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ERNEST GUENTHER AWARD SYMPOSIUM, 1973

Introduction

The Ernest Guenther Award in The Chemistry of Essential Oils and Related Products sponsored by Fritzsche-Dodge & Olcott, Inc., and awarded by the American Chemical Society was first presented in 1949. The list of recipients since that time contains the names of many illustrious chemists in the field of the award and the 1973 recipient, Professor William Dauben of The University of California, Berkeley, continues that tradition.

Professor Dauben requested that his award address be given at the 165th ACS National Meeting in The Division of Agricultural and Food Chemistry and this was arranged as a symposium with The Division of Organic Chemistry as cosponsor. In considering the structure of the symposium, we felt that participation by former recipients of the award or former students of Professor Dauben would provide the most significant format for Professor Dauben's address. We were most pleased to have as participants: Professor Arthur J. Birch, Australian National University, award recipient in 1963; Professor Ernest Wenkert, Indiana University, award recipient in 1971; and Professor C. Dale Poulter, University of Utah, former student of Professor Dauben.

The success of the symposium prompted us to consider publication of the papers as a group and this has been made possible by the cooperation of the editorial board of The Journal of Agricultural and Food Chemistry. Professor Dauben's 1973 Guenther Award Address, "Terpene Chemistry," as well as the symposium addresses of Professor Birch, "Dihydrobenzenes in Synthesis in Terpene Related Areas," and Professor Poulter, "Model Studies of Terpene Biosynthesis," have been gathered as a group and are published in this issue of the journal as a permanent record of The Ernest Guenther Award for 1973.

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