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The 17th Annual National Nutrient Databank Conference was held in Baltimore, MD. This conference recognized the 100th year anniversary of W.O. Atwater's publication of the first U.S. food composition tables. Each year the conference is organized by several committees of volunteers who give generously of their time and skills in order to make the conference a success. The chairs of the 1992 conference committees were: Steering Committee, **Al Riley** of Campbell Soup Company; Program Committee, **Ruth Matthews** of USDA/HNIS; Database Committee, **Jack Smith** of the University of Delaware. Special thanks go to the Arrangements Committee: **Sue Ann Ritchko**, **David Haytowitz**, **Ruth Matthews**, **Jacob Exler**, USDA/HNIS; **Catherine Champagne**, Pennington Biomedical Research Center; **Marie Fanelli Kuczmariski**, University of Delaware; and **Judi Douglass**, Technical Assessment Systems.

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