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Biological Polyesters

22–28 August 2004, Beijing, China

China is now the second largest oil consuming country in the world. Sustainable development based on renewable resources is now the only realistic choice for China, but also for the rest of the world. Increasingly, renewable resources are attracting the attention of researchers and governments around the world. The growing field of biological polyesters is showing great promise in developing renewable materials that are not made from petroleum. In recent years, companies have invested heavily in this type of research and there is now a good deal of accumulated knowledge about the production and marketing of biological materials.

The **International Symposium on Biological Polyesters**, to be held 22–28 August 2004 in Beijing, China, will send a strong message to governments and societies around the world: biological polyesters could have a major positive impact on the environment and stimulate a bio-industrial revolution in materials science. Participants of ISBP2004 can and will contribute to the understanding of this interesting material. They can also contribute to the “Green Olympics and High-Tech Olympics” concept of the 2008 Beijing Summer Olympic Games.

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 <http://microbes.biosci.tsinghua.edu.cn/ISBP/>

Biotechnology

17–22 October 2004, Santiago, Chile

The 12th International Biotechnology Symposium will be held 17–22 October 2004 in Santiago, Chile. This well-known event is held every four years on a different continent. It is the main international meeting in the rapidly expanding field of biotechnology. This will be the first time this conference will be held in Latin America.

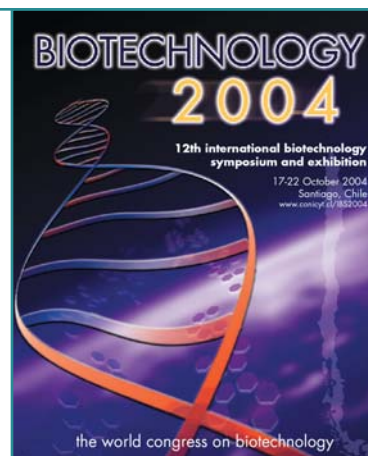
The scientific program of the 12th IBS will include many of the newer areas in the field. In keeping with previous symposia, the program is arranged in a number of sections, with all presented papers being by invitation. Each section is chaired by two or three internationally recognized leaders in the field. In addition, key international figures have been invited to give eight plenary lectures. Finally, a very large num-

ber of posters will be available, representing the latest scientific activities throughout the world.

The symposium will be held in the heart of Santiago at the Casapiedra Convention Center. This is a custom-designed location that allows for the concurrent sessions, trade show, and poster area to be in the same building.

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Liquid Chromatography/Mass Spectrometry

10–12 November 2004, Montreux, Switzerland

The International Association of Environmental Analytical Chemistry will hold the **21st Annual Meeting on Liquid Chromatography/Mass Spectrometry (LC/MS)** in Montreux, Switzerland, 10–12 November 2004. A short course will be held 8–9 November. Following the continuous growth in LC/MS, nearly

700 scientists are expected, including research and development managers, technicians and LC/MS operators, and company representatives, particularly vendors from the mass spectrometry and separation science area.

The Montreux LC/MS conference is the world's premier conference on LC/MS and all related hyphenated technologies including important aspects of sample pretreatment, separation technologies, and novel software/bioinformatics approaches. Novel instrumentation will be a key focus of the meeting. New developments in the field will allow for maximum