of Aliphatic Methanesulfonates" (F. Spener); "Reactions of Aliphatic Diazoketones and Haloketones" (H.K. Mangold); "Syntheses of Unsaturated Fatty Acids" (W.-H. Kunau); "Syntheses of Alkoxylipids" (F. Paltauf); "Syntheses of Phospholipids" (G.H. de Haas); and "Syntheses of Sphingosine Bases" (W. Stoffel).

Short Course at Münster

During March 29-31, 1973, the German Society for Fat Science will conduct a short course at the Federal Center for Lipid Research in Munster. The following topics will be considered: atomic absorption spectrometry; NMR spectroscopy; differential calorimetry; gel permeation chromatography and liquid chromatography; automation in gas chromatography; quantitative TLC; surface measurements of lipid films; analysis of detergents; analysis of emulsifiers; and analysis and characterization of alkoxylipids.

Further information can be obtained from DGF-Geschäftsstelle, 44 Münster i. Westf., Diepenbrockstrasse 32, Germany.

DGF to meet in Berlin

The '73 meeting of the German Society for Fat Science is scheduled for Oct. 1-4 in Berlin.

India K.S. Krishnan

OTAI 28th Annual Convention

The Oil Technologists' Association of India 28th Annual Convention and Seminar on Recent Trends in Oils, Fats and Surface Active Agents is being held March 24–25, 1973, at the Tajmahal Hotel in Bombay. Robert Allen, immediate past-president of AOCS, will act as the Society's official representative at this convention-cum-seminar.

Poland H. Niewiadomski

In recent years the structure of higher educational institutions as well as the organization and financing of scientific research work have undergone considerable changes, aimed at taking better advantage of the existing scientific staff and of the experimental background for accelerating the economic development of Poland.

The higherto existing small departments, often comprising only a few scientific workers, have been combined to form independent institutes of 50-200 workers in accordance with their range of teaching. These institutes are usually subdivided into several permanent departments which carry out determined obligations in the field of teaching but are not fully independent in their external activity.

Various groups are appointed for carrying out scientific work. They continue to exist until the given problem of research is completed. In this way every worker belongs to one or another research group.

At the School of Chemistry of the Gdańsk Technical University three institutes have been established. One of them, the Institute of Organic and Food Chemistry and Technology, includes the former Chemistry and Technology of Fats Department—one of five departments composing the Institute. H. Niewiadomski has been appointed director of the whole Institute as well as head of that Department.

The new structure facilitates cooperation with institutions that finance research work, mainly the Polish Academy of Science, industrial enterprises and the national industry itself. As far as the Chemistry and Technology of Fats Department is concerned, it has taken up, in the framework of the new structure, a new project financed by the USDA within the PL-480 project.

Funds for research work have been increased considerably in Poland and sensibly concentrated on research problems of great importance to the country. Each is coordinated and financed by a group of specialists, who usually are members of one of the institutes of the Polish Academy of Science or of the State Industrial Institute.

The following research institutions within the new organizational structure are now engaged in scientific work connected with the chemistry and technology of lipids: (1) Institute of Organic and Food Chemistry and Technology, Dept. of Fat Chemistry and Technology (edible and nonedible fats); (2) Industrial Fats Institute in Warsaw, directed by A. Jakubowski (edible fats) and its branch at Gdansk; (3) Food and Nutrition Institute in Warsaw, directed by A. Rutkowski (fats as food); (4) College of Agriculture in Olsztyn, Institute of Engineering and Biotechnology of Food, directed by Babuchowski (fatty raw materials); and to a smaller extent (5) Marine Fisheries Institute, Dept. of Fish Technology, directed by J. Salmonowicz (fish oils).

Basic studies on edible fats are of interest to the Food Technology and Chemistry Committee at the Polish Academy of Science which organizes annually a 3-4 day scientific home session devoted to selected fields in the technology of food. A session devoted to edible fats and protein will take place in January 1974 at Gdansk. Around 200 papers are delivered at each of these sessions.

Polish scientific circles are now absorbed in preparations for the Second Congress of Polish Science, to take place during June 1973 in Warsaw. Scientific achievements since the First Congress in 1951, will be discussed, and general directions for scientific work in the next few years will be determined. Among the scientific fields to be discussed at the Congress is the chemistry and technology of lipids.

FIRST CALL FOR PAPERS

AOCS 47TH ANNUAL FALL MEETING

The Technical Program Committee has issued a call for papers to be presented at the AOCS Fall Meeting, September 16—19, 1973, in the Pick Congress Hotel, Chicago, III. Papers on lipids, fats and oils, and all related areas are welcome.

Submit three copies of a 100-300 word abstract with title, authors and speaker to L.H. Wiedermann, Swift & Co., Research & Development Center, 1919 Swift Dr., Oak Brook, III. 60523. The deadline for abstracts is May 15, 1973.

AOCS Annual Reports to be featured in JAOCS

At the recent meeting of the AOCS Executive Committee, a motion was passed creating a special annual section in *JAOCS* for reporting AOCS committee activities. The Executive Committee has directed the chairmen of all committees and subcommittees of the Society to prepare written reports for the Governing Board covering the committee activities for the year and including a statement of planned activities for the coming year. These reports are to be prepared for presentation to the Governing Board at the annual spring meeting.

The reports are to have a "news" orientation and are to highlight the projects AOCS undertakes. More technically oriented committee reports will continue to appear from time to time in the regular JAOCS news section.

The purpose of the Annual Reports is two-fold. First, the reports will give the membership more up-to-date information on what the Society is doing and what the committees are hoping to accomplish. Second, they will provide a means whereby nonmember readers of *JAOCS* will learn what AOCS is all about.

The national office has written to all committee and subcommittee chairmen informing them of this action by the Executive Committee. Chairmen have been requested to prepare their 1973 reports and mail them to Executive Director James Lyon no later than April 1. Publication of the reports will follow the 64th Annual Spring Meeting.

North Central Section's Bailey Award to Chester Gooding



The Awards Committee of the AOCS North Central Section has announced that Chester Gooding, assistant director of research, Best Foods Division of CPC International, Union, N.J., will receive the 1973 Alton E. Bailey Award. Gooding will be honored for his extensive contributions to technological advancements in the field of food fats and oils. An AOCS member since 1945, he received his B.A. from Eastern Michigan University and his M.Sc. and Ph.D. in organic chemistry from the University of Michigan.

Presentation of the Bailey Award is planned for March 14, 1973, after which Gooding will respond with an address on "Fats and Fatuities." Cocktails for the evening will be provided by CPC International.

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