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Toxicology and Risk Assessment

This book is dedicated to Professor Herbert Remmer (1919–2003), late Director of the Institute of Toxicology of the University of Tübingen. He was a pathfinder in the biomedical sciences, a dedicated teacher, and an inspiration to all of his friends and colleagues. His work established a standard of excellence for generations of scientists to come. He is sorely missed.

Preface

About 30 years ago the need for trained toxicologists in the German chemical industry prompted Professors Herbert Remmer and Helmut Greim to organize a 3-year toxicology training program for 20 chemists. Using this experience the German Society of Pharmacology and Toxicology developed criteria to receive a certificate designating the 'Fach-Toxikologe' and initiated a broad training program to provide the information required. It became obvious that a text book was needed to accompany the classroom work to meet the needs of the students. The book* was published in the German language in 1995 and subsequently in Italian.** When time came for a new edition, the publishers, who were interested in expanding the market, suggested that a new edition, which could service a broader representation of the community of scholars in toxicology, should be written in English. The editors, Helmut Greim and Robert Snyder, decided to prepare a completely new book to ensure that recent achievements in toxicology are covered and each chapter produced by the faculty contained essential knowledge for a toxicologist. The authors and editors hope that the book proves useful to students and provides information at a level that will enable them to successfully study toxicology.

The current book is intended for people with a broad range of toxicological interests, including both practical and mechanistic subjects. References at the end of each chapter will allow the reader to go beyond this book into the toxicological literature. Furthermore, coverage extends into areas such as the 'omics,' biomarkers, molecular and cell biology, and newer approaches to risk assessment. It stresses the important need for overlap between mechanistic studies and safety assessment.

There are two famous admonitions in toxicology. The first, by Paracelsus, appears in the introduction. The second has been credited to any of several of our colleagues: 'Toxicology can be learned in two lessons, each 20 years long.' We hope that this book can start students down the path toward an exciting and productive career in toxicology.

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