

# INTRODUCTION TO THE TECHNICAL MEETING

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Moving on now to the Technical Program! This is your meeting, hopefully designed to bring you the latest technical information. We have a relatively simple program plan that I will briefly outline for you.

Each session will have a chairman or co-chairman in charge. It will be our privilege to introduce briefly each of these people to you. They, in turn, will be responsible for introducing the speakers and keeping the program on schedule. The speakers will appear in the order outlined in your program, and we will rigorously adhere to that schedule.

These are plenary lectures and, as such, we will not be able to have questions and comments from the floor. We have provided adequate discussion periods at the end of each day and question sheets for each of you to use. Fill them out for each speaker and pass them to the chairman of the session or the moderator of the discussion series. You may attend the discussion periods of your choice. You can move from one to another if you wish to confer with more than one speaker. As noted in your program, the moderators and speakers are assigned to the discussion rooms at the end of the day. They will stay there as long as people want to talk.

Using this system will permit us to cover the 58 topics listed in the program and still provide time for questions and discussion. In addition, I'm sure you can approach speakers individually during coffee breaks, lunch, or other time periods if you wish to have a private word with them.

Another important feature of our meeting is the exhibits. You will want to visit all of the booths. The discussions you can have with the exhibitors will be very profitable for you. You will be able to learn additional details about many of the newer processing techniques and equipment that will be discussed during the technical sessions.

My closing request will be—*Please* adhere to the printed schedule! Move promptly to your places after breaks in the program to allow the next speaker the courtesy of an attentive audience. If you must move about the hall, do it as unobtrusively as possible. Others in the audience will appreciate your consideration.

Now, our co-chairman, Dr. Meershoek, will tell us about the schedule of social events and some announcements of interest to all.

