

SERIES PREFACE

The aim of the Cell Biology Series is to focus attention upon basic problems and show that cell biology as a discipline is gradually maturing. In its largest aim, each monograph seeks to be readable and informative, scholarly, and the work of a single mind. In general, the topics chosen deal with major contemporary issues. Together they represent a rather large domain whose importance has grown enormously in the course of the last generation. The introduction of new techniques has no doubt ushered in a small revolution in cell biology. However, we still know very little about the cell as an ordered structure. As will become abundantly clear to the reader, real progress is not just a matter of progress of technique but also a matter of close interaction between advances in different fields of study, as well as genesis of new approaches and generalized concepts.

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