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HOW TO FIND OUT MORE ABOUT SOMETHING YOU READ HERE - Look at the end of a news item for a contact person. Also, a Directory of Cyanobacteriologists is distributed every two years or on request.

INSTRUCTIONS TO AUTHORS - Send news.

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## NEWS

- \* Mind of toxic *Microcystis* revealed
- \* N<sub>2</sub>-fixation by *Trichodesmium* regulated by light
- \* *Nostoc* immobilization boosts H<sub>2</sub>-evolution

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- \* New *Directory of Cyanobacteriologists* available
- \* Toxin newsgroup reincarnated
- \* Asian molecular biology workshop advanced
- \* Meetings
- \* Monographs
- \* Positions available

## LATEST REFERENCES

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## Matters Arising

A new edition of the DIRECTORY OF CYANOBACTERIOLOGISTS is now available. The Directory lists more than 450 names, addresses, and research interests of cyanobacteriologists. While not an exhaustive list, the Directory may be useful in finding addresses for reprint requests or communicating with colleagues. A geographical cross-reference is given at the end of the Directory.

The Directory is currently available only in electronic form. Those who access the newsletter electronically should have received separate instructions describing how to obtain the Directory. Printed copies will be distributed at the Photosynthetic Prokaryote meeting, Sept 1994, or by mail to those not attending the meeting. To assure yourself of a copy,...

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A NEWSGROUP devoted to the discussion of all aspects of SECONDARY METABOLITE PRODUCTS from cyanobacteria is on-line. This free computer service bounces E-mail messages submitted by a correspondent automatically to all subscribers, facilitating a global discussion of matters of interest. To mark the new incarnation of this newsgroup, the name has been changed from Cyan-Tox to CYANO-TOX -- old subscribers take note! Subscribers to the old newsgroup will need to resubscribe.

To subscribe to the newsgroup, send an E-mail message to Mailerv@Desire.Wright.Edu (don't fill in the subject heading), and give the following command as the text of the

message: SUBSCRIBE CYANO-TOX. You will receive a welcome message describing how to make use of the newsgroup. If you fail to receive such a message within a few days, contact Tony Arment so that a real human being (Tony) can get your name by the bugs that may afflict the new system.

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Europe and North America both have their CYANOBACTERIAL MOLECULAR BIOLOGY WORKSHOPS, serving as a means of bringing together graduate students and post-docs as well as more senior workers in a cozy, informal setting. "WHY NOT ASIA?" asks S. Shanmugasundaram. Few cyanobacteriologists in eastern Asia are able to attend the major meetings of interest, even though their need for communication and cooperative efforts is even more acute than that of their North American and European colleagues. He suggests that Asian cyanobacteriologists with a molecular bent would profit by a local meeting that provides an opportunity for junior as well as senior scientists to present their work, a forum in which to discuss the problems of practicing molecular biology in developing countries, and the possibility of finding creative, cooperative solutions to those problems. If you are interested in seeing such a meeting come about then...

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