



**FIGURE 4-3** Two-photon fluorescence excitation spectra of fluorophores. For BM, data are for the two-photon absorption cross-sections. For all the other fluorophores, data are for the two-photon action cross-section (i.e., the product of the fluorescence emission quantum efficiency and the two-photon absorption cross-section).  $1 \text{ GM} \equiv 10^{-50} \text{ cm}^4 \text{ s/photon}$ . Spectra are excited with linearly polarized light using a mode-locked Ti:sapphire laser. For comparison, the tuning ranges of conveniently available mode-locked laser sources are also plotted. The fluorophores illustrated are as follows: BM  $\equiv p$ -bis(*o*-methylstyryl)benzene; DP (DAPI not DNA-bound)  $\equiv 4',6$ -diamidino-2-phenylindole, dihydrochloride; DN (dansyl)  $\equiv 5$ -dimethylaminonaphthalene-1-sulfonylhydrazine; PY  $\equiv 1,2$ -bis-(1-pyrenedecanoyl)-*sn*-glycero-3-phosphocholine; IC  $\equiv$  indo-1 with  $\text{Ca}^{2+}$ ; IF  $\equiv$  indo-1 without  $\text{Ca}^{2+}$ ; CG  $\equiv$  calcium green-1 with  $\text{Ca}^{2+}$ ; CO  $\equiv$  calcium orange with  $\text{Ca}^{2+}$ ; CC  $\equiv$  calcium crimson with  $\text{Ca}^{2+}$ ; F3  $\equiv$  fluo-3 with  $\text{Ca}^{2+}$ . All of the samples were purchased from either Eastman Kodak or Molecular Probes. Note that the y axis is a logarithmic scale.