

EDITOR'S CORNER

Dr. Dong-Hyun Kang—New Assistant Editor

It is hard to believe that we have completed 10 volumes of our *Journal* and this is the first Issue of Volume 11. As I look into the future, I think it is appropriate that we have a younger scientist to work into the system so that one day when I hang up my test tubes, I can have a successor to the *Journal*.

Dr. Dong-Hyun Kang is Assistant Professor/Extension Food Safety Specialist, in the Department of Food Science and Human Nutrition at Washington State University, Pullman, Washington since 2000. He received his B.S. degree in Food Science at Kyug Pook National University, Korea and his M.S. in Food Science at Seoul National University before coming to my laboratory to complete his Ph.D. degree in 1997. He was my Post-Doc until 1999 and went to the USDA at Clay Center, Nebraska for a second Post-Doc until his move to WSU in 2000.

Dr. Kang is a prolific writer. At an early age he has published about 50 journal articles and a large number of abstracts from national and international scientific meetings. He is exceptional in his computer skills and has had a web site on Food Safety for several years. He is currently the editor of the *Internet Journal of Food Safety*. As journals are becoming more and more published in electronic form for mass communication, I think having Dr. Kang on board will help in having our *Journal* move smoothly into that format when the time comes.

I have graduated 86 M.S. and Ph.D. students at Pennsylvania State University and Kansas State University. Dr. Kang truly captured my philosophy and approaches in rapid methods and automation microbiology and control of foodborne pathogens in food, water, and the environment. In addition to that, he has developed into other research areas at WSU.

I welcome Dr. Kang to the team and I know he will make the *Journal of Rapid Methods and Automation in Microbiology* an even better *Journal* in the years to come.

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