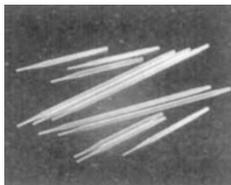


/NEW PRODUCTS

Flexible pipettes

The new Corning polyethylene flexible pipettes, from Bibby Sterilin (Stone, U.K.), are designed to reach deep into sample containers—even the most difficult shapes—to allow for safe handling of hazardous cultures. The two sizes (15 and 28 cm) are gamma-irradiated to ensure sterility.

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**Microcentrifuge**

New from Techne (Cambridge, U.K.), the Force microcentrifuges are all compact, light-weight, and operated by a vibration-free motor that produces forces of up to 16,000 g. The four models have autoclavable rotors and seals, and feature digital display of speed and time. Spin speed can be set in RPM or g-force. In pulse mode, it will operate in short, untimed runs.

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**Liquid chromatograph**

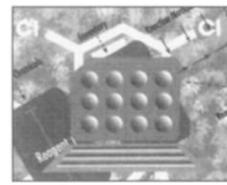
Prochrom's (Champigneulle, France) new ICLC 16-10 research-scale continuous liquid chromatograph allows for the purification of trial samples of new products (e.g., pure enantiomeric drugs) under the same conditions that will be used for their production. The laboratory-scale purifications are controlled by Windows software.

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**Information system**

ISIS, the Integrated Scientific Information System, from MDL Information Systems (San Leandro, CA) is a software system consisting of ISIS/Draw and ISIS/Base (client), and ISIS/Host (server). They are designed to create personal databases of structures, reactions, associated text, numerical data, and graphs.

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**DNA sequencing**

New from Pharmacia Biotech (Uppsala, Sweden), the AutoLoad solid phase sequencing kit allows for direct elution of biotinylated PCR products into the wells of sequencing gels from solid-phase streptavidin-coated combs. Samples are processed in parallel at every step of the process.

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**Thermal controllers**

The PTC-100 thermal cycler from MJ Research (Watertown, MA) uses Peltier-effect technology to deliver greater accuracy and reproducibility. An optional Hot Bonnet heated lid accessory allows for thermal cycling of aqueous solutions without an oil overlay. A parallel printer port and power failure protection are available.

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**Digestion system**

The Büchi Wet Ash digestion system, designed for safe sulphated ash determinations, from Brinkmann (Westbury, NY) consists of the Wet Acid Digester model 440 and the Acid Fume Scrubber model 412. Up to nine different time/temperature profiles can be programmed and stored. A glass hood permits observation of the sample during the ashing process.

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**PCR detection**

Perkin-Elmer (Norwalk, CT) introduces the TaqMan LS-50B PCR detection system that employs a 5' nuclease assay incorporated into the TaqMan PCR reagent kit. The system consists of the reagent kit and the LS50B luminescence spectrometer. It can detect 96 samples in under ten minutes.

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