

Preface

Having spent much of my life studying the neurohypophysial hormone vasopressin, it is a great pleasure to have been involved in the production of a book giving various current perspectives on this hormone. It has been my good fortune to be able to invite a few long-standing friends and colleagues to contribute their knowledge and understanding of the hormone in particular areas of their expertise. I am very grateful to them all, particularly since they are all very busy people. There is some overlap between chapters on occasion but I think that this is generally appropriate since it allows each chapter to inform the reader independently without too much need for cross-reference between them. On the other hand, other relevant chapters are indicated when helpful to the reader. The end result is a text which covers most aspects of vasopressin research in a readily digestible format which I hope the reader will enjoy.

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