

AOCS...

... questionnaires to be mailed

Within a few months AOCS members should receive questionnaires to be used in production of the 1977-8 edition of the AOCS directory.

Jo Nelson, head of membership services and records, urges members to return the completed questionnaires as quickly as possible. New directories will be mailed to members in August. The directory will include Society officers and committee members as of the conclusion of the New York meeting during May.

The questionnaire will seek data on members' business and home addresses and telephone numbers, AOCS activities, and demographic information to be used by Pat Graham, director of advertising and promotions. Graham is seeking material identifying the business and industry of each AOCS member as well as job titles and occupations. The material is used to provide prospective advertisers in AOCS publications with a profile of the Society's diverse membership.

The directory will be similar to the 1975-76 directory with the addition of a member's affiliation in the geographical section. This was added at the direction of the Board of Governors.

Firms interested in advertising in the directory should contact Graham at AOCS headquarters in Champaign, IL.

... Speakers Listing Published

Approximately 90 speakers in six subject areas are listed in the first AOCS Speakers Listing, compiled by John M. Hasman for the education committee.

The six major areas are: (1) Analytical Chemistry; Methodology of Lipids; Physical and Chemical Properties of Fats; (2) Fatty Acids and Fatty Chemicals; Drying Oils and Protective Coatings; (3) Lipid Biochemistry and Nutrition; (4) Solvent Extraction and Oilseeds; (5) Edible Fats and Oils; and (6) Fat and Oil Processing.

Specific subjects of talks are listed beneath each sub-heading with the last name of the person(s) willing to speak on that topic. The speakers are then listed alphabetically with their affiliation, academic experience, and information about their availability for talks.

Members were asked to provide information regarding their professional training and experiences, topics preferred, funds (mainly honorarium) required, addresses and phone numbers.

The listing is not a recommended list. While many speakers listed have well-earned reputations as scientists and speakers, none has been critiqued by the education committee for purposes of their listing and thus do not carry specific recommendation or approval of the Education Committee of AOCS. The list is intended to be a list of potential speakers. Persons not presently listed who wish to be listed in subsequent editions should contact the AOCS Education Committee, 508 S. Sixth St., Champaign, IL 61820.

Copies of the 16-page listing will be available from AOCS, 508 S. Sixth St., Champaign, IL 61820. Each copy contains a speaker evaluation form which will be used to evaluate the usefulness of the speakers listing. ●

... World Conference planning continues

Some requests for registration information for the World Conference on Soaps and Detergents have begun to arrive at the AOCS headquarters in Champaign, IL.

The conference will be held Oct. 10-14, 1977, in Montreux, Switzerland. Purpose is "to provide a forum wherein the latest information on the practical technology in the production and uses of soaps and detergents can be shared and discussed among delegates from many countries, bringing together suppliers, producers, and users in a series of lectures, open discussions, and exhibits."

Registration information will be available later this year. General topics for the program include (a) world trends in soaps and detergents; (b) raw materials—availability and economics; (c) processing and packaging; (d) surfactants, builders, and additives; (e) influences impacting the industry; (f) performance testing; (g) health, safety, and environmental concerns; and (h) formulation.

Program committee chairman Karl Zilch and AOCS executive director Jim Lyon spent a week in Europe late last year coordinating European participation. Zilch said he also aims for a program useful to Far East nations, particularly Japan, and for other Western Hemisphere countries, including those in South America.

Program committee members have begun to fill-in the schedule matrix, which generally will provide for approximately fifty 20-minute talks, each followed by a 10-minute question-and-answer session, and a general informal discussion period at the end of each day's session.

English, German, or French may be used for presentation of talks with simultaneous translations provided of each talk. A written text of each paper in English must be provided by speakers for publication in a "proceedings" after the conference. ●

GUIDE TO AUTHORS

Preparation of a new "Guide to Authors for Manuscripts for Lipids and for the Journal of the American Oil Chemists' Society" is under way. It will be published later this year. In the interim, authors are referred to the guide published in the *Journal of the American Oil Chemists' Society* in January 1976 (JAOCs 52:56A, 1976).