

Announcements

International Symposium on Polymer Analysis and Characterization

The Seventh International Symposium on Polymer Analysis and Characterization (ISPAC-7) will be held on May 23–25, 1994 in Les Diablerets, Switzerland. This three-day Symposium will consist of poster sessions, invited lectures, and round-table discussions and information exchange on recent advances in polymer characterization approaches, techniques, and applications.

ISPAC-7 will focus on molecular characterization in relationship to properties of polymeric systems. Topics will include aqueous polymeric systems (water-soluble polymers, interacting systems, and physical and chemical gels) and heterogeneous polymeric materials (blends, composites, and multilayered materials). In addition, an introductory course on polyelectrolytes and the characterization of water-soluble polymers will be held on Sunday, May 22, preceding the Symposium.

Further information and registration forms. Please contact:

ISPAC Registration, 815 Don Gaspar, Santa Fe, NM 87501, USA. Tel.: (505) 989-4735. FAX: (505) 989-1073.

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Plant Polysaccharide Symposium 1994

July 13th–15th, 1994, University of Guelph, Guelph, Ontario, Canada

This biennial workshop, first initiated by Professor B.A. Stone in 1980, offers a forum to those carbohydrate research workers who are particularly interested in carbohydrates from cereal grains. At the last meeting (1992), the scope of the

program was widened to include polymeric carbohydrates from plants. The meeting is now recognized as a satellite symposium of the International Carbohydrate Symposium, which will be held in Ottawa, Ontario on July 17th–22nd, 1994.

Scientific Program. There will be five oral-presentation sessions from invited speakers who will cover the following topics: Biochemistry, Structure, and Analysis; Enzymes and Biosynthesis; Functionality; Industrial Utilizations; Nutrition and Nutritional Applications. To date, over 30 scientists from 11 countries have submitted titles for poster presentation covering a wide spectrum of subjects from basic chemistry to industrial applications and nutritional aspects.

Organizing Committee. V.F. Rasper (Chairman), N.L. Asp, J.N. BeMiller, A. Clarke, P. Colonna, K. Kainuma, A.W. MacGregor, F. Meuser, J.B. Stone, R.J. Sturgeon, P.J. Wood, R. Yada.

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4th International Workshop on Oligo- and Poly-saccharides

September 14–16, 1994, Aussois, France

Organized by the Centre de Recherches sur les Macromolécules Végétales (CERMAV-CNRS) in collaboration with the National Institute of Agronomy (INRA, Nantes Laboratory). The meeting will cover five main topics: Polysaccharide Biosynthesis; Biological Activity; Polysaccharides and Enzymes; Analytical Developments in Polysaccharide Structure Elucidation; and Polysaccharide Based Materials.

Further Information. Please contact:

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International Conference on the Biology and Chemistry of Sialic Acids, Moscow, Russian Federation, October 2–7, 1994

An International Conference on the Biology and Biochemistry of Sialic Acids will be held at the Shemyakin and Ovchinnikov Institute of Bioorganic Chemistry in Moscow on October 2–7, 1994. This conference is a continuation of those held in Berlin (1988) and Strasbourg (1991). The agenda of the conference will cover the following topics: structure analysis; synthesis; biorecognition and cell adhesion; immunology and microbiology; and pathobiochemistry including oncology. The leading theme of the conference will be: “Participation of sialylated molecules in biorecognition”.

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