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PREFACE

The rapid pace at which new data is currently accumulated in science presents one of the significant problems of today — the problem of rapid retrieval of information. The fields of biochemistry and molecular biology are two areas in which the information explosion is manifest. Such data is of interest in the disciplines of medicine, modern biology, genetics, immunology, biophysics, etc., to name but a few related areas. It was this need which first prompted CRC Press, with Dr. Herbert A. Sober as Editor, to publish the first two editions of a modern *Handbook of Biochemistry*, which made available unique, in depth compilations of critically evaluated data to graduate students, post-doctoral fellows, and research workers in selected areas of biochemistry.

This third edition of the *Handbook* demonstrates the wealth of new information which has become available since 1970. The title has been changed to include molecular biology; as the fields of biochemistry and molecular biology exist today, it becomes more difficult to differentiate between them. As a result of this philosophy, this edition has been greatly expanded. Also, previous data has been revised and obsolete material has been eliminated. As before, however, all areas of interest have not been covered in this edition. Elementary data, readily available elsewhere, has not been included. We have attempted to stress the areas of today's principal research frontiers and consequently certain areas of important biochemical interest are relatively neglected, but hopefully not totally ignored.

This third edition is over double the size of the second edition. Tables used from the second edition without change are so marked, but their number is small. Most of the tables from the second edition have been extensively revised, and over half of the data is new material. In addition, a far more extensive index has been compiled to facilitate the use of the Handbook. To make more facile use of the Handbook because of the increased size, it has been divided into four sections. Each section will have one or more volumes. The four sections are titled:

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The following list is representative of the data for the above materials contained herein: Physical constants, spectral constants, ultraviolet absorption characteristics, optical properties (optical rotatory and circular dichroism), osmotic coefficients, proton chemical shifts, raman spectral bands, temperature melting profiles, and infrared spectra.

The second volume will contain the remaining material similar to Volume 1 and material more relative to genetic and biological aspects, such as enzymes involved in nucleic acid function, protein synthesis, linkage maps, etc.

Although the data, for which the editor alone is responsible, is far from complete, it is hoped these volumes will be of assistance to those working in the field of biochemistry and molecular biology.

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