

Foreword

Someday mankind will become immortal. We are confident that we are rapidly approaching this moment and that it will happen by the end of the century.

From a scientific perspective, we will not use the term “immortality”, preferring instead to talk of *semi*-immortality, or an “indefinite extension of life-span”. Since this extension will take place progressively, day after day, it is likely that some among the readers of this book will have the chance to become semi-immortal.

We founded our research laboratories in artificial intelligence and psychoneurophysiology thirty years ago. These two sciences, together with nanoscience and genetics, will be at the heart of an unpredictable growth in our life expectancy. Today we are finally ready to meet the challenge of presenting a coherent and complete picture of the journey that will lead us to semi-immortality, not just from the scientific point of view, but also - and maybe here lies the key to success - from a philosophical perspective.

The main aim of this book is to find travel mates.

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