

Book Review

Who's Who in Food Chemistry, Europe, 2nd edition

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Who's Who in Food Chemistry, Europe was started as a project by the Division of Food Chemistry of the FECS, in 1996. Increased interest in European food chemists has necessitated an update of this compilation, partly due to the rapid change of interests as a result of emerging new technologies in the fields of food science and technology.

This completely revised edition of the directory comprises carefully checked and evaluated information on more than 750 European food scientists, and is divided into four cross-referenced sections. The first section, entitled *Countries*, provides an alphabetic list of individuals arranged according to their countries of origin, with references to their individual entries in the subsequent *Personalities* section. The *Personalities* section provides information on an individuals professional qualifications, their full contact details (business and in some cases private addresses, phone and fax numbers, and e-mail address), and fields of expertise/interest.

The third section covers *Names*, and simply provides a complete alphabetic listing of individuals, also with references to their individual entries in the personalities section.

The final section, *Keywords*, contains the names of individuals divided into areas of expertise/interest. These include broad subject areas (e.g. biotechnology, carbohydrates, enzymology, etc.), more specific subject areas (e.g. antioxidants, Maillard reaction, heterocyclic aromatic amines, etc.), and specific analytical techniques (e.g. AAS, GC, HPLC, MS, etc.). It is however, somewhat strange that this section is not also cross-referenced to provide links to individuals entries in the *Personalities* section.

The increasing demand for internationally approved professionals in all fields of food science makes this volume a valuable source of information for the food industry, R and D institutions, private laboratories and university departments seeking scientific co-operation, partners or consultancy. This well organised directory should enable the reader to easily identify scientists working in specific areas of food science and technology, and may therefore help to intensify co-operation between European food scientists.

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