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Discover discovers Yermanos

Demetrios Yermanos has become, as far as we know, the first AOCS member mentioned in *Discover*, the new monthly science magazine published by Time Inc. Yermanos was cited in the inventions section of the second issue, November 1980, for his work in breeding jojoba plants with male and female flowers, a hermaphroditic plant. Jojoba seeds, male and female, look alike, so growers would not know until fairly well along in the growing cycle whether they had enough female plants to produce a good jojoba oil yield, and there was a problem of proper placement of male and female plants. □

Ode to Ralph Potts on His 80th Birthday

Congrats and best wishes, of which we have lots,
To esteemed friend and coworker, redoubtable Ralph Potts.
A life that began at the century's turn
Has reached a milestone for which we all yearn.

Editor's note: Former AOCS President Charles Morris penned this work for long-time AOCS member Ralph Potts on the occasion of Potts' birthday.

A career that started in Lehigh's halls
Continued for years within Armour's walls.
There a girl named Gray attracted his fancy,
And, soon became his good wife, Nancy.

To this couple were born two fine sons, who,
Like mother and father, became scientists, too.
That marriage endured a half century and more—
Let's hope it may total an additional score.

Now for a word of a technical career
That left competition far to the rear.
Within Chem Engineering's numerous facets,
He chose as his specialty mundane fatty acids.

Here he applied skills as design engineer
And soon became known to be without peer.
Today the name "Potts" has highest priority
And is, without doubt, the foremost authority.

Now another achievement adds to his renown
And numbers another gem in his crown:
We now may state in terms authoritarian
He holds the title "OCTOGENARIAN."

Calendar

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Symposium on Color and Appearance Instrumentation, sponsored by the Federation of Societies for Coatings Technology, March 24-26, 1981, Executive West, Louisville, KY. Contact: Federation of Societies for Coatings Technology, 1315 Walnut St., Suite 832, Philadelphia, PA 19107.

American Chemical Society 181st National Meeting, March 29-April 3, 1981, Atlanta, GA. Contact: American Chemical Society, 1155 16th St. NW, Washington, DC 20036.

April

"Corrosion/81," sponsored by the National Association of Corrosion Engineers, April 6-10, 1981, Sheraton-Centre and Hotel Toronto, Toronto, Ontario, Canada. Contact: Conference Coordinator, NACE, PO Box 218340, Houston, TX 77218.

Federation of American Societies for

Experimental Biology Annual Meeting, April 12-17, 1981, Atlanta, GA. Contact: FASEB, 9650 Rockville Pike, Bethesda, MD 20014. "Food Microstructure," program scheduled during Scanning Electron Microscopy/1981 Meeting, April 14-18, 1981, Fairmont Hotel, Dallas, TX. Contact: Om Johari, PO Box 66507, AMF O'Hare, IL 60666.

"First Asian and Pacific Chemistry Congress," co-sponsored by the Singapore National Institute of Chemistry and the Singapore National Academy of Science, April 26-May 1, 1981, Singapore. Contact: Singapore Tourist Promotion Board, 342 Madison Ave., Suite 1008, New York, NY 10017.

May

Synthetic Organic Chemical Manufacturers' Association Annual Meeting, May 11-13, 1981, Seaview Country Club, Absecon, NJ. Contact: Maureen H. Campbell, SOCMA, 1075 Central Park Ave., Scarsdale, NY 10583.

Sixth Annual Spring Workshop, spon-

sored by the Association of Official Analytical Chemists, May 12-14, 1981, Holiday Inn, Ottawa Centre, 100 Kent St., Ottawa, Ontario. Contact: Murry D. Sutton, National Research Council of Canada, 100 Sussex Dr., Ottawa, Ontario, Canada K1A 0R6.

APAG Technical Conference, May 12-14, 1981, for members of European Association of Fatty Acid Producing Companies (APAG), to be held in Manchester/Chester region in England. Information: Jocelyn Reynolds, APAG, 250 Avenue Louise, Bte. 111, 1050-Brussels, Belgium.

Interpack 81 packaging exhibition, May 14-20, 1981, Düsseldorf, West Germany, sponsored by German trade fair and exhibition association. Contact: German American Chamber of Commerce, 666 Fifth Ave., NY, NY 10019.

International Federation of Societies of Cosmetic Chemists annual meeting, May 28, 1981, Charing Cross Hotel, Strand, London. Contact: ISFCC, 56 Kingsway, London WC-2B 6DX, England.