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Foreword

Intrauterine growth retardation remains a significant clinical problem in modern obstetrics. This book draws together the aetiology of the condition, the underlying mechanisms which may be responsible and the clinical management. In fact the book offers an outstanding insight into the difficulties and challenges which exist in the subject both clinically and scientifically.

The story about intrauterine growth has been a long one and although this book provides a cohesive view of where we are just now, it also makes it obvious that we have some way to go before the final chapter is reached. The configuration of the book reflects the fact that both of the editors are not only obstetricians but also effective clinical scientists. What is particularly exciting is the fact that they have used authors who in general are themselves both young and conversant with the science of molecular and cellular biology.

This exciting mix has produced a book which is relevant for today's practice whilst at the same time offering an useful and intriguing scientific resource. All who have contributed, and especially the authors, are to be congratulated.

Martin Whittle

Preface

This book was conceived at the 4th Tox talks meeting in Mill Valley, California, in June 1996, a multidisciplinary group that focusses on pre-eclampsia. As mild obesity began to set in, we challenged each other to a weight reduction contest for the following SGI meeting in March 1997, and set about creating a book that dealt with the complexities of reduced fetal growth. We were delighted with the enthusiasm shown by the leading investigators that we approached to help with this task. Our aim was to create a text that blends modern clinical practice in maternal-fetal medicine alongside clinical epidemiology and cutting edge basic research.

We would like to thank the efficient and encouraging staff of Springer who have guided us through the project, especially Christopher Greenwell, Nick Mowat and Roger Dobbing.

*John Kingdom
Philip Baker*

Dedication

To our wives and children who would rather have had us at home.

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