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This book is greatly recommended for reading by anyone who in one way or the other has something to do with biotechnology, from industrialist, economist, financier, politician, to researcher, scientist, technologist, academic or student — that is, everybody.

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The application of science and technology to improving the understanding of food in all its aspects is rapidly becoming a major aspect of biotechnology. With the ever increasing use of additives, preservatives, stabilizers, etc. there is a great need to study the interactions between these components and other food components, and to understand the implications of these interactions. *Food Technology International* sets out in this first issue of a proposed annual volume to examine many of these important issues which affect today's food industry.

This volume, which is distributed free to senior development, manufacturing and production personnel in the food preparation, processing and packaging industry in Europe, contains 58 short articles of two to four pages each on a wide range of topics. The topics are divided into seven sections covering the following: Why food technology?; Food processes; Food products; Food ingredients; Quality assurance and control; Product safety and wholesomeness; and Packaging. The range of subjects is vast and includes developments in processing such important polymers as starch, proteins and lipids. Anyone involved in food technology will find at least one article of direct interest and a number of additional articles of passing interest.

Whilst this volume is aimed essentially at senior personnel in the food industry, the recommended readership is much wider. Everyone involved in the food industry from the laboratory to sales department will benefit from access to this book, whilst students and academics in food technology, biotechnology and analysis will find the book of more than passing interest. The index of advertisers alone is a valuable aid to the industry.

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