

## **Preface to the American Edition**

The goal of the original German edition of this book, published in 1974, was to offer readers an introductory survey and analysis of the fundamentals of spatial hearing. It has been gratifying to hear from my students and other readers that the book is indeed serving its intended purpose, both as an introductory text and as a reference work. The book has been well received outside German-speaking countries, too. A Russian edition was published in 1980, and a Japanese edition is now being prepared.

I am especially pleased that an English-language edition is now available as well. The interest of many colleagues was extremely helpful in making this edition possible. The energetic work of my friends Professors Campbell Searle and Steven Colburn, and also Wayne Gatehouse, deserves special thanks. I also especially thank Mr. John Allen, who showed fine sensitivity to shades of meaning in translating the text, as well as a thorough knowledge of the subject, even correcting a few errors in the original edition. Further thanks are due to The MIT Press for most careful copy editing.

Except for a few minor changes, the main part of this book corresponds to the German original. The fourth chapter, however, is new. This chapter examines selected experimental results and trends since 1972. I have placed special emphasis on work being done in Germany, some of which has not hitherto been easily accessible to English-speaking readers.

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