



## Introduction to Special PCR Edition

Since the development of PCR by Kary Mullis, the Nobel Prize has been awarded and scientists around the world have developed countless permutations and twists on this important new tool. This powerful technology has fueled the molecular revolution, enabling major advances in the sciences, specifically, microbiology, forensics, agriculture, and medicine, and vastly improving the human condition. The PCR arms molecular biologists with an extremely effective tool, the uses for which are limited only by the human imagination. The manuscripts that comprise this

special edition of the *Journal of Industrial Microbiology & Biotechnology* are excellent examples of how scientists have exploited this basic technology to answer important questions in microbiology, public health, and food science. A big thank you to all the reviewers who participated in this special issue and all of the authors who submitted manuscripts.

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