EDITOR’S CORNER

Mini-Rapid Microbiology Workshops — Here, There, Everywhere!

Food Safety is such an important issue that the entire community of food industry, government agency, academia, human health profession, and animal health profession join hands in working together to solve this national and international problem.

One of the important areas of concern is rapid detection of pathogens and their metabolites in foods. As stated in an earlier Editor’s Corner column of this Journal, Kansas State University started the first comprehensive workshop on Rapid Methods and Automation in Microbiology in 1981. Recently, there is literally an “explosion” of workshops on this subject. The Editor fondly calls these “satellite workshops” of the KSU Workshop. To name a few workshops in which the Editor is the key speaker.

1981–1993   KSU (8 days)
1988         Chihuahua, Mexico (4 days)
1989         Singapore (4 days)
1990         Taiwan (4 days)
1991         Taiwan (4 days)
1992         Taiwan (4 days), Houston (1 day), Guelph (1 day), Toronto (1 day), Brazil (2 days), Mexico (4 days)
1993         Taiwan (4 days), Calgary (2 days), Toronto (2 days), Mississippi State (2 days), Lincoln, NE (1 day), Atlanta (2 days), Brazil (3 days), Mexico (4 days), etc.
1994         KSU (July 8–15)
1995         KSU (July 7–14)

In addition, of course, there are similar workshops organized by other scientists in the USA, as well as in other parts of the world.

One outstanding series was developed by Dr. P.C. Vasavada at the University of Wisconsin-River Falls.

I will let P.C. tell his story.

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