

Preface to Volume 4

This fourth volume of *The History of Neuroscience in Autobiography* includes 14 autobiographical chapters by senior neuroscientists. The authors tell about the experiences that shaped their lives, the teachers, colleagues, and students with whom they worked, and the scientific work that has absorbed them during their careers. Their essays serve as enduring records of a lifetime of discovery and achievement.

We are particularly fortunate to be able to include a contribution from W. Maxwell (Max) Cowan, who passed away on June 30, 2002. Although his chapter was largely completed, we are able to thank his former student Brent Stanfield, Ph.D., who kindly reviewed the chapter and suggested some modest organizational and editorial changes.

As with the first three volumes of this series, Volume 4 was prepared with the help of the Committee on the History of Neuroscience at the Society for Neuroscience. This group, which serves as editorial board for the project, compiled the names of those who were invited to contribute to the volume.

We are especially grateful for the contributions of Louise Marshal, Ph.D., member of the History Committee, who passed away on July 12, 2003 at the age of 94. Her enthusiasm and support for history of Neuroscience projects were widely known and deeply appreciated by the Society for Neuroscience and her colleagues at UCLA.

At the Society for Neuroscience, Charyl Delaney (Chapters and Special Programs Manager) coordinated the project with vigor and efficiency. Although the volumes are official publications of the Society for Neuroscience, since 1997 Academic Press (now part of Elsevier) has been a partner in the project and has coordinated the technical editing, printing, and marketing under the very capable direction of Jasna Markovac (Senior Vice President, Elsevier, Life Science). I hope readers will find Volume 4 as interesting and enjoyable as the earlier volumes.

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