

Foreword

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The 1994 *Frontiers in Carbohydrate Research 4* conference was held at the Whistler Center for Carbohydrate Research, Purdue University, West Lafayette, Indiana, U.S.A., from 10 to 12 May 1994. The conference consisted of 16 lectures presented during five half-day sessions on (1) encapsulation, controlled release, and film properties of polysaccharides; (2) solution structure and rheology; (3) starch and other cereal polysaccharides; (4) synthesis; and (5) conformations and properties of

biopolymers. Once again, presentations from the Whistler Center were complemented with selected invited speakers, some from Purdue University, USA, some from elsewhere. And once again, partial proceedings are being published in a special issue of *Carbohydrate Polymers*. (For proceedings of the third biennial conference, see *Carbohydrate Polymers*, Volume 25, No. 4, 1994.) Papers selected for inclusion in this issue are those deemed to be most appropriate for this journal.