

Preface

The motivation for the creation of the second edition of this work was a continued perceived need for such a book. Ten years have elapsed since the publication of the first edition, during which time developmental biology has rapidly progressed, in particular, developing the sub-discipline of evo-devo and giving birth to eco-devo. Unlike *The Dictionary of Cell Biology*, such a book does not exist for embryology and developmental biology; yet undergraduate students, graduate students, professors, and researchers would find such a book to be most convenient. Undoubtedly, most terms found in this book are accessible on the Internet; however, it is often not convenient to boot up the computer and initiate a search for the term in question. In addition to terminology, this book also presents historical vignettes of some major contributors, classical and modern, to embryology and developmental biology, as well as a number of concepts (as opposed to terminology per se).

This second edition will, perhaps, have omissions of some terms that you feel should be included. The author would greatly appreciate it if you would send suggested terms for possible inclusion in subsequent editions of this book to dyef@wcsu.edu.

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