

EDITOR'S CORNER

Harold Macy Award and IFT International Award

I am indeed honored to be the winner of the 1997 Harold Macy Food Science and Technology Award given by the Minnesota section of the Institute of Food Technologists, and also the 1997 IFT International Award.

The basis of winning both awards was heavily related to my national and international activities in lectures and workshops on *Rapid Methods and Automation in Microbiology*. In a very true sense these awards are the results of all the cooperation, interaction, sharing, support and assistance of all my "Rapid" friends in the past 25 years. These awards also highlight the importance of the role of rapid methods in food safety and spoilage prevention on an international scale. The need for more seminars, conferences, workshops and lectures in various parts of the world is great. My colleagues and I welcome the opportunity to work with you to continue to spread the good word of rapid methods around the world.

The *Journal of Rapid Methods and Automation in Microbiology* also plays an important part in the transmission of timely research information and review articles to scientists of many disciplines related to clinical, food, environmental and industrial specimens. As we come to the second half of **Volume Five**, I am amazed at how quickly time has gone by. I am pleased that highly qualified scientists continue to submit excellent papers to this journal and I know the articles are well received. As a matter of fact, a scientist from an organization, after reading one recent article, ordered 500 copies of reprints of the article.

The lead article of **Volume Five, Issue Two** on rapid methods in seafood also received an exceptionally large number of reprint orders, showing that review articles are an important source of information for interested parties.

I thank the Editorial Board for doing a great job working on the articles. I continue to encourage you to send manuscripts to the *Journal* and, if appropriate, introduce the *Journal* to your colleagues and libraries.

The seventeenth International Workshop on Rapid Methods and Automation in Microbiology will occur from July 11 to 18, 1997 and we are expecting a full house again. For those readers who came to the workshops in the past, I thank you. For those who have not attended, I think you will find this workshop a very unique experience which will last for a lifetime.

Have a great summer.

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