

## 39TH ASMS CONFERENCE

The conference was held May 19 to 24, in Nashville, Tennessee. The Opryland Hotel provided excellent facilities for a very intense program that included a daily schedule of plenary lectures, eight symposia or contributed oral sessions, plus over 160 posters presented daily.

The presentations of the Young Investigator 1991 Research Awards highlighted the conference. The Award sponsored by Fisons VG Instruments was pre-



Hilkka Kenttamaa (left) is presented a 1991 Research Award by Lance Nicolaysen, Fisons VG Instruments.

sented to Hilkka Kenttamaa of Purdue University for her proposal "Biomolecular Reactions of Distonic Ions." The Award sponsored by Finnigan Corporation will support the proposed research of Chrys Wesdemiotis in "Photoionization of Neutralized Beams." Dr. Wesdemiotis is on the faculty of the University of Akron.

Fisons VG Instruments and Finnigan Corporation have generously funded two Research Awards per year since 1986. The total amount contributed now exceeds over \$300,000. Proposals are now being accepted for the 1992 Research Awards.

Presentation of the 1991 Award for Distinguished Contribution in Mass Spectrometry to Michael Barber of the University of Manchester was recognized. Dr. Barber had been notified of his selection in February, and had planned to attend the conference. We were saddened by the news of his death on May 8, 1991. The award plaque was accepted on behalf of his family by Dr. John Monaghan, who remarked on Dr. Barber's life and work.

Nominations for the 1992 Award for Distinguished Contribution to Mass Spectrometry are currently being accepted. Please use the form in the front of this issue.



Chrys Wesdemiotis (left), The University of Akron, accepts a 1991 Research Award from Dr. George Stafford, Finnigan Corporation.

## 1991 FALL WORKSHOP

The topic of the workshop is Elemental Mass Spectrometry and is organized by Willard Harrison, University of Florida, and Gary Hieftje, Indiana University. The workshop will be November 14-15, at the San Francisco Hilton Hotel.

Elemental analysis by mass spectrometry shows rapidly increasing interest. Numerous recent symposia have focused on the advantages of such techniques, new commercial instrumentation has appeared, and many analysts are finding mass spectrometry to be the preferred method for rapid, sensitive multielement analysis. This workshop will address both solution and solids analysis by ICPMS and solids analysis using GDMS.

Instructors include Ramon Barnes, Sam Houk, Ken Marcus, and James McLaren.

## 4TH SANIBEL CONFERENCE

The conference will be January 25-28, 1992, at the Sundial Beach Resort, Sanibel Island, Florida. The program on Lasers in Mass Spectrometry is being organized by Tomas Baer, University of North Car-

olina, and Klaus Biemann, Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

The conference will focus on the mass spectrometry of large molecules with major emphasis on the practical problems related to high molecular weight biomolecules or polymers. The aim of the conference is to bring together scientists of diverse backgrounds to stimulate new research areas.

The Sundial Resort is on the Gulf Coast of Southwest Florida. It offers a tropical island setting for the relaxed and informal exchange of ideas.

## ASMS CALENDAR

September	Proceedings of the 39th ASMS Conference
October	ASMS Conference Announcement and Call for Papers
November 14-15	Fall Workshop: Elemental Mass

December	Spectrometry, San Francisco California
January 10	ASMS Membership Renewals Deadline for Conference Abstracts
January 25-28	4th Sanibel Conference "Lasers in Mass Spectrometry," Sanibel Island, Florida
April 24	Deadline for Conference Advance Registration for ASMS Conference and Short Courses
May 30-31	ASMS Short Courses, Washington, DC
May 31-June 5	40th ASMS Conference on Mass Spectrometry, Washington, DC

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