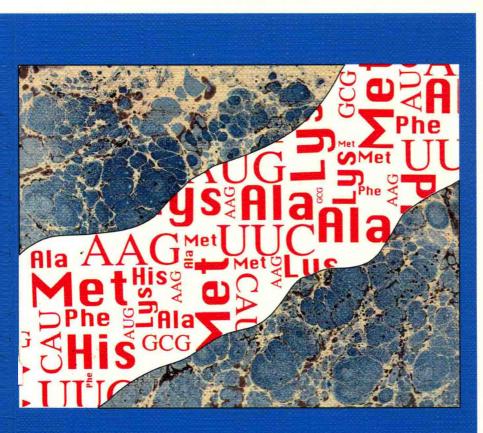
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Preface

In June 1994 we organized the first meeting called "Mikromethoden in der Proteinchemie" at the Max Planck Institute for Biochemistry in Martinsried. Attendance was large, indicating an apparently broad-based interest in the detailed description of aspects of protein chemistry - perhaps because proteins are becoming more and more important in a variety of different disciplines. In selecting the presentations we focused on the most important methods, with descriptions of established ones as well as new ones. The speakers were experienced workers in the field, who made the conference attractive to interested learners and established 'protein people' alike. It was hoped that this would initiate lively exchange and dialogue between all participants. The chapters presented in this book are the written outlines of the spoken presentations and try to combine basic explanation with detailed descriptions of optimized procedures for sample handling at the micro level. Thanks to the help of all the authors, we are now able to offer this book to a wider public, and are very pleased of the chance to pass on various tips and ideas to those who need them. We should like to see this book become a valuable tool for anyone seeking to gain access to analytical problems in protein chemistry.

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