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Examining the Current State of Cosmetics United States. Congress. House. Committee on Energy and Commerce. Subcommittee on Health 2013

Metallothionin_III K.T. Suzuki 1993-01-01 Focuses on the biological roles and medical implications of metallothioneins, and related chemical and biochemical developments. The contributors present and discuss findings on the roles of metallothionein in various kinds of stress conditions, including exposure to heavy metals.

International Review of Cytology 1998-08-12 International Review of Cytology presents current advances and comprehensive reviews in cell biology-both plant and animal. Articles address structure and control of gene expression, nucleocytoplasmic interactions, control of cell development and differentiation, and cell transformation and growth. Authored by some of the foremost scientists in the field, each volume provides up-to-date information and directions for future research. Fern Antheridiogens Cytoskeleton Signaling in Plants Cyofixed Myelin Sheath Morphology Stress Response of Hepatocytes Intracellular Proteinases of Invertebrates

Synaptic Plasticity and Transsynaptic Signaling Patric K. Stanton 2006-06-14 Brain functions are realized by the activity of neuronal networks composed of a huge number of neurons. The efficiency of information transfer within the networks is changeable. Even the networks themselves can change through experience. Information transfer between neurons is performed at the synapse (the site of the neurons' contact) by release of neurotransmitters from the pre-synaptic cell and capture of neurotransmitters by the post-synaptic cell. The amount of released neurotransmitter or the efficacy of capture can change.

Moreover, synapses are found to be newly formed upon activity or abandoned upon inactivity. These changes are called "synaptic plasticity". This text focuses on one component of synaptic plasticity called transsynaptic signaling, or communication of synapses during their formation.

Heavy Metals In The Environment Bibudhendra Sarkar 2002-03-21 This text presents analytical techniques for the determination of heavy metals in air particles, water, soil and biological samples. It details experimental studies to reduce the occurrence of disease, remediate contaminated sites and establish acceptable range of oral intakes (ARO) guidelines.

Physiology and Molecular Biology of Stress Tolerance in Plants K.V. Madhava Rao 2006-01-16 Biologists worldwide now speak the scientific language of molecular biology and use the same molecular tools. Interest is growing in the molecular biology of abiotic stress tolerance and modes of installing better tolerant mechanisms in crop plants. Current studies make plants capable of sustaining their yields even under stressful conditions. Further, this information may form the basis for its application in biotechnology and bioinformatics.

Handbook on the Toxicology of Metals Monica Nordberg 2011-04-28 Handbook of the Toxicology of Metals is the standard reference work for physicians, toxicologists and engineers in the field of environmental and occupational health. This new edition is a comprehensive review of the effects on biological systems from metallic elements and their compounds. An entirely new structure and illustrations represent the vast array of advancements made since the last edition. Special emphasis has been placed on the toxic effects in humans with chapters on the diagnosis, treatment and prevention of metal poisoning. This up-to-date reference provides easy access to a broad range of basic toxicological data and also gives a general introduction to the toxicology of metallic compounds. * Covers up-to-date toxicological information on 31 metallic elements and their compounds, each in a separate chapter * New chapters on general chemistry, biological monitoring and biomarkers, essential metals, principles for prevention of the toxic effects of metals, and more

Elemental Speciation in Human Health Risk Assessment P. Apostoli 2006 Definitions of species and speciation -- Structural aspects of speciation -- Analytical techniques and methodology -- Bioaccessibility and bioavailability -- Toxicokinetics and biological monitoring -- Molecular and cellular mechanisms of metal toxicity -- Health effects -- Conclusions and recommendations.

Transgenic Plant Technology for Remediation of Toxic Metals and Metalloids M.N.V. Prasad 2018-11-20 Transgenic Plant Technology for Remediation of Toxic Metals and Metalloids covers all the technical aspects of gene transfer, from molecular methods, to field performance using a wide range of plants and diverse abiotic stress factors. It describes methodologies that are well established as a key resource for researchers, as well as a tool for training technicians and students. This book is an essential reference for those in the plant sciences, forestry, agriculture, microbiology, environmental biology and plant biotechnology, and those using transgenic plant models in such areas as molecular and cell biology, developmental biology, stress physiology and phytoremediation. Provides in-depth coverage of transgenic plant technology for environmental problems Discusses background and an introduction to techniques and salient protocols using specific plants systems Includes emerging strategies for application of transgenic plans in remediation

Fundamentals of Ecotoxicology Michael C. Newman 2009-09-28 Each year ecotoxicological problems become increasingly complex and encompass broader spatial and temporal scales. Our practical understanding must evolve accordingly to maintain an acceptable quality of life. Fully revised and expanded to reflect new developments, the third edition of Fundamentals of Ecotoxicology provides a broad overview of the

Arsenic in Drinking Water Subcommittee on Arsenic in Drinking Water 1999-06-28 The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has been considering a more stringent regulation of arsenic in water. A significant reduction in the maximum contaminant level (MCL) could increase compliance costs for water utilities.

This book discusses the adequacy of the current EPA MCL for protecting human health in the context of stated EPA policy and provides an unbiased scientific basis for deriving the arsenic standard for drinking water and surface water. Arsenic in Drinking Water evaluates epidemiological data on the carcinogenic and noncarcinogenic health effects of arsenic exposure of Taiwanese populations and compares those effects with the effects of arsenic exposure demonstrated in other countries—including the United States. The book also reviews data on toxicokinetics, metabolism, and mechanism and mode of action of arsenic to ascertain how these data could assist in assessing human health risks from arsenic exposures. This volume recommends specific changes to improve the toxicity analyses and risk characterization. The implications of the changes for EPA's current MCL for arsenic are also described.

Handbook of Fertility Ronald Ross Watson 2015-04-27 Handbook of Fertility: Nutrition, Diet, Lifestyle and Reproductive Health focuses on the ways in which food, dietary supplements, and toxic agents, including alcohol and nicotine affect the reproductive health of both women and men. Researchers in nutrition, diet, epidemiology, and endocrinology will find this comprehensive resource invaluable in their long-term goal of understanding and improving reproductive health. This book brings together a broad range of experts researching the different aspects of foods and dietary supplements that promote or detract from reproductive health. Section One contains several overview chapters on fertility, how it is assessed, and how it can be affected by different metabolic states, nutritional habits, dietary supplements, the action of antioxidants, and lifestyle choices. Sections Two and Three consider how male and female fertility are affected by obesity, metabolic syndrome, hormonal imbalance, and even bariatric surgery. Section Four explores the ways diet, nutrition, and lifestyle support or retard the success of in vitro fertilization, while Section Five explores how alcohol and other drugs of abuse lower fertility in both women and men. Explores how alcohol, nicotine, and other drugs of abuse disrupt and impair reproductive health Reviews studies of common conditions such as obesity and metabolic syndrome and their effect on fertility and reproductive health Investigates the components of foods and dietary supplements, in particular oxidative stress and antioxidants Presents the nutritional effects of foods and dietary supplements and their benefits and risks relating to reproductive health

The Development of the Sarcoplasmic Reticulum Anthony Martonosi 2003-09-02 Sarcoplasmic reticulum is a form of endoplasmic reticulum found in large quantities in mature muscle cells. Anthony Martonosi presents general information about the development and function of the sarcoplasmic reticulum within a framework of contemporary research on the molecular biology of biosynthetic and signaling processes. Focusing on the development of the sarcoplasmic reticulum, Martonosi demonstrates the regulatory functions that control the production of its molecular components and investigates the interaction of these lipid and protein molecules with the myogenic, neurogenic and hormonal stimuli present in developing muscle cells. Martonosi provides extensive experimental support throughout the book.

Biochemistry of Vitamin B6 and PQQ G. Marino 2012-12-06 The International Meeting on Vitamin B6 and Carbonyl Catalysis took place on Capri, Italy from 22nd to 27th May 1994 and was organized in conjunction with the 3rd Symposium on PQQ and Quinoproteins. It was an extraordinary occasion for scientists from all over the world to meet and discuss new developments in these overlapping fields. Several sessions were dedicated to the molecular aspects of Vitamin B6 and Quinone dependent enzymes, as well as to the cellular, biomedical and nutritional aspects. The congress was inaugurated by Paolo Fasella in his capacity as General Director of Science, Research and Development of the Commission of the European Communities, with an overview on International Scientific Collaboration. The scientific sessions started with a talk on the History of Vitamin B6 given by David Metzler who at the very last minute presented Esmond Snell's paper adding some personal remarks. Unfortunately, both Esmond Snell and Alton Meister had to unexpectedly cancel the trip to Capri. These proceedings contain the papers presented as oral contributions and a few selected poster presentations. The limited number of pages meant we could not publish many interesting poster presentations, including those selected for the three lively and exciting evening poster discussion sessions called by the organizers "Vino, taralli and ... discussion".

Metallothionein III Kazuo T. Suzuki 1993

Metallothioneins and Related Chelators Astrid Sigel 2015-07-24 These sulfur-rich chelators, being important in metal ion homeostasis, find increasing attention. MILS-5, written by 30 internationally recognized experts, focuses on this hot topic. The reader is supported by about 20 tables, more than 80 illustrations and nearly 2000 references. This book is an essential resource for scientists working in a wide range of disciplines from environmental toxicology and inorganic biochemistry all the way through to physiology and medicine.

Fundamentals of Ecotoxicology, Second Edition Michael C. Newman 2002-12-26 Completely revised and updated, Fundamentals of Ecotoxicology, Second Edition presents a treatment of ecotoxicology ranging from molecular to global perspectives. The authors focus first on lower levels of organization and then extend their discussion to include landscape, regional, and biospheric topics, imparting a perspective as broad as the the problems facing practicing professionals. See what's new in this edition: A comprehensive chapter on the nature, transport, and fate of major classes of contaminants in terrestrial,

freshwater, and marine systems Side bars containing vignettes by leaders in the field let you benefit from the experience of diverse practitioners in the field An appendix covering European environmental regulations The authors detail key contaminants of concern, explore their fate and cycling in the biosphere, and discuss bioaccumulation and the effects of contaminants at increasing levels of ecological organization. They cover regulatory aspects of the field in separate chapters that address the technical issues of risk assessment and discuss key U.S. and European legislation in the appendices. Complete with study questions, a detailed glossary, and vignettes by various experts exploring special topics in ecotoxicology, Fundamentals of Ecotoxicology, Second Edition is an ideal introductory textbook for both undergraduate- and graduate-level courses, as well as a valuable reference for professionals.

Handbook of Human Toxicology Edward J. Massaro 1997-07-09 Covering some of the most important topics in modern toxicology, the Handbook of Human Toxicology is a unique and valuable addition to the current literature. It addresses issues, answers questions, and provides data related to. Within each of these five major sections are several carefully selected topics that reflect the current state of human to

Metals and Genetics Bibudhendra Sarkar 2012-12-06 During the past few years, major scientific discoveries have greatly contributed to our understanding of the relationship between metals and genetics. The fields which have contrib uted to this area range from Clinical Medicine and Genetics to Biochemistry and Chemistry. The aim of this book is to bring together investigators from these diverse fields to reflect on the broad implications of direct and indirect interactions of metals and genetic components. The volume begins with a tribute to the late Karen Wetterhahn, an outstanding scien tist in the field, who will be sadly missed by her friends and colleagues because of her un timely death. The book has 28 chapters contributed by scientists who are internationally known for their expertise and outstanding research. The subject matters are divided into five major sections. The first section discusses genetic response to environmental expo sure to metals. Potentially devastating health crises have been reported in recent years from several parts of the world, which stem from environmental exposure to metals. In this section, authors report their findings on the effects and influence of metals in gene ex pression and their consequences to human health. The section on metal carcinogenesis and metal caused DNA damage, presents the latest advances in our knowledge of the molecu lar mechanisms of metal-induced mutagenesis and carcinogenesis. This topic is at the very heart of our understanding of how cancer may be caused by various metals.

Reviews in Environmental Health, 1998 1998

Binding, Transport and Storage of Metal Ions in Biological Cells Wolfgang Maret 2014-07-09 Metal ions play key roles in biology. Many are essential for catalysis, for electron transfer and for the fixation, sensing, and metabolism of gases. Others compete with those essential metal ions or have toxic or pharmacological effects. This book is structured around the periodic table and focuses on the control of metal ions in cells. It addresses the molecular aspects of binding, transport and storage that ensure balanced levels of the essential elements. Organisms have also developed mechanisms to deal with the non-essential metal ions. However, through new uses and manufacturing processes, organisms are increasingly exposed to changing levels of both essential and non-essential ions in new chemical forms. They may not have developed defenses against some of these forms (such as nanoparticles). Many diseases such as cancer, diabetes and neurodegeneration are associated with metal ion imbalance. There may be a deficiency of the essential metals, overload of either essential or non-essential metals or perturbation of the overall natural balance. This book is the first to comprehensively survey the molecular nature of the overall natural balance of metal ions in nutrition, toxicology and pharmacology. It is written as an introduction to research for students and researchers in academia and industry and begins with a chapter by Professor R J P Williams FRS.

Genetic Response to Metals Sarkar 1995-04-19 "Based on the First International Symposium on Metals and Genetics held recently at the Hospital for Sick Children in Toronto, Ontario, Canada. The only book of its kind to focus on the effects of metals on DNA. Provides up-to-date information on new developments in the field and their wide-ranging implications. Discusses the molecular mechanisms of metal-induced mutagenicity and carcinogenicity."

Abiotic Stress in Plants Arun Shanker 2011-09-22 World population is growing at an alarming rate and is anticipated to reach about six billion by the end of year 2050. On the other hand, agricultural productivity is not increasing at a required rate to keep up with the food demand. The reasons for this are water shortages, depleting soil fertily and mainly various abiotic stresses. The fast pace at which developments and novel findings that are recently taking place in the cutting edge areas of molecular biology and basic genetics, have reinforced and augmented the efficiency of science outputs in dealing with plant abiotic stresses. In depth understanding of the stresses and their effects on plants is of paramount importance to evolve effective strategies to counter them. This book is broadly dived into sections on the stresses, their mechanisms and tolerance, genetics and adaptation, and focuses on the mechanic aspects in addition to touching some adaptation features. The chief objective of the book hence is to deliver state of the art information for comprehending the nature of abiotic stress in plants. We attempted here to present a judicious mixture of outlooks in order to interest workers in all areas of plant sciences.

Plant Tolerance to Environmental Stress Mirza Hasanuzzaman 2019-01-10 Global climate change affects crop production through altered weather patterns and increased environmental stresses. Such stresses include soil salinity, drought, flooding, metal/metalloid toxicity, pollution, and extreme temperatures. The variability of these environmental conditions pared with the sessile lifestyle of plants contribute to high exposure to these stress factors. Increasing tolerance of crop plants to abiotic stresses is needed to fulfill increased food needs of the population. This book focuses on methods of improving plants tolerance to abiotic stresses. It provides information on how protective agents, including exogenous phytoprotectants, can mitigate abiotic stressors affecting plants. The application of various phytoprotectants has become one of the most effective approaches in enhancing the tolerance of plants to these stresses. Phytoprotectants are discussed in detail including information on osmoprotectants, antioxidants, phytohormones, nitric oxide, polyamines, amino acids, and nutrient elements of plants. Providing a valuable resource of information on phytoprotectants, this book is useful in diverse areas of life sciences including agronomy, plant physiology, cell biology, environmental sciences, and biotechnology.

Comprehensive Coordination Chemistry II J. A. McCleverty 2003-12-03 Comprehensive Coordination Chemistry II (CCC II) is the sequel to what has become a classic in the field, Comprehensive Coordination Chemistry, published in 1987. CCC II builds on the first and surveys new developments authoritatively in over 200 newly commissioned chapters, with an emphasis on current trends in biology, materials science and other areas of contemporary scientific interest. **Gold Chemistry** Fabian Mohr 2009-05-26 Written by world-class authors, this most recent major book on the topic highlights new and current trends as well as future directions. It is comprehensive in its scope, covering all aspects of gold chemistry -- from homogeneous to heterogeneous catalysis, from supramolecular assemblies to sensors and medicinal applications. The result is an invaluable work for both organic and inorganic chemists working in universities and industry, as well as material scientists.

Cellular and Molecular Biology of Metals Rudolfs K. Zalups 2010-05-21 With chapter contributions from more than 30 metal biology experts, Cellular and Molecular Biology of Metals explains the role of key divalent metal ions involved in the molecular and cellular biology of various target cell populations. Although it primarily focuses on homeostatic metals, such as nickel, zinc, and chromium, the text also discusses a few environmentally pertinent, toxic divalent cations, including mercury, cadmium, and arsenic. This authoritative resource reviews the physiological mechanisms underlying the handling of essential and toxic metal ions, including metal ion homeostasis, metals and enzyme activity, metals and transcriptional regulation, and metal ion transport. It also analyzes other functions designed to avoid metal-induced toxicity and mediate the metal enhancement of cellular function. The role of metal ions and their effect on mammalian cells and organs are only beginning to be truly defined. Cellular and Molecular Biology of Metals arms metals toxicologists and cellular and molecular biologists with the necessary knowledge they need to take the research effort to the next level.

Biological Inorganic Chemistry Gray Bertini 2007 Part A.: Overviews of biological inorganic chemistry : 1. Bioinorganic chemistry and the biogeochemical cycles -- 2. Metal ions and proteins: binding, stability, and folding -- 3. Special cofactors and metal clusters -- 4. Transport and storage of metal ions in biology -- 5. Biominerals and biomineralization -- 6. Metals in medicine. -- Part B.: Metal ion containing biological systems : 1. Metal ion transport and storage -- 2. Hydrolytic chemistry -- 3. Electron transfer, respiration, and photosynthesis -- 4. Oxygen metabolism -- 5. Hydrogen, carbon, and sulfur metabolism -- 6. Metalloenzymes with radical intermediates -- 7. Metal ion receptors and signaling. -- Cell biology, biochemistry, and evolution: Tutorial I. -- Fundamentals of coordination chemistry: Tutorial II.

Cadmium: From Toxicity to Essentiality Astrid Sigel 2013-02-26 Volume 11 provides in an authoritative and timely manner in 16 stimulating chapters, written by 40 internationally recognized experts from 11 nations, and supported by more than 2600 references, 35 tables, and over 100 illustrations, many in color, a most up-to-date view on the role of cadmium for life, presently a vibrant research area. MILS-11 covers the bioinorganic chemistry of Cd(II), its biogeochemistry, anthropogenic release into the environment, and speciation in the atmosphere, waters, soils, and sediments. The analytical tools for Cd determination, its imaging in cells, and the use of ¹¹³Cd NMR to probe Zn(II) and Ca(II) proteins are summarized, as are Cd(II) interactions with nucleotides, nucleic acids, amino acids, and proteins including metallothioneins. The phytoremediation by Cd(II)-accumulating plants, etc., the toxicology of Cd(II), its damage to mammalian organs, and its role as a carcinogen for humans, are highlighted.

Handbook of Copper Pharmacology and Toxicology Edward J. Massaro 2002-07-01 Edward J. Massaro and a panel of leading biomedical researchers and clinical practitioners review, in-depth, the status of our current knowledge concerning the biochemistry of copper in general and its role in health and disease in particular. Drawing on the wealth of new information emerging from the molecular biology revolution, these experts survey the most important research areas of copper pharmacology and toxicology, including copper proteins and transport, copper toxicity and therapeutics, and copper metabolism and homeostasis. They also discuss the molecular pathogenesis of copper in a variety of metabolic diseases, Menkes and Wilson's diseases and occipital horn syndrome, as well as the role of copper in Parkinson's disease, prion disease, familial amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS), and Alzheimer's disease.

Trends in Electrochemistry and Corrosion the Beginning of the 21st Century Enric Brillas Coso 2004 Este libro está dedicado al Profesor Josep M. Costa en ocasión de su 70 aniversario. Reúne un total de 73 artículos y revisiones originales, tanto científicas como tecnológicas, escritas en español e inglés por unos 250 investigadores de todo el mundo, y que son exponentes representativos de la investigación internacional en materias de gran interés en la Electroquímica

y la Corrosión de principios de este siglo XXI. El libro se ha estructurado en dos grandes secciones. La primera sección correspondiente a la Electroquímica consta de 33 trabajos distribuidos en 5 capítulos dedicados a los campos de Electroquímica Molecular, Electrodeposición, Electrodo Modificados, Descontaminación Electroquímica, y Sensores y Electroanálisis. La segunda sección relativa a la Corrosión comprende 40 trabajos que se agrupan en otros 5 capítulos que versan sobre Corrosión en Ambientes Corrosivos Seleccionados, Protección contra la Corrosión y Monitorización, Recubrimientos, Nuevos Materiales y Tratamientos, y Educación en la Corrosión....This book is dedicated to Professor Josep M. Costa in occasion of his 70th birthday. It collects a total number of 73 original articles and reviews, both scientific and technologic, written in English and Spanish by about 250 researchers of all around the world who are representative exponents of the international research in topics of great interest in Electrochemistry and Corrosion at the beginning of the 21st Century. The book has been structured in two large sections. The first section corresponds to Electrochemistry and includes 33 articles distributed into five chapters related to the fields of Molecular Electrochemistry, Electrodeposition, Modified Electrodes, Electrochemical Depollution, and Sensors and Electroanalysis. The second section is related to Corrosion and contains 40 articles gathered into other five chapters devoted to Corrosion in Selected Environments, Corrosion Protection and Monitoring, Coatings, New Materials and Treatments, and Corrosion Education.

Biomarkers in Marine Organisms Ph. Garrigues 2001-11-07 Many previous studies and books have been dedicated to fundamental and developmental aspects of biomarkers. The purpose of this book is to provide, through various case studies, an overview of the practical use of biological markers in marine animals to evaluate the health effects of environmental contamination in marine ecosystems. More precisely, the book presents the results obtained during the development and application of biological markers as indicators of exposure/effect to toxic chemicals in marine environments, using diverse sentinel species such as fish, bivalves and crustaceans. An important aspect is also the publication of technical annexes that describe in detail the experimental procedures developed for both chemical and biochemical measurement.

Metallothionein IV C. Klaasen 2012-12-06 The Proceedings of the Fourth International Metallothionein Meeting (MT-97) feature the latest research on metallothionein. The book covers a broad range of topics which provide important information for both basic and clinical investigators. The selected 94 articles in this book are written by the leading scientists in the field around the world. This is an increasingly important, multi-disciplinary area of study that has benefitted from recent advances in concepts and methodologies from other fields.

Environmental Health Perspectives 1993

Nanosopic Materials Emil Roduner 2014-08-12 An accessible overview of the underlying physico-chemical and physical principles of nanoscience.

Reviews in Environmental Health (1998) Gary E. R. Hook 2000-02 The "man who invented the future," Verne created the prototype for modern science fiction. His prophetic 1870 adventure novel, featuring a bizarre underwater craft commanded by the mysterious Captain Nemo, predated the submarine. The crowning achievement of Verne's literary career, the book influenced H. G. Wells and later generations of writers.

Phytoremediation Abid A. Ansari 2014-11-19 This text details the plant-assisted remediation method, "phytoremediation", which involves the interaction of plant roots and associated rhizospheric microorganisms for the remediation of soil and water contaminated with high levels of metals, pesticides, solvents, radionuclides, explosives, nutrients, crude oil, organic compounds and various other contaminants. Each chapter highlights and compares the beneficial and economical alternatives of phytoremediation to currently practiced soil and water removal and burial practices. This book covers state of the art approaches in Phytoremediation written by leading and eminent scientists from around the globe. **Phytoremediation: Management of Environmental Contaminants, Volume 1** supplies its readers with a multidisciplinary understanding in the principal and practical approaches of phytoremediation from laboratory research to field application.

Metallothioneins in Normal and Cancer Cells Piotr Dziegiel 2016-02-04 This book describes the structures of Metallothionein (MT) family members and the cellular functions of MT-1, MT-2 and MT-4 isoforms, as well as provides insights into divergent biological roles of MT-3. The authors explain the involvement of MT molecules in various processes related to carcinogenesis, including an organ-specific presentation of current data concerning their potential impact on the progression of various tumors and the regulatory role of MT family members in the function of the immune system.

Advances and Applications Through Fungal Nanobiotechnology Ram Prasad 2016-11-08 Fungal nanobiotechnology has emerged as one of the key technologies, and an eco-friendly, as a source of food and harnessed to ferment and preserve foods and beverages, as well as applications in human health (antibiotics, anti-cholesterol statins, and immunosuppressive agents), while industry has used fungi for large-scale production of enzymes, acids, biosurfactants, and to manage fungal disease in crops and pest control. With the harnessing of nanotechnology, fungi have grown increasingly important by providing a greener alternative to chemically synthesized nanoparticles.

Metal Metabolism in Aquatic Environments William J. Langston 2013-06-29 Metal Metabolism in Aquatic Environments is a synthesis of recent developments in the field of metal ecotoxicology and features a number of contemporary issues arising from the interaction of metals and biota, such as pathways of assimilation and food chain transfer, metal accumulation and detoxification in humans and biotransformation of elements such as mercury and arsenic.