

Preface

With an estimated 1.3 million new cases and causing more than 20,000 deaths every year, leishmaniasis continues to be a menace in countries across the globe. Unavailability of a vaccine and limited chemotherapeutic options coupled with rapid emergence of drug-resistant *Leishmania* strains challenges researchers to come up with novel strategies to combat the disease. With this common goal various research groups are actively investigating different aspects of the

parasite biology, its interaction with the host immune system, the disease pathogenesis, drug development and molecular mechanism of drug resistance. This book aims to cover these broad areas of modern *Leishmania* research and highlight insightful discoveries in the field. We hope that this book will not only be widely read and appreciated by the *Leishmania* community but will also benefit researchers working in related fields.

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