

Foreword

The National Nutrient Databank Conference has been held annually for the past 16 years. It is organized by a group of interested volunteers who give generously of their time. A steering committee and four working committees carry on the functions of organizing the conference and communicating conference activities. Interested persons are invited to volunteer for committee assignment at each conference. The continued success of these conferences is due in large part to the work and dedication of these volunteers. Committee chairs for the 1991 conference were: Steering Committee, **Al Riley** of Campbell Soup Company; Program Committee, **Jean Pennington** of the Food and Drug Administration; Communications Committee, **Betty Perloff** of USDA-HNIS; Database Committee, **Jack Smith** of the University of Delaware; Local Arrangements Committee, **Suzanne Murphy** of the University of California, Berkeley.

Proceedings have been published following most of the conferences, and many are still available for purchase. A listing of proceedings publishers is given in the back of this issue. Special thanks go to **The CBORD Group, Inc.**, who have donated the cost of printing and distributing the proceedings to all conference participants for the past six conferences. We also appreciate the assistance of **Cici Hyde** at the University of California, Berkeley, and **Lisa Morse** at the CBORD Group, Inc., for their help in preparing the manuscripts for this publication.

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The 1992 conference will be held on June 8-10 in Baltimore. Information about that conference is available by contacting **Jack Smith**, Department of Nutrition and Dietetics, Alison Hall, University of Delaware, Newark DL 19716.