

EDITOR'S CORNER

GALA 15TH CELEBRATION

What a celebration for the 15th International Workshop on Rapid Methods and Automation in Microbiology in July at Kansas State University!

Scientists from 23 states and 15 countries came to Manhattan, KS and had a great time listening to exciting lectures and had hands-on experiences in the cutting edge of applied microbiology — including many systems heretofore never presented in detail in a workshop situation. The participants went home with a huge Workshop Handbook which we fondly called the “bible” because it is 2 in. thick and more than 5 lbs. in weight. (Incidentally, if you want a copy we still have some and can inform you of the cost to send you the volume.) Also they received another binder with an equally impressive amount of materials given to them from commercial companies.

Besides the great scientific exchanges we had wonderful social events as well. The weather was very hot, but we did have fun in the midst of a very busy schedule. All in all, it was a super celebration. We are now planning for the 16th Workshop (July 12 to 19, 1996) and will be announcing the detailed program in the next issue of this *Journal*. Hope to see you all here in Manhattan, Kansas next year.

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