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These proceedings are the latest in a series of reports from the National Nutrient Databank Conferences. These conferences have been held annually for the past fifteen years. The most recent conference was held at Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University in June 1990.

The continuing success of these conferences is due in large part to the work and dedication of individuals who volunteer their time and expertise throughout the year. Standing committee chair for the 1990 conference were: Steering Committee, Al Riley of Campbell Soup; Program Committee, Phyllis Stumbo of the University of Iowa; Database Committee, Jack Smith of the University of Delaware; Communications Committee, Betty Perloff of the USDA Human Nutrition Information Service; and Local Arrangements Committee, Jane Wentworth and Kent Stewart of Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University.

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The 1991 meeting will be held in San Francisco. Plans are also in motion for meetings in 1992 and beyond. We hope to see you in San Francisco.

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