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Chemical Research Faculties: An International Directory

American Chemical Society: Washington, DC, 1996. xlv + 1248 pp. 22.1 × 28.2 cm. ISBN 0-8412-3301-2. \$199.95 (hb).

This comprehensive source of information on research in chemistry and chemistry-related areas conducted by faculty members worldwide in institutions that grant advanced degrees gives the same type of information on an international scale that the ACS *Directory of Graduate Research* (DGR) (Kauffman, G. B. *J. Chem. Educ.* **1996**, 73, A136) provides for United States and Canadian institutions. Designed to give users sufficient information to locate a colleague, whether known to them or not, by country, academic institution, or name, this new, updated, partially rearranged third edition of *Chemical Research Faculties* (CRF) contains more than an additional 75 percent of the volume of information in the second (1988) edition (Kauffman, G. B. *J. Chem. Educ.* **1989**, 66, A48). It contains data on 17,370 faculty members (compared to 11,500 in the second edition), with one or two recent representative publications, from 2,182 institutions

(compared to 1,922 in the second edition) in 113 countries arranged alphabetically from Afghanistan to Zimbabwe. A minor shortcoming compared to the last edition is the deletion of the index of faculty by research subjects, which, as a contributing editor to several journals, I found useful in locating possible referees with specific areas of expertise.

The listing of societies in chemistry and related fields; the country, faculty, and institution indexes; and the coverage of Eastern European countries have all been expanded. In the previous edition the USSR was notable by its absence, whereas now Russia, Estonia, Latvia, and Lithuania are included. Also new are fax numbers and email addresses and/or URLs.

The CRF makes an ideal companion volume to the DGR and should be invaluable to the same readership—namely, persons in libraries; academic, governmental, and industrial institutions; and chemical-oriented businesses. The full texts of the following ACS directories: CRF 1996, DGR (1993 and 1995 editions), *Chemical Sciences Graduate School Finder 1995–1996*, and *College Chemistry Faculties 1996* are available on a CD-ROM (DOS, Mac, and Windows in single-user and multi-user versions, \$229.00).

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