



25th Gala Anniversary Rapid Methods and Automation in Microbiology

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Kansas State University Celebrated the Silver Anniversary Workshop on Rapid Methods and Automation in Microbiology, June 2005

With a 30-min, fourth-of-July-style fireworks display, Kansas State University (KSU) celebrated the Silver Anniversary of the International Workshop on Rapid Methods and Automation in Microbiology in Manhattan, Kansas, from June 16 to 24, 2005. More than 125 scientists and guests from many countries and states attended the workshop. A Silver Medallion crafted for the occasion was presented by the Honorary Founding Fellow to the three Founding Fellows, five Silver Medallion Fellows and 13 Quarter Century Fellows.* All participants and special guests also received the handsome Medallion throughout the workshop.

The 9-day workshop consisted of a presentation of a wide range of lectures and hands-on laboratory sessions dealing with the practical application of conventional and new commercial systems of rapid isolation, identification, enumeration and characterization of microorganisms from medical specimens, foods, water

* Founding Fellows: Daniel Y.C. Fung, Millicent C. Goldschmidt and Nelson A. Cox; Honorary Founding Fellow: Catherine L. Fung; Silver Medallion Fellows: Reginald Bennett, J. Stan Bailey, P.C. Vasavada, Cecile Lahellec and Ann Marie McNamara; Quarter Century Fellows: Randall Phebus, Beth Ann Crozier-Dodson, Scott Russell, Julian Cox, Pall Hall, Dong-Hyun Kang, Josep Yuste, Marta Capellas, Maha Hajmeer, Mike Brodsky, Thomas Weschler, Roger W. Parker and Robert Dawson.

and the environment. A special "Molecular Microbiology Detection Day," concentrating on advanced polymerase chain reactions, microarray, nanotechnology, etc., was conducted at the KSU Veterinary School with special guests from Purdue University.

Daniel Y.C. Fung, Professor of Food Science and the Director, started this workshop in 1980 as a graduate course at KSU and has offered the course to the public since 1981. A large number of outstanding scientists and friends* worked with him through the years to provide the newest and best applied microbiological technologies to the participants. Industry support to the workshop has been outstanding. More than 3500 scientists from 60 countries and 46 states have attended this workshop. Besides intensive scientific sessions, the workshop also provided delightful social activities, banquets, picnics, etc., to welcome the participants to Manhattan, KS, the "Little Apple" of the Midwest!

The 26th workshop will be held from July 14 to 21, 2006.

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