

Preface

It was a pleasure to have the efficient and generous collaboration of the contributors to the two volumes of *The Nucleus*. For many of them, the good personal and scientific contacts that facilitated this project owe much to Wilhelm Bernhard's ideals of life and science and to the atmosphere of the "Wilhelm Bernhard Nuclear Workshop" that perpetuates them. Numerous other protocols of interest to those who work with nuclei are available in previous volumes of the *Methods in Molecular Biology* and other series, as well as online. The present volumes attempt to draw attention to and foster interest in less well-explored and emerging areas, and to offer a more global perspective on nuclear biology. While the subjects presented inevitably reflect to some extent the interests of the editor, the emphasis on imaging methods in *Volume 2: Chromatin, Transcription, Envelope, Proteins, Dynamics and Imaging* can be justified plausibly by the major contributions that imaging has made in recent years to our understanding of the nucleus. The help of Joe Gall, Peter Hemmerich, and Dominic Ploton in identifying contributors to this volume, of Joanna for congenial working conditions, and of David Casey of Humana Press, who produced these volumes with meticulous expertise, are gratefully acknowledged.

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