

**Microbiologists colleagues of Dr. Daniel Y. C. Fung  
at Kansas State University (KSU) and University of Wisconsin-River Falls (UWRF) Rapid  
Methods Workshops, 1980-2010**

### **Daniel Fung**

Dr. Daniel Yee Chak Fung was an internationally known food microbiologist and one of the pioneers in the field of Rapid Methods and Automation in Microbiology. He directed the Kansas State University International Workshop on Rapid Methods and Automation in Microbiology, which attracted over 3,500 participants from 60 countries and 46 states to the program. **Dan** was a frequent speaker at international conferences and symposia, conducted numerous workshops, and mentored junior scientists around the world in Rapid Methods and Automation in Microbiology.

### **Purnendu Vasavada**

Dr. Purnendu C. Vasavada is a Professor Emeritus of Food Science at the University of Wisconsin-River Falls. He is recognized internationally for his teaching, applied research, and innovative training programs in Food Safety and Microbiology and Rapid Methods and Automation in Food Microbiology. Since 1980, he developed and directed the University of Wisconsin-River Falls Food Microbiology Symposium "Current Concepts in Foodborne Pathogens" and Rapid Methods and Automation in Food Microbiology Workshop. **Purnendu** was a regular lecturer and contributor to the annual Workshops on Rapid Methods and Automation in Microbiology at the KSU, co-host of the workshop banquet, collaborated with Dan and others on the topics of emerging pathogens, food safety and microbiology, and participated in Rapid Methods workshops in over 40 countries around the world.

### **Millicent Goldschmidt**

Dr. Millicent "**Mimi**" C. Goldschmidt is a Professor Emerita at the University of Texas. She is well known for her medical research, pioneering work in the field of astrobiology and rapid methods in food microbiology. She was a senior faculty contributing to the KSU International Workshop on Rapid Methods and Automation in Microbiology, and often provided lectures on Rapid Methods in Microbiology at the UWRF Food Microbiology Symposium and Rapid Methods and Automation in Food Microbiology Workshop.

### **Nelson Cox**

Dr. Nelson Anthony Cox Jr. was a research microbiologist with the USDA – Agricultural Research Service in Athens, Georgia. He was a prolific researcher on poultry microbiology and rapid methods and automation in microbiology. Because of his expertise, and funny yet engaging delivery, he was sought after speaker at national and international conferences. He was one of the principal lecturers at the KSU International Workshop on Rapid Methods and Automation in Microbiology, and often provided lectures on Rapid Methods in microbiology at the UWRF Food Microbiology Symposium and Rapid Methods and Automation in Food Microbiology Workshop.

## **Reginald Bennett**

Mr. Reginald W. Bennett, a long-time microbiologist with the U.S. Food and Drug Administration, was specialized in research on enterotoxin producing bacteria *Staphylococcus aureus* and *Bacillus cereus* and developed a method to detect heat-altered staphylococcal enterotoxin. **Reggie** was a prolific researcher, a consummate teacher and a mentor, and was a regular contributor to the longstanding annual workshops on Rapid Methods and Automation in Food Microbiology at the KSU and the UWRF.

## **Stanley Bailey**

Dr. J. Stanley Bailey was a research microbiologist (he is specialized in poultry microbiology and rapid methods and automation in microbiology). He then joined bioMérieux, where he provided his unique perspective on regulatory trends and rapidly evolving microbiology testing technologies, and made significant contributions to development of new rapid methods and automation for detection of foodborne pathogens. **Stan** was a regular lecturer and contributor to the annual Workshops on Rapid Methods and Automation in Microbiology at the KSU, and frequently provided lectures at the UWRF Food Microbiology Symposium and Rapid Methods and Automation in Food Microbiology Workshop.

## **Julian Cox**

Dr. Julian Cox participated in the KSU workshop from 1999 to its conclusion in 2010 as one of the regular international faculty in the symposium and, along with **Dr. Beth Ann Crozier-Dodson**, taught laboratory-based workshop sessions. He also gave additional presentations on various aspects of food microbiology, including regular participation in the open Q&A 'three wise men' session. Julian frequently participated in the UWRF Food Microbiology Symposium and Rapid Methods and Automation in Food Microbiology Workshop. He was recognized by delegates for his good humor, colorful clothes (including his purple tie-dyed lab coat), and his collection of hats! Of course, he is also recognized for his broad knowledge of food microbiology.

## **Cécile Lahellec**

Dr. Cécile Lahellec, emerita director of research and scientific advisor to the Agence Française de Sécurité Sanitaire des Aliments (AFSSA), is specialized in poultry and eggs microbiology, especially *Salmonella* Enteritidis in eggs. She was a guest lecturer at the KSU International Workshop on Rapid Methods and Automation in Microbiology, and also participated in the UWRF Food Microbiology Symposium and Rapid Methods and Automation in Food Microbiology Workshop. She was a vice president of the French Society of Microbiology.

## **Scott Russell**

Dr. Scott Russell was a full professor of Poultry Processing and Products Microbiology at the University of Georgia, specializing in research on developing intervention strategies for developing bacteria in poultry processing and production. He was a regular lecturer and contributor to the annual Workshops on Rapid Methods and Automation in Microbiology at the KSU, co-host of the workshop banquet, and frequently provided lectures at the UWRF Food Microbiology Symposium and Rapid Methods and Automation in Food Microbiology Workshop.

(1) Dan, Stan, Reggie, Purnendu, Scott, Julian, Nelson, Mimi and Cécile:



(2) Purnendu, Scott and Julian (30<sup>th</sup> KSU Workshop, June 2010):



(3) Dan and his wife, **Dr. Catherine L. Fung** (25<sup>th</sup> KSU Workshop, June 2005):



(4) Reggie, Dan and Purnendu at Dan's retirement celebration (Manhattan, Kansas, August 2014):



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