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Preface

In September 2018 the European Society of Pathology (ESP) Nephropathology Working Group held a joint session with the ESP Pediatric Pathology Society in Bilbao, Spain. At the end of the session, I was invited by Professors Marta Cohen and Irene Scheimber – Diagnostic Pediatric Pathology series editors for Cambridge University Press – to be editor of a pediatric nephropathology book. What followed by the time an agreement was signed was COVID-19, the first pandemic in generations! More than three years later, I am happy to present this first edition of a comprehensive textbook on pediatric nephropathology. The authors work in different countries and continents and bring a wealth of cumulative experience spanning many decades in diagnostic renal pathology. Included are references to molecular genetics, as such discoveries continue to refine existing

concepts and revolutionize pediatric disease management and therapy. The authors faced unprecedented challenges caused by the pandemic at work and at home, yet they were able to deliver high-quality, up-to-date chapters. I am grateful for their excellent work and highly didactic images, the new knowledge and acknowledgment of what really works for diagnosis and what remains unknown on pathogenesis. As many pediatric pathologists around the world interpret renal biopsies along with pediatric tumors, including kidney tumors, and also kidney allograft biopsies, I hope that the last two chapters will be appreciated.

Someone said, books are a uniquely portable magic! In the words of Carl Sagan, “One glance at a book and you hear the voice of another person, perhaps someone gone for 1,000 years. To read is to voyage through time.”