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Alaa El-Din dedicates this book to Mona, the first member of the Bekhit family that consumed alternative proteins.

William dedicates this book to his four children and eight grandchildren – their future depends on a safe and sustainable food supply.

Malik dedicates this book to his father (late), mother, wife and three children (Afeef, Hassan and Zahra).

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## Preface

Over the last decade, substantial research activities in food science have been dedicated towards prospecting and investigating physiochemical, nutritional and health properties of novel protein sources. This trend was fueled by predictions of increased human population and lack of a parallel increase in traditional animal protein sources (land and marine sources). These predictions should be revised in the light of the recent COVID-19 pandemic and an increase in civil unrest in many hotspots worldwide. One of the main drivers for the rise in novel proteins/novel foods research activities is linked to significant changes in young consumers' attitudes towards red meat consumption and their interest in new alternative protein products. This has led to important changes in the food market. For example, significant market growth has been observed in plant milk imitations (almond, rice, oat and soy varieties) instead of traditional cow, buffalo, sheep and goat milks. Similarly, several plant-based meat analogues and meatfree small goods have been developed and marketed (e.g., Impossible Foods, Quorn, Beyond Meat, and so on). Various novel protein sources have emerged at different levels of commercial uptake (e.g., edible insects, algae, microbial single cell and in vitro meat). Many of the new technologies investigating novel proteins are still at the concept stage with issues surrounding upscaling, safety and biosecurity, cost, waste management and consumer issues being major challenges to overcome before these products find their way to our dining tables. Cost and consumer acceptability are probably the most important factors that will influence the purchasing of these new protein products. It is expected that the protein shortage is likely to be more significant in low-income societies and thus affordability will be a key factor for accessibility and purchase of these products. A commonly unaccountable factor in scientific research, but very important for marketability of foods, is the religious status and permissibility of consumption and the cultural acceptability of such food products. This issue appears to be of significant importance to large portions of followers of certain faiths that may have declared restrictions on certain food sources (e.g., certain insects and animals) and in cultures where insects represent emotions of disgust, fear and diseasebearing. This book aims to provide a holistic evaluation of novel proteins by covering processing, nutritional, safety and, where necessary, the consumer and religious aspects of protein type. Chapter 1 introduces the drivers and motivations for novel proteins to examine the humanistic, environmental and epidemiological changes that underline the need for alternative sources to complement, and in some cases, replace traditional protein sources. Several chapters have been dedicated to some of the wellknown protein sources, such as plants (Chapter 2), single-cell proteins (Chapter 3), non-traditional meat sources (Chapter 8) and marine wastes (Chapter 10). Other chapters are dedicated to protein sources that have been known and consumed in certain localities and now are being heavily investigated and proposed for international markets, such as algae (Chapter 4), edible insects (Chapter 5) and meat co-products (Chapter 11). Chapter 9 examines the recent updates on in vitro meat, a technology that enjoys large publicity worldwide. A special focus has been placed on the religious aspects of this technology. This book also reviews two novel protein sources that have not been considered previously (snails in Chapter 6 and keratin in Chapter 7). Comprehensive accounts of their nutrition and potential utilization have been provided as well as their safety and health aspects. Separate information has been presented on the safety requirements (Chapter 12) and risks associated with novel proteins (Chapter 13).

It was the aim of the editors to provide industry and academia up-to-date views on opportunities and considerations of hindrances that face these novel proteins. While several options are available for the international community to tackle the predicted future protein shortage and address several ethical and sustainability issues, we believe the current situation is as Linus Pauling described: 'The picture is, however, still very far from definite - she suggests various alternatives and does not make any definite predictions.'

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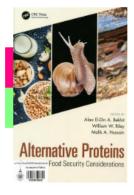
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