

Preface

## Frontiers in Carbohydrate Research—6

The sixth biennial Frontiers in Carbohydrate Research Conference sponsored by the Whistler Center for Carbohydrate Research was held at Purdue University, 12–13 May 1999. Frontiers in Carbohydrate Research conferences are primarily organized for technical personnel from companies that either produce or utilize polysaccharides and/or proteins. As with previous conferences, the two-day conference focused on the molecular basis of practical, functional properties of polysaccharides and new and potential technologies and applications. Thirteen lectures and nine posters were presented. Authors of eight of those 22 papers have chosen to publish their papers together in this issue of *Carbohydrate Polymers*.

A highlight of the conference was the presentation of the

Belfort Lecture in Glycoscience by Professor A.G.J. Voragen of Wageningen Agricultural University. His lecture was entitled “Progress in Structural Elucidation of Pectins.” The Belfort Lectures were established in memory of the late Alan M. Belfort, who studied under Professor Roy L. Whistler and was awarded a PhD degree in carbohydrate chemistry in 1960. Persons honored by being chosen to give a Belfort Lecture are scientists who have made outstanding contributions to glycoscience.

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