## **Announcements**

## International Conference and Industrial Exhibition on Food Hydrocolloids

This conference will be held at The Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio, USA on September 6th–10th, 1994, and is concerned with the characterization, function, and application of hydrocolloids in food systems. A theme of the program is the interaction of food gums and proteins with other food components and their impact on the body, texture, and flavor of foods. The following fall within the scope of the conference: native as well as modified food gums and stabilizers, including plant, seaweed, and microbial polysaccharides; cellulose and cellulose derivatives; starch and starch derivatives; functional proteins, including egg, gelatin, milk, fish, and vegetable proteins. Fat substitutes, dietary fiber, and other areas of topical interest will also be included.

**Organizers.** Chairman: D. Horton; Vice-Chairmen: G.O. Phillips, G.S. Chism III, and M.E. Mangino.

**Program Topics.** Molecular structure and analysis. Biopolymer interactions. Applications of hydrocolloids. Production technology. Regulatory aspects; present and future hydrocolloids.

Call for Papers. Prospective participants are invited to submit papers or posters for consideration by the organizing committee. An abstract of 250 words should be sent to the Conference Secretary by May 31st, 1994.

**Industrial Exhibition.** Industrial concerns will be able to exhibit products or equipment which are relevant to the theme of the conference.

Further Information. Please contact the Conference Secretary: Dr. P.M.T. Hansen, Department of Food Science and Technology, The Ohio State University, 2121 Fyffe Road, Columbus, OH 43210, USA. Tel.: 614–292–7749. FAX: 614–292–0218. E-Mail: phansen@magnus.acs.ohio-state.edu.

## Carbohydrate-based Liquid Crystals

A Symposium on Carbohydrate-based Liquid Crystals will be held during the National Meeting of the American Chemical Society in San Diego, CA, USA, March 13–18, 1994.

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