

# Preface to the Second Edition

The very positive response *Food Microbiology* has had since it was first published has been extremely gratifying. It has reconfirmed our belief in the value of the original project and has also helped motivate us to produce this second edition. We have taken the opportunity to correct minor errors, improve some of the diagrams and update the text to incorporate new knowledge, recent developments and legislative changes. Much of this has meant numerous small changes and additions spread throughout the book, though perhaps we should point out (for the benefit of reviewers) new sections on stress response, *Mycobacterium* spp. and risk analysis, and updated discussions of predictive microbiology, the pathogenesis of some foodborne illnesses, BSE/vCJD and HACCP.

A number of colleagues have provided advice and information and among these we are particularly indebted to Mike Carter, Paul Cook, Chris Little, Johnjoe McFadden, Bob Mitchell, Yasmine Motarjemi and Simon Park. It is customary for authors to absolve those acknowledged from all responsibility for any errors in the final book. We are happy to follow that convention in the unspoken belief that if any errors have crept through we can always blame each other.

# Preface to the Third Edition

In this third edition we have taken the opportunity to update and clarify the text in a number of places, removing a few incipient cobwebs along the way. Mostly this has entailed small changes within the existing text though there are new sections dealing with natamycin, subtyping, emerging pathogens and *Enterobacter sakazakii*.

In addition to all those colleagues who have helped with previous editions we are pleased to acknowledge Janet Corry and Marcel Zwietering whose diligent reading of the second edition revealed the need for some corrections that had previously eluded us. We have also rationalised the index which we decided was excessive and contained too many esoteric or trivial entries. As a consequence, terms such as “trub” have been deleted. Those seeking knowledge on this topic will now have to read the book in its entirety.