

ANNOUNCEMENTS

First World Congress on Calcium and Vitamin D in Human Life: Rome, Italy, 8–12 October 1996

The Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), the World Health Organization (WHO) and the Italian National Federation for Osteoporosis Centers (FNCO), in collaboration with the National Research Council (CNR) and the National Institute of Nutrition (INN), are organizing a World Congress on Calcium and Vitamin D, to take place in Rome, Italy, 8–12 October 1996.

The Congress will bring together international experts to discuss how to achieve the objectives of improving calcium intake among all population groups, promoting proper growth during childhood and adolescence and reducing diseases such as osteoporosis, cancer and hypertension.

Discussion will include: calcium and vitamin D bio-availability and absorption; calcium intake in developed and developing countries; measurements of bone mass and turnover; osteoporosis; hypertension; colo-rectal cancer; and the role of industry and agriculture. Emphasis will be given to better dietary sources of calcium and vitamin D and the role of public communication and education in improving intake of these important nutrients, including reaching high-risk groups.

Further information can be obtained from the Scientific Secretariat located at FAO: Viale delle Terme di Caracalla, 00100 Rome, Italy. Tel.: +39.6.52253330; Fax: +39.6.52254593 (E-mail: John.Lupien@fao.org) or from Maxitraveland, the appointed Congress Organizers at Via Zoe Fontana 220, 00131 Rome, Italy. Tel.: +39.6.4131415; Fax: +39.6.4191868.

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First Announcement and Call for Papers

International Symposium on Flavours and Sensory Related Aspects: Villa Erba, Cernobbio (Como), Italy, 6–7 March 1997.

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7th International Congress on Engineering & Food, Brighton Centre, England, 13–17 April 1997.

The Seventh International Congress on Engineering and Food (ICEF 7) is an event of the International Association for Engineering and Food (IAEF) hosted by the Institution of Mechanical Engineers in association with the Institution of Chemical Engineers and the Society of Chemical Industry with sponsorship from public, commercial and industrial organisations, notably at this date, United Biscuits (UK) Ltd, Grand Metropolitan plc, The Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, APV plc, Unilever Research and Engineering Division, Weetabix Ltd and The Leatherhead Food RA.

A comprehensive Technical Programme is planned along with recreational, cultural and companion events. The significance of the occasion is endorsed by the Royal Patronage of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II and by the widespread support from many quarters. This includes awards donated by various sponsors to celebrate achievements of significance to the past, present and future of engineering related to food.

Sixth International Symposium on the Maillard Reaction

The Maillard reaction covers a complex sequence of reactions usually following on from the interaction of an amino compound, frequently an amino acid, and a carbonyl compound, frequently a reducing sugar. It is central to food science and becoming increasingly recognised as important in medicine, particularly in relation to aging, diabetes, and pharmacy. The Symposium is to be held in London, at the Royal College of Physicians, July 27–30 1997. The Organiser (Dr J. M. Ames) can be contacted at Maillard Symposium, The University of Reading, Department of Food Science and Technology, Whiteknights, P.O. Box 226, Reading RG6 6AP, U.K.; Fax +44-1734-310080 or E-mail (maillard@afnovell.reading.ac.uk). See also the internet home page at <http://www.fst.rdg.ac.uk/people/aamesjm/maillard.htm>.