

## Announcement

# SECOND PILNIK LECTURE

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December 1995, Wageningen, The Netherlands.

The First Pilnik Lecture, instituted by the International Pectin Producers' Association, was given at a Symposium on 'Pectins and Pectinases' at Wageningen, The Netherlands, in December 1995 by Dr Maureen McCann. The objective of the lecture was to encourage the work of younger scientists in research of relevance to pectins, and Dr McCann's lecture on 'Plant Cell Wall Architecture —the Role of Pectins', provided a revealing insight into recent work into the class of materials from which pectins can be extracted. The work described included direct visualisation of cell wall structure, mobility-resolved NMR spectroscopy, and monoclonal antibody techniques to demonstrate the location of pectic molecules within the overall cell wall structure, including the distribution of more and less esterified material, and is also of particular interest in relation to current work on the heterogeneity of extracted pectins.

The Association now seeks candidates to give the Second Pilnik Lecture at a Conference or Symposium during 1997 or 1998. The work discussed can be in any area of clear relevance to pectin production, structure, properties or existing or potential applications.

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