

EDITOR'S CORNER

Faculty Members and Assistants in the KSU Rapid Methods and Automation in Microbiology Workshop

As the Director of this International Workshop I am grateful to have a cast of outstanding faculty members and assistants working with me to provide a meaningful program for scientists around the world since 1981.

The anchoring faculty members include M.C. Goldschmidt (University of Texas-Houston), N.A. Cox (USDA), and J.S. Bailey (USDA), who have provided valuable lectures and laboratory expertise since the beginning of this series. In more recent years R.W. Bennett (FDA) and P.C. Vasavada (University of Wisconsin-River Falls) joined the group in providing lectures in microbial toxins and food pathogens. Due to the importance of polymerase chain reaction and molecular biology, A.M. McNamara (USDA) was invited to present timely information about these subjects.

Besides these "regular" faculty, P.A. Hartman (Iowa State University), A.N. Sharpe (Health Protection Branch, Canada), and J.Y. D'Aoust (Health and Welfare Canada) gave outstanding lectures as "Keynote" speakers. M.P. Doyle (University of Georgia) is the 1994 "Keynote" speaker.

International scientists from many countries, especially from C. Lahellec's laboratory in France, were invited to present Food Science Seminars prior to the official opening of the Workshop.

The Workshop is also enriched by the appointments of Fellows (Outstanding Graduate Students) and Distinguished Fellows (Faculty Members and Scientists) to act as special assistants and resource scientists during the Workshop. Of course, my own large group of Post-Doc's, Research and Graduate Assistants and Laboratory Personnel provided much needed help in laboratory set-ups and operations.

Industry participants also generously send their scientists and representatives to help demonstrate their systems, kits, and equipment.

All in all, there is almost a 1:1 ratio in terms of "Instructors" versus "Participants" in this Workshop. The entire series has been a very meaningful program in applied food microbiology internationally. The 14th Workshop will occur from July 8 to 15, 1994 at KSU in Manhattan, Kansas.

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