

Full details of the World Conference on Soaps and Detergents to be held Oct. 9-14, 1977, in Montreux, Switzerland, should be in the mail later this month to potential registrants and exhibitors.

The program committee was to complete selection of approximately 50 speakers on March 31, a date too late to include in the speaker's list in this issue of *JAOCS*. The committee plans to meet during the AOCS National Meeting in New York during May to complete program details.

The conference, sponsored by the American Oil Chemists' Society, 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. Approximately 50 talks are scheduled, representing subject matter not previously published or presented at any other meeting.

A number of other prominent associations throughout the world will be cosponsors.

Registration forms and housing reservation forms will be published in May *JAOCS*. They will be mailed to all persons who previously have notified the AOCS that they want such information.

The conference will be conducted in eight sessions: World Trends in the Soap and Detergent Industry; Raw Materials—Availability and Economics; Ingredients—Technology and Function; Processing and Packaging; Performance Testing; Health, Safety, and Environment; Developments and Trends in Related Industry; and Conference Resume.

Two new cochairmen have been named for the final two sessions. Ron Peters of IRE S.p.A., Italy, has been named a cochairman for the session on Development and Trends in Related Industry; and Dr. Jan Tornquist of Berol Kemi A.B. in Sweden has been named a cochairman for the Con-

ference Resume session. Karl Tils of Maurer & Wirtz, Germany, previously had been listed as a chairman for the Processing and Packaging session but has since had to bow out.

At a planning session in early March, the program committee heard that confirmation has been made of speakers from Europe, North America, Africa, and Asia. Expected to be confirmed will be speakers from Australia, Latin America, and the Middle East. The Soviet Union has been invited to send a speaker for the opening session on World Trends in the Soap and Detergent Industry.

Allocating time among the various sessions has been one of the committee's major tasks. The longest session will be "Ingredients—Technology and Function" with 12 to 15 speakers. "Health, Safety and Environment" is expected to be another topic of major interest to registrants.

The conference will be held in the Montreux Convention Center with simultaneous translation of talks into German, French, and English. Each day's session will begin about 9 a.m. and last until 5 or 5:30 p.m. Most talks will be 20 minutes long, followed by a 10-minute question-and-answer session. At the conclusion of each day's formal program, speakers for that day will be available for informal discussion (no simultaneous translation) with registrants. Informal discussions may continue as long as the participants desire.

Housing will be provided in several nearby hotels, all within a brief walking distance of the Convention Center. Exhibits will be at the Convention Center which has space for more than 70 exhibit booths.

There will be a spouses' program that will include sight-seeing and shopping trips to nearby communities.

Group travel flights from Chicago and from New York to Switzerland are being arranged.

Post-conference tour options will also be available.

Persons interested in registration, exhibition, group travel, spouses program, and post-conference tours should write to AOCS, 508 S. Sixth St., Champaign, Illinois, USA.

## World Conference plans near completion

