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Foreword

ISPPP'96, The 16th International Symposium on the Separation and Analysis of Proteins, Peptides, and Polynucleotides, was held in the City of Luxembourg, in the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg, 4–6 November 1996. The symposium was attended by 163 registered delegates from 21 countries. They participated in 14 different sessions, including two discussion sessions and listened to 37 oral presentations and viewed 110 poster presentations. A special seminar/workshop was organized by Pharmacia Biotech. Nine students presenting original research work were awarded student scholarships, sponsored by Elsevier Science. The three-day symposium covered topics such as electroseparation techniques and applications, isolation and purification of biomolecules, protein surface interaction and biospecific interaction studies. Other topics were column technology and support materials, structural analysis of proteins and peptides and a separate session on glycoproteins and oligonucleotides. The symposium ended with two sessions focusing on combinatorial ligands in HPLC and mass spectrometry in the characterization of biopolymers.

The Grand Duchy of Luxembourg is conveniently located in the center of Europe, just a few hours drive from many European capitals. It is also easy to reach by air and train. The conference center is situated on the Kirchberg Plateau, just across from

the city. The city offers a mixture of a historical atmosphere and a modern financial community, with about 200 banking institutions. The delegates were able to enjoy a pleasant mixture of culture and food in the European tradition. The social program of the symposium included a welcome reception and two evening receptions with a Luxembourg touch. Special food was enjoyed together with regional wines.

The program was sponsored by Pharmacia Biotech and PerSeptive Biosystems which was greatly appreciated by the delegates and the organizing committee. In addition to the major sponsors, the following companies co-sponsored the event: Eka Nobel, Rockland Technologies (now, Little Falls Analytical Division-Newport, Hewlett-Packard Company) and Merck KGaA.

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