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SYMPOSIUM ON FLAVOR-CHEMISTRY OF FERMENTED FOODS AND FEED PRODUCTS

Introduction

The symposium was held on Aug 26, 1981, in New York City. Seven research papers were presented. Unfortunately, three were judged not to be within the scope of this journal.

The four papers not published below are as follows: "Responses of Wild Canids to Flavor Components of Natural Fermented Products" by R. W. Bullard, "Terpenoids by Microbial Fermentation" by J. Schindler, "Flavor Chemistry of Cocoa Butter" by C. T. Ho, and "Flavor Chemistry of Fermented Peanuts" by L. R. Beuchat. I will be pleased to assist anyone wishing to contact the authors of these papers.

This conference represented my fifth career effort in convening scientific sessions within the discipline of biologically produced flavors. However, it was the first time that edibles for both man and animal were considered in one compendium. It became clear to me that a future symposium is needed to provide a forum for Animal Science groups working on flavors (fermentation types and others). Research focus is needed in this area to bridge the knowledge gap between the flavor industry and animal feed needs (i.e., livestock, pets, zoo animals, wildlife, etc.)

My personal endeavors in fermentation and other biologically produced flavors are backed by a forward-looking research based flavor company. We owe much to the scientific work of others at universities, government, and industrial centers of research and technology. However, much more basic and applied work is needed and opportunities are increasing due to recent advances in biotechnology and genetics.

I thank all who participated directly or indirectly in this achievement and trust that it has implanted some new seeds in the "study of biologically produced flavors".

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