FOREWORD

In this book S. I. Kuznetsov, the well-known Soviet microbiologist, provides a wealth of information on the microbial limnology of fresh-water lakes throughout the world and, especially, in the Soviet Union. This is a monumental work summarizing the geochemical activities as related to the geographic, geological, and physical relationships of fresh-water lakes.

The translator has produced an excellent translation, and I have attempted to keep the idioms of the original as much as possible and yet conform to proper English. Thus, some of the sentences may seem to have somewhat of a European flavor as a result of my effort to retain the author's identity. It was impossible to identify all the lakes that were mentioned in the text, and I ask the indulgence of the reader if certain errors in the identity of fresh-water lakes crept in due to translation and the passage of time. Names change quite quickly and I have not attempted to alter the translation of the names as they appear in the text.

The editing of a major work on microbial limnology has been stimulating and rewarding in its context. It is hoped that the text will be of value to the limnologist, biologist, and microbiologist in opening a new area of information. The text could serve as the nucleus for a course in microbial limnology or ecology on how the various activities of microorganisms influence most of the biological cycles that occur in fresh-water lakes. Also, there are many references to Soviet fresh-water lakes that will prove valuable for comparison with other environments of the world.

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