

## EDITOR'S CORNER

Starting from this issue I would like to have a column to transmit some useful information concerning Rapid Methods and Automation in Microbiology to the readers. This may also be a place for readers to have some input into the Journal's development.

The 13th International Workshop on Rapid Methods and Automation in Microbiology will be held from July 16 to July 23, 1993, in Manhattan, Kansas. Usually the Workshop is held one week earlier. Because the Institute of Food Technologists moved their annual meeting to July 10-14, 1993, our meeting was also moved to avoid a conflict.

The proposed program is enclosed in this column.

Some important dates concerning Rapid Methods and Applied Microbiology.

- May 16-20: American Society for Microbiology Annual Meeting, Atlanta, Georgia. Rapid Reunion, May 18.
- May 27-29: Rapid Methods Workshop. Calgary, Alberta, Canada. *Contact:* Shelagh McDonagh, (Agriculture Canada). Tel: 403-289-7021. Fax: 403-221-3293.
- June 1 & 2: Rapid Methods Workshop. Toronto, Canada. *Contact:* Marjorie Windover (Pharmaceutical Science Group). Tel: 416-723-2936.
- June 16: Rapid Methods and Predictive Modeling. Toronto, Canada. *Contact:* Catriona McDonald (Microbiology Special Interest Group 1993 CIFST Annual Conference). Tel: 519-667-7315. Fax: 519-667-7467.
- July 11-14: Institute of Food Technologists Annual Meeting. Chicago. Rapid Reunion, July 12.
- July 16-23: International Workshop on Rapid Methods and Automation in Microbiology. Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas. *Contact:* Daniel Y.C. Fung. Tel: 913-532-5654. Fax: 913-532-5681.
- July 31-August 1: Rapid Methods Workshop prior to IAMFES meeting, Atlanta, Georgia. *Contact:* James Dickson (USDA). Tel: 402-762-4228.
- July 31-August 3: International Association of Milk, Food, and Environmental Sanitarians Annual Meeting, Atlanta, Georgia.
- September 5-10: The Ninth International Association Biodeterioration and Biodegradation Symposium. The University of Leeds, Leeds, UK. *Contact:* Conference Secretary (RE), Department of Chemical Engineering, The University of Leeds, Leeds, LS2 9JT, UK.
- September 12-15: Seventh International Congress on Rapid Methods and Automation in Microbiology and Immunology. *Contact:* Pauline Dudgeon, RAMI-93 Secretariat, Sleights Limited, 14 Dalling Road, London W6 0JB. Tel: UK 081-741-7749. Fax: UK 081-741-3828.