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Editors Preface

Dermatopharmacy and –pharmacology have developed enormously over the past years, especially thanks to the rapid technical development of analytical, synthesis and diagnostic procedures. In addition, genetechnical and molecular-biological methods have brought innovation not only in systemic, but especially also in topical applications of medicinal and active substances. Modern vehicle systems have initiated a new age in galenics and make it possible to apply even high-molecular or hard-to-dissolve substances in therapeutic doses.

With detailed knowledge of the structure and function of the skin, as well as the regulation of metabolic processes, there is an increasing merging of biological processes with pharmacological-therapeutic manipulations.

Despite these positive developments, dermatopharmacy needs enthusiastic, engaged persons with a broad range of ideas, who will work out the basic scientific foundation, design the practical relationships and lead in the conception of an effective, marketable product.

In this sense, I wish to thank all the authors of this book for their collaboration and innovative contributions.

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In March 2002, in honor of the 65th birthday of our esteemed teacher, colleague and friend, Professor Wolfgang A. Wohlrab, we held the Congress "Trends in Dermatopharmacy" in Halle an der Saale (Germany). It was our particular intention to honor his many-sided academic life's work. In nearly 3 decades of dedicated and responsible work in the areas of experimental dermatology and dermatopharmacy, Prof. Wohlrab has created an exceptional life's work and stood firm against the sharp headwinds of social-political circumstances. The numerous publications and patents, the hordes of his students and an outstanding institution document both his performance and the quality of his work.

We thank Wolfgang Wohlrab for his engagement, his friendship and his loyalty, which is characterized by profound academic and Christian principles. We wish him health and continued vitality for the coming years, without the pressures of daily, always enthusiastically-performed duties.

We hope that this book will contribute with its number of excellent articles to the modern understanding of dermatopharmacy, as the Honoree would wish!

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