

Preface

The fifth International Conference on Applications of Magnetic Resonance in Food Science was held at the University of Aveiro, Portugal, between the 18th and 20th September 2000. The meeting was well supported internationally, attracting 128 registered participants from 25 countries. The high quality of the science presented at the Conference was one of the major reasons for its success. The material given in the oral presentations is reflected in the contents of this volume. In addition there were ninety-five posters displayed at the Conference.

There were four symposia which, taken together, evince the ineluctable power of magnetic resonance techniques in dealing with problems in many areas of food science. Each of the symposia contained major and minor oral contributions which is indicated by the various lengths of the chapters contained herein.

Symposium A covered 'A View Towards the Next Century'; the first eight chapters cover this material. Symposium B dealt with 'Food Safety and Health'; Chapters 9 to 15 relate to this symposium. The following seven contributions belong to Symposium C which covered 'Structure and Dynamics'. The final Symposium, D, dealt with 'Analysis, Monitoring and Authentication'; the material presented is covered in the remaining seven chapters of this volume.

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