

### Three day cosmetic conferences in Switzerland

Five speakers have been named for a one-day conference on "Sensitization Testing and Its Relevance to Humans" to be held Tuesday, Sept. 18, 1979, in Basel, Switzerland, under the sponsorship of the International Federation of Societies of Cosmetic Chemists (IFSCC).

Speakers and their topics will be: Dr. E.V. Buehler and Dr. H.L. Ritz, Procter & Gamble Co., USA, on the Buehler Method; Dr. G. Klecak of Hoffmann-LaRoche SA, Switzerland, on the Klecak method; Prof. B. Magnusson of Malmo Allmanna Sjukhus, Sweden, on the Kligman-Magnusson Method; Dr. C.D. Calnan, Institute of Dermatology, England, on "Sensitization as Seen in the Industrial Area," and Dr. D.S. Wilkinson, Wycombe General Hospital, England, on "Sensitization as Seen in the Consumer Area." The speakers will be joined for an afternoon panel discussion by J. Collins of the European Economic Community, Prof. M. Ishihara of Japan's Toho University Medical School, and Dr. F. Morikawa of Kurume University Medical School in Japan.

The conference will be held at the Hoffman-LaRoche Conference Center, Grenzacherstrasse in Basel. Registration fee is 100 Swiss francs for IFSCC or Gesellschaft fur Kosmetologie members, 150 francs for nonmembers. Registration forms and information are available from the IFSCC, 56 Kingshighway, London, England WC2B 6DX.

The Swiss Society of Cosmetic Chemists' will hold a one-day symposium on Monday, Sept. 17, 1979, at the Hoffman-LaRoche Center. The program will feature seven speakers on a variety of topics ranging from antiperspirants and shampoos to analytical techniques for fragrances. Registration fee is 100 Swiss francs for members, 150 francs for nonmembers, and 60 francs for accompanying persons attending the symposium buffet dinner. Program details and registration forms are available from: Dr. G.A. Erleman, President of the SCC, PO Box 913, CH-4002 Basel, Switzerland, or from the IFSCC office in England.

A one-day conference on international cosmetic regulations will be held Saturday, Sept. 15, 1979. Details are available from the IFSCC office in London. ●

### Industrial, institutional cleaners top \$2.5 billion

The U.S. market for industrial and institutional cleaning products reached \$2.5 billion at the consumers' level in 1978, according to the marketing consultant firm C.H. Kline & Co., Inc.

Institutional sales to schools, colleges, hotels, motels, hospitals and similar organizations, account for 72% of the market. Industrial consumers account for the other 28%. Within the institutional sector of the market, janitorial supplies total \$1 billion (40% of total market), food service, \$0.5 billion (20%) and textile maintenance, \$0.3 billion (12%).

The Kline report said the market is complex and diffuse, with 45 major cleaning products sold to tens of thousands of end users, and no supplier controlling more than 10% of total sales. The 935-page report is available from C.H. Kline & Co., 330 Passaic Ave., Fairfield, NJ 07006. ●

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