Preface

It has been a decade since the last edition of the present atlas. During this time, we have become more familiar with the brain. In constructing this book, we had at our disposal the cognate publications *Atlas of the Developing Mouse Brain* (Paxinos et al., 2007), *The Mouse Brain in Stereotaxic Coordinates, 4th ed.* (Paxinos and Franklin 2013), *The Rat Brain in Stereotaxic Coordinates, 7th ed.* (Paxinos and Watson, 2014), *The Rat Nervous System, 4th ed.* (Paxinos, 2014), *MRI/DTI Atlas of the Rat Brain* (Paxinos et al., 2015), *Atlas of the Human Brain 4th ed.* (Mai et al., 2016) and *The Chick Brain in Stereotaxic Coordinates 2nd ed.* (Puelles et al., in press). We made use of the above works in constructing the present edition and we retained the same names and abbreviations for homologous structures across these species and ages.

All diagrams of the previous edition were thoroughly revised for the current edition with addition of rhombomeres where appropriate. The website contains everything in the hard copy of the atlas.

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The authors would like users of the atlas to consider the suitability of the nomenclature and abbreviation scheme in this book for their own work. The scheme used here is systematic and is based on the principles of the construction of abbreviations for the elements of the periodic table and abbreviations of compound words such as acetylcholinesterase (AChE).

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