

EDITOR'S CORNER

Mini-Rapid Microbiology Workshops — Here, There, Everywhere!

Food Safety is such an important issue that the entire community of food industry, government agency, academia, human health profession, and animal health profession join hands in working together to solve this national and international problem.

One of the important areas of concern is rapid detection of pathogens and their metabolites in foods. As stated in an earlier **Editor's Corner** column of this Journal, Kansas State University started the first comprehensive workshop on **Rapid Methods and Automation in Microbiology in 1981**. Recently, there is literally an "explosion" of workshops on this subject. The Editor fondly calls these "satellite workshops" of the KSU Workshop. To name a few workshops in which the Editor is the key speaker.

1981-1993	KSU (8 days)
1988	Chihuahua, Mexico (4 days)
1989	Singapore (4 days)
1990	Taiwan (4 days)
1991	Taiwan (4 days)
1992	Taiwan (4 days), Houston (1 day), Guelph (1 day), Toronto (1 day), Brazil (2 days), Mexico (4 days)
1993	Taiwan (4 days), Calgary (2 days), Toronto (2 days), Mississippi State (2 days), Lincoln, NE (1 day), Atlanta (2 days), Brazil (3 days), Mexico (4 days), etc.
1994	KSU (July 8-15)
1995	KSU (July 7-14)

In addition, of course, there are similar workshops organized by other scientists in the USA, as well as in other parts of the world.

One outstanding series was developed by Dr. P.C. Vasavada at the University of Wisconsin-River Falls.

I will let P.C. tell his story.

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