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The original text was published in 1964 by the anatomists Jaroslav Kouř, Jiří Hlejtík and Ivošlavna Hladíková from the Medical Faculty of Charles University in Pilsen. This publication was important in that it represented the first Czech post-war textbook of topographical anatomy based on Weigler's teachings. The first edition was an overwhelming success among medical students and physicians since, as the topography of the entire body was described in a brief and understandable manner.

The popularity of the text was evident by its repeated republications and such was the demand that each subsequent edition was out of print within a short period of time, with the last edition being published over 20 years ago. The authors are of the opinion that this publication remains a valid and useful contribution to topographical anatomy and have as such decided to re-edit and republish a more modern form of the original text. This new and 'revitalised' edition contains the updated English and Latin Terminologia Anatomica (Terminologia Anatomica, Thieme, Stuttgart, New York, 1998), digitally enhanced diagrams and figures, and some minor changes to the original text. All cited authors are listed at the end of the text. Unofficial Latin terms, usually used in the Czech medical literature but not included in the Terminologia Anatomica, are designated by (c).

It is our hope that this new edition will meet with the same popularity as the original, while at the same time will pay homage to the previous generations of authors whose contributions make this publication possible.

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