

Preface

This manual reflects practical approaches to handling bacteria in the laboratory. It is designed to recall historical methods of bacterial genetics that have had recent developments and to present new techniques that allow full genome analysis. It has been written for microbiologists who need to group their protocols at the state of the art of a new millennium and also for scientists in other fields of life sciences who need to use bacteria for their research. Teachers, graduate students, and postdocs also will benefit from having these protocols to help them understand modern bacterial genetics.

I learned so much from these contributions from my colleagues that I have no doubt about the daily usefulness of this book.

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