

Preface

This is the fifth volume in the *Reviews in Fluorescence* series. To date, four previous volumes have been both published and well received by the scientific community. Several book reviews in the last few years have also favorably remarked on the series.

In this fifth volume we continue the tradition of publishing leading edge and timely articles from authors around the world. With the recent Nobel Prize in Chemistry for 2008 being awarded for the discovery and development of the Green Fluorescent Protein (GFP) to Shimomura, Chalfie, and Tsien, we have subsequently included several timely reviews on GFP in this volume.

We thank the authors for their timely and exciting contributions. We hope you find this volume as useful as past volumes, which promises to be just as diverse with regard to fluorescence-based content.

Finally, in closing, I would like to thank Caroleann Aitken for helping coordinating content with authors and Michael Weston at Springer for help in publishing this current volume.

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