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Preface

This book was originally prepared by a working group for the WHO Programme for the Prevention of Blindness, and included contributions from several WHO Collaborating Centres. The book has been popular, enjoying a steady demand since its publication in 1984. When it sold out, it was decided to revise the book to include more recent developments, such as a simplified grading scheme for trachoma, the use of ivermectin against onchocerciasis and technological developments in cataract surgery. Furthermore, two chapters discussing childhood blindness and diabetic retinopathy have been added to the section “Methodological approaches to specific blinding conditions”.

The WHO Programme for the Prevention of Blindness and Deafness gratefully acknowledges the valuable work done by past and present contributors. It is hoped that this book will continue to be widely used in planning and developing national programmes for the prevention of blindness.

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