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World Congress of Food Science & Technology, 3–8 October 1999, Sydney, Australia

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Plutonium Futures—The Science, 10–14 July 2000, Santa Fe, New Mexico, USA

This conference, the second in a series, is designed to be an interdisciplinary forum to present and discuss current research on physical and chemical properties of plutonium and other actinide elements. This forum

will have international participation to discuss current and emerging science (chemistry, physics, materials science, nuclear science, and actinides in the environment) of actinides relevant to enhancing global nuclear security. Contact K. C. Kim, K. K. S. Pillay; Tel: +1 505 667 7753; Fax: +1 505 667 7966; E-mail: puconf2000@lanl.gov, <http://www.lanl.gov/Pu2000.html>.

5th World Congress of Theoretically Oriented Chemists, (WATOC'99), 1–6 August 1999, Imperial College, London, UK

For further information see the WATOC'99 web site: <http://www.chemsoc.org/watoc'99/>.

XXIV International Symposium on Macrocyclic Chemistry (ISMC'99), 18–23 July 1999, Barcelona, Spain

For further information see the ISMC'99 web site: <http://www1.uji.es/ismc>.

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