



Editorial

The aim of the Second International Food Data Base Conference was to highlight the latest advances, problems and challenges in food composition research, and to discuss selected aspects of the design and use of food databases for nutritional research. Delegates to the conference included analysts involved in food compositional work, scientists involved in designing and compiling databases for both nutrients and non-nutrients, and nutritionists and other health professionals interested in using databases to investigate various diet-health relationships. The collection of refereed papers and abstracts in this issue of *Food Chemistry* is the proceedings of most of the contributions (invited lectures and posters) of the conference. The organizers were also privileged that this occasion marked the scientific achievements of Prof. Pekka Koivistoinen, holder of the Chair of Food Chemistry at the University of Helsinki, Finland until his recent retirement.

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