Preface

The present book resulted from the idea of creating a work on the systematics of ear acupuncture. It is based on the combined knowledge and experience derived from the teaching activities of many lecturers of the German Society of Physicians for Acupuncture (DÄGfA, **D**eutsche **Ä**rztegesellschaft für **A**kupunktur).

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The goal was to make the contents of this book as accessible as possible, providing easy reference and enabling readers to successively familiarize themselves with the subject matter.

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