are some of the terms to which we are introduced by the 46 authors of 52 contributions that make up this volume.

Wave-cut cliffs of southern Baltic shorelines expose remarkable evidence of soft sediment translocation by the Scandinavian ice sheet. At Kvarnby, in Skåne, southern Sweden, B. Ringberg describes a 4.5-kilometer-long belt of glacially rafted chalk floes. Being both over- and underlain by till, the chalk rafts appear to have been frozen onto the sole of the ice sheet and transported at least 25 kilometers. Their dimensions imply that permafrost extended at least 30 meters into the substrate beneath the ice sheet. Ristinge Klint on the Danish island of Langeland (S. Sjørring), for contrast, involves 30 or more floes of translocated glacial drift. The typical floe includes tills representing three Weichselian glaciations, raising the question why, after three episodes of normal till deposition, the ice sheet in its final readvance changed to a rafting mode. What conditions beneath the glacier were altered enough to cause such a radical change in behavior?

Tunnel valleys in Denmark (J. Krüger) and Germany (F. Grube), once ascribed to erosion by subglacial meltwater streams, are now recognized as having more varied and enigmatic origins. Hatshaped hills in Denmark (Krüger) are characterized as "dislocated kames." Sveg and Kalix tills in Sweden (J. Lundqvist) involve intimate association of diamict and washed drift components. Rogen moraine, first identified in Sweden (Lundqvist), consists of ridges of crudely crescentic segments aligned transverse to former ice flow and currently interpreted as having been formed by infolding of debris-rich layers at the base of actively flowing ice. The "perfect gravel zone" is the zone of overlap on a granulometric diagram of the size grade distribution that affords maximum bearing capacity and corrugation resistance for the surfacing of gravel roads.

The volume is organized in sections by national boundaries, in the sequence of glacial flow from the Norwegian highlands to the lowlands of Holland, with subequal treatment of Norway, Sweden,



"Cross-bedded Middle Saalian meltwater sands of the channel-fill type in an exposure southwest of Neu Wolmstorf, Lower Saxony. . . . In the large channel, on the left, a floe of fine sand, which must have been transported in a frozen state, is seen." [Photo by J. Ehlers; from J. Ehlers and F. Grube's chapter in Glacial Deposits in North-West Europe]

Denmark, Germany, and the Netherlands. This geographic framework serves adequately for organizational purposes. Although correlations and mapped boundaries tend to be left hanging at international borders, overlap and conflicts of interpretation are minimized. This reviewer shares the editor's regret that coverage could not be extended to include the whole of glaciated northern Europe. True, the British Isles as local centers of glacier outflow call for treatment in a separate volume. True, too, that "certain well-known difficulties" militate against similar treatment of Eastern and Western bloc nations. Nevertheless, one wonders why Finland was not included in this review of Scandinavian glaciation.

The chapters range from systematic summaries of the glacial history of Norway (J. Mangerud), Sweden (Lundqvist), Denmark (Sjørring), Germany (Ehlers), and the Netherlands (J. D. de Jong and G. C. Maarleveld) to brief status reports on research in progress. This reviewer particularly welcomes the study by Vorren et al. of glaciomarine sedimentation and stratigraphy on Norway's continental shelf west of Tromsoe; welcome too is B. Strömberg's review of the current status of the Swedish varve chronology.

The publisher has not stinted on space or crowded the 409 figures in this generously illustrated volume. Ninety-five color plates splendidly illustrate features discussed in the text, but many are physically separated from the relevant pages and no list of plates is provided.

The volume affords a broad-ranging and rather well-balanced introduction to the Quaternary geology of a large area of northwestern Europe. For the scientist with an interest either in the European Quaternary or in Quaternary stratigraphy, sedimentation, and geomorphology, this volume will prove a stimulating and valuable acquisition.

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