

# World Conference on Soaps & Detergents

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## Session chairman named

Twenty-two persons active in the soaps and detergents industries of the U.S. and Europe have been named as session chairmen of the World Conference on Soaps and Detergents to be held in Montreux, Switzerland, from Oct. 9-14, 1977.

Announcement of the appointments was made by Karl Zilch of Emery Industries, Cincinnati, who is program chairman for the meeting. Zilch also announced that Tom Spitzer of Shell International in Europe will be European Technical Program Coordinator, Tatsuro Sato of the Japan Soap and Detergent Association will be Far East Liaison technical program representative, and Lou Copeland of the Soap and Detergents Association of Canada will be Canadian technical program representative.

Chairmen named so far for the eight sessions (and a brief synopsis of each session's content) are:

I. World Trends in the Soap and Detergent Industry: Jacques Bergeron (Colgate-Palmolive, France) and Bob Singer (The Soap and Detergent Association, U.S.). Speakers will give overview of new technology, energy usage, environmental considerations, raw materials, labor and consumer life style changes in Western Europe, North America, USSR, Latin America, Asia, Australia, Africa, and the Middle East.

II. Raw Materials—Availability and Economics: Helmut

Stupel (Shell, U.S.) and Albert Taylor (Albright & Wilson, England). Speakers will discuss availability, economics, energy requirements, competing uses and capacities for natural fats and oils, petro-derived intermediates, and inorganic materials.

III. Ingredients—Technology and Function: Marvin Winqvist, coordinator (Dow Chemical, U.S.); Rolf Bonaudo (Chemische Werke Huls, Germany), Fred Gerech (Colgate-Palmolive, U.S.), John Bruck, (Procter & Gamble, U.S.), Ray Liss (Monsanto, U.S.), Werner Stein (Henkel, Germany), and R. Von Rutte (Ciba-Geigy, Switzerland). Speakers will discuss how various ingredients function and why they are used; and technology involved in usage of each. Ingredients to be covered include surfactants, builders, bleaches, antiredeposition agents, enzymes, brighteners, perfumes, colorants, soap dispersing agents, bacteriostats, and emollients.

IV. Processing and Packaging: Reginald B. Musk (Quality First Soap Services, England), Luis Spitz (G. Mazzoni, U.S.), and Karl Tils (Maurer & Wirtz, Germany). Speakers will discuss the manufacture of surfactant materials, new techniques of sulfation, sulfonation and saponification; granular and powder products, development of liquid filling equipment, bar soaps and an overview of packaging.

V. Performance Testing: C. Kortland (Shell, Holland), Warner Linfield (U.S.D.A., U.S.), and Mike Shiel (Procter & Gamble, England). Speakers will cover the three major areas of published test methods (intent, usefulness and limitations), consumer market research, and assessing product performance.

VI. Health Safety and Environment: Florence Fisher (Environmental Resources Ltd., England), Lewis G. Scharpf (Monsanto, U.S.), and J.P. Wolff (ITERG, France). Speakers will cover four major topics: analysis of human and environmental exposure situations; human safety test methods, environmental safety test methods, and designing safety assessment methods.

VII. Development and Trends in Related Industry: George Wham (Good Housekeeping Institute, U.S.). Speakers will discuss textiles, appliances, dishwashable materials and other topics that can affect the soaps and detergents industry.

VIII. Conference Summary and Resume: Ted Matson (Conoco, U.S.) Selected speakers will provide a general summary of the conference including how to use the information presented on-the-job and how the information can be used to formulate specific types of products.

Additional co-chairmen may be named later. Potential speakers are being contacted and confirmations are due by April.

The conference is being held to provide a forum where 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.

Tentative plans are to have approximately 50 twenty-minute talks during the meeting with a 10-minute question and answer session immediately following each talk. There also will be an informal discussion period at the close of each day's formal session.

Registration information will be available from the American Oil Chemists' Society, 508 S. Sixth St., Champaign, IL 61820, U.S.A. The AOCS is primary sponsor for the meeting. Dr. Karl Gehri of the Union of the Soaps and Detergents Manufacturers of Switzerland, Zurich, is head of the local committee.

Talks will be presented in French, German or English with simultaneous translation provided.

Co-sponsors for the meeting with the AOCS will be the Union of Soap and Detergent Manufacturers of Switzerland (USS Union der Seifen und Waschmittelfabrikanten der Schweiz); the Soap and Detergent Association of the

United States; Soap and Detergent Association of Canada; Association Internationale de la Savonnerie et de la Detergence, Brussels; Chemical Specialties Manufacturers Association, Washington; Fatty Acid Producers Council, New York; International Sanitary Supply Association, Chicago; and Institut des Corp Gras, Paris.

The American Oil Chemists' Society is composed of approximately 3,450 member scientists who work in the chemistry, biochemistry, nutrition, or processing of fats, oils, and lipids. The Society, founded in 1909, publishes two monthly journals and sponsors a number of professional meetings each year. Members are located throughout the United States and in more than 50 other nations.

An AOCS sponsored World Conference on oilseeds and oilseed processing attracted more than 1,000 registrants in The Netherlands during March 1976.

## Group flights

Four group flight options will be offered to U.S. participants in the World Conference on Soaps and Detergents to be held Oct. 9-14, 1977, in Montreux, Switzerland.

There will be a Group-Inclusive-Tour (GIT) flight leaving Chicago Oct. 7 and returning Oct. 15. Cost for this flight, including seven nights at a top first-class hotel will be \$725; with accommodations at a regular first-class hotel the cost will be \$700.

There will be an Affinity flight leaving Chicago Oct. 7 and returning Oct. 22. Cost for this flight, including hotel accommodations during the conference, will be \$766 for a top first-class hotel; with accommodations at a regular first-class hotel the cost will be \$741.

There will be a GIT flight leaving New York Oct. 7 and returning Oct. 15. Cost for this flight, including seven nights at a top first-class hotel will be \$601; with accommodations at a regular first-class hotel the cost will be \$576.

There will be an Affinity flight leaving New York Oct. 7 and returning Oct. 22. Cost for this flight, including seven nights at a top first-class hotel, will be \$690; with accommodations at a regular first-class hotel the cost will be \$665.

Requests for space reservations, accompanied by a \$50 deposit per person, may be made to World Conference Travel, American Oil Chemists' Society, 508 S. Sixth Street, Champaign, Illinois 61820.

The additional cost for single occupancy in hotels will be \$30 for the top first-class hotels and \$23 for the regular first-class hotels.

The GIT plan requires a minimum of ten passengers traveling on the same air itinerary. The Affinity plan requires 40 passengers of the same organization traveling together on a trans-Atlantic flight.

If flights are canceled by AOCS, full refunds will be made. If cancellation is made by the passenger, refunds will be in accord with CAB regulations. Prices listed above include expected increases in fare rates. If rates are increased less than anticipated, refunds will be made. Full payment for flights will be required by Sept. 1, 1977. Regular airfare to-and-from Chicago is \$818.

The price listed above includes continental breakfast and transfers from Geneva to Montreux, via motorcoach along Lake Geneva. The price does not include conference registration fees. Registration materials are not yet ready for distribution. Persons reserving travel accommodations now will receive registration forms as soon as they are available.

## Post-convention options offered

Three separate post-convention tour options are being offered to persons attending the World Conference on Soaps and Detergents to be held Oct. 9-14, 1977, in Montreux, Switzerland.

The options are available to persons traveling on AOCS-arranged Affinity flights from Chicago and New York or to persons traveling independently to-and-from Switzerland.

For persons who wish to remain in Montreux, the additional cost per night will be about \$27 per person for double occupancy in top first-class hotels and \$23 per person for double occupancy in regular first-class hotels. Single occupancy will cost about \$31 per night.

**Switzerland Tour:** This motorcoach tour will begin by heading east from Montreux through Gstaad, Sweizimmen and Spiez for overnight stops Oct. 15 and Oct. 16 in Inter-laken, with local tours on Oct. 16. The tour will continue Oct. 17 through William Tell country to Lucerne. On Oct. 18 there will be a sightseeing tour of Lucerne and an optional excursion to Mt. Pilatus in the afternoon. Oct. 19 will be spent in Lucerne with no formal tours planned. On Oct. 20, the group will travel by motorcoach via the Black Forest and Rhine Falls to Zurich for an overnight stop. On Oct. 21, the group leaves Zurich for a luncheon and sightseeing stop in Berne then continues through Murten and Lausanne to Geneva. The AOCS-sponsored Affinity flights leave Geneva Oct. 22.

Tour price will be \$361 per person based on double occupancy and includes accommodations in first class hotels with bath, continental breakfast, service charge, taxes and hotel porter tips on arrival and departure throughout the tour, professional tour escort, and entrance and porter fees at Geneva Airport. The cost does not include lunches and dinners, tips to escort and driver or cost of optional excursions. Single occupancy supplement will be \$35

**French Riviera Tour:** This motorcoach tour will leave Montreux Oct. 15 with the first stop at Grenoble overnight on Oct. 15. On Oct. 16, the tour will continue to Monte Carlo for two nights, Oct. 16 and Oct. 17. On Oct. 18, the group will drive via Grand Cornick Drive and Nice to Cannes for overnight stays Oct. 18, 19, and 20. On Oct. 19 there will be an excursion to St. Tropez and On Oct. 20 a half-day shopping excursion to Nice. The tour will leave Cannes Oct. 21 for Geneva.

Cost will be \$389 per person for double occupancy. Single occupancy supplement will be \$40.

**Switzerland/Austria/Italy Tour:** This tour begins by motorcoach to Saint Moritz, Switzerland, for an overnight stop Oct. 15. The tour continues on Oct. 16 through "The Engadin" valley of Switzerland and through part of the National Park of Switzerland to Innsbruck, Austria, for an overnight stop Oct. 16 and Oct. 17. There will be sightseeing tours of Innsbruck Oct. 17 with the afternoons at leisure for independent activities. On Oct. 18, the tour will depart via the Brenner Pass to Italy and via St. Leonardo to Meran, Italy, for an overnight stop Oct. 18. On Oct. 19, the tour will travel via Cortina d'Ampezzo (stop for lunch), to Venice with a transfer by gondola to a hotel for overnight stops Oct. 19 and 20. There will be a walking tour of Venice the morning of Oct. 20 with the afternoon at leisure. An afternoon gondola tour will be optional. On Oct. 21 the tour will leave Venice by first class train via Milan and the Simplon Pass to Geneva, with connections to the departing Affinity flight on Oct. 22.

Tour cost will be \$415 based on double occupancy. Single occupancy supplement will be \$45.

All tour prices include first class hotel accommodations with bath, continental breakfast, service charges, taxes and hotel porter tips on arrival and departure throughout the tour, professional tour escort, and entrance and porter fees at Geneva Airport. Costs do not include luncheon and dinners, tips to escort and drivers, or costs of optional excursions.

Further details are available from the Post-Conference Tours, American Oil Chemists' Society, 508 S. Sixth Street, Champaign, Illinois 61820. ●