

also be found as conjugates with cinnamic acids, which can then be readily incorporated into lignin. The 36 posters presented at the meeting covered the amine field in the broadest sense, with topics ranging from poly- and phenolic-amines to alkaloids, amino acids and betaines

Although the role of many of the amines in plants remains unclear, the last few years has seen a rapid expansion of our knowledge, particularly concerning the

polyamines, and it should not be long before we can attempt to exploit this knowledge in our agricultural practices

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THE NORTH AMERICAN TANNIN CONFERENCE

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The first North American Tannin Conference will be held August 9-11, 1988 in Port Angeles, Washington. Invited speakers will present 26 critical reviews covering the chemistry, biogenesis, structure, analytical methods, toxicology, biological significance, and use of tannins as specialty chemicals. Dr Herbert L Hergert will be honored as the first recipient of the Tannin Conference Award for his pioneering contributions to the chemistry and use of condensed tannins. The conference is open to general attendance. A fee will be charged.

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