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Preface

This book contains chapters based on lectures given by speakers at the “Infection and Immunity in Children” course, held in June 2006 at Keble College, Oxford. It was the fourth annual course of this name and this is the fourth book in the series as well. Together the courses and books have become important components of the training available to paediatricians with an interest in this specialty and we are especially pleased that so many young doctors from all over Europe as well as further afield have attended each year.

The fifth Oxford course was held on 25–27 June 2007 and we expect to produce another edition of this book thereafter, covering another set of important and rapidly developing topics.

Paediatric Infectious Diseases is now a recognised specialty in Europe with established training programmes and training centres, overseen by the European Society for Paediatric Infectious Diseases. We hope that this book and the course that precedes each edition will continue to play a useful part in the development and knowledge of specialists throughout the continent and beyond.

Adam Finn and Andrew J. Pollard
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