

EDITOR'S CORNER

20th Gala Anniversary Celebration of the Workshop July 2000

It is a pleasure to report to you that the 19th International Workshop on Rapid Methods and Automation in Microbiology held in July 1999 was a resounding success with people from more than 10 countries and 30 states who came to Manhattan, KS to interact with the scientists and presenters of the latest ideas, concepts, instruments and developments in applied microbiology. Even the weather cooperated — cool and nice!!

Now we are planning the 20th anniversary celebration. On July 6, 2000 we will have a presentation of medals to special people who have influenced the formation and operation of the workshop series since 1981. Then there will be the **Paul A. Hartman Lecture** from a renowned speaker to be selected and then a reception with live music and balloons, etc. The official symposium/workshop will start on July 7 and runs through July 14.

In the celebration we will invite 10 **Alumnus Fellows** to present talks about their experiences with rapid methods in their work places. The application form for being an Alumnus fellow is printed in this issue of the Journal.

Preliminary plans of the celebration is also printed for the reader's information. You are cordially invited to participate in this very meaningful 20th anniversary celebration!!

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