

recombination, transformation, restriction and modification — falls to the standard textbook level but these topics are only marginal to the theme of the book.

The technical styling of the book is excellent. Considering the volume of its contents, it is remarkably compact in size and yet the page format is inviting to read. Presentation of references in page footnotes aids prompt identification of original sources. There are abundant tables and figures of high quality. The colour plates at the beginning add a note of distinction, provided that you note the textual references back to them.

The encyclopaedic nature of this book and its pedigree ensure that it will become a standard handbook for all working on DNA and its transactions. Undergraduate students of biochemistry and molecular genetics wishing to master the details of replication proteins and replicative operations will gain much insight from it.

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## Announcements

### **AGA Symposium on the Evolution of Sex, Virginia Polytechnic Institute, 10 and 11 July, 1992**

The American Genetic Association is sponsoring a symposium on the Evolution of Sex, 10 and 11 July, 1992, at the Virginia Polytechnic Institute. Invited speakers are Graham Bell, Brian Charlesworth, Deborah Charlesworth, Marcus Feldman, William Hamilton, Steven Kelley, Johan Koeslag, Alexey Kondrashov, Michael Lynch, John Maynard Smith, Richard Michod, Rosemary Redfield, Robert Vriejenhoek, and Bruce Walsh.

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### **Fourth Congress European Society for Evolutionary Biology. 22–28 August, 1993, Montpellier, France**

The Conference will be held on the campus of the Université Montpellier II and is open to anyone interested in evolutionary biology. Every 2 years, this meeting provides a unique opportunity to bring evolutionary biologists together and to present an overview of the many facets of evolutionary biology. The programme includes plenary lectures by invited speakers, symposia and poster sessions.

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### **XIIIth EUCARPIA Congress. Angers France, 6–11 July, 1992. Reproductive Biology and Plant Breeding**

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### **Fifth World Congress on Genetics Applied to Livestock Production. 7–12 August, 1994, University of Guelph, Guelph, Ontario, Canada**

The Congress will provide a forum for the presentation and discussion of research and developments in conventional animal breeding, and will seek to integrate biotechnologies and molecular genetics in livestock production. The Congress registration brochure will be sent out in October 1993.

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