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J.F. Mead to receive Award in Lipid Chemistry

Dr. James F. Mead, has been named to receive the 16th Award in Lipid Chemistry from the American Oil Chemists' Society. The award will be presented during the ISF/AOCS World Congress to be held April 27-May 1, 1980, at the New York Hilton in New York City. Dr. Mead is professor of biological chemistry at the UCLA Laboratory of Nuclear Medicine and Radiation Biology in Los Angeles.

The award, established in 1964, is presented to an outstanding scientist in the field of lipid chemistry. It recognizes the accomplishments of outstanding original research in lipid chemistry, the results of which have been presented through publication of technical papers of high quality. The award is accompanied by a \$2,500 honorarium from Applied Science Laboratories.

Dr. Mead is being recognized for his distinguished work on the metabolism and biosynthesis of polyunsaturated fatty acids, his studies on brain lipids, alpha-hydroxylation and oxidation of long chain fatty acids. His studies on biosynthesis of PUFA in mammals were milestones in the subsequent *in vitro* studies on chain elongation and desaturation of essential fatty acids. His work on brain lipid metabolism included pioneering work on the very long chain fatty acids of the central nervous system lipids, the passage of various fatty acids and complex lipids through the blood-brain barrier, and elucidation of metabolism of many important lipid components of the brain.

He is the author of approximately 150 technical publications, plus numerous reviews, books and chapters of books, and other materials.

He has been an active member in AOCS, having served as a member-at-large of the Governing Board in 1971. He is also a member of the American Chemical Society, Society for Experimental Biology and Medicine, New York Academy of Sciences, American Society of Biological Chemistry, Radiation Research Society, Phi Beta Kappa, and Sigma Xi, having been a vice president and president of the Sigma Xi UCLA chapter. He has served as an associate editor or on the editorial board for *Lipids*, *Nutrition Reviews*, *Journal of Neurochemistry*, *Progress in Chemistry of Fats and Other Lipids*, and as editor of the *Journal of Physiological Chemistry and Physics*.

Dr. Mead is a native of Illinois who received his A.B. degree in chemistry from Princeton in 1938 and his Ph.D. in organic chemistry from California Institute of Technology in 1942.

Before joining the UCLA staff in 1948, Dr. Mead was a research assistant at California Institute of Technology, an assistant professor in chemistry at Occidental College, and



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with the Office of Naval Research as a research coordinator in biology and medicine. He joined UCLA's Atomic Energy Project group in 1948; that project evolved into the Laboratory of Nuclear Medicine and Radiation Biology. He became a faculty member for the School of Medicine in 1953 and was named professor of biological chemistry in 1963. He was named associate director of the nuclear medicine and radiation biology laboratory in 1968.

Dr. Mead received an NIH research career award in 1963. He was the 1971 recipient of the Alton E. Bailey Award for outstanding contributions in the field of fats and oils, presented by the North Central Section of the AOCS. □

William H. King dies

AOCS has been informed of the Aug. 14, 1979, death of William H. King, a retired research chemist from the USDA Southern Regional Research Center in New Orleans, Louisiana. Mr. King originally joined AOCS in 1960. Mr. King was a graduate of Mississippi State and Louisiana State universities.

R.G. Ackman to present Kaufmann Lecture

Dr. Robert G. Ackman, professor of the Department of Fisheries at Nova Scotia Technical College, has been selected to present the Kaufmann Memorial Lecture during the ISF/AOCS World Congress in New York.

The Kaufmann Memorial Lecture is presented at the International Society for Fat Research meeting every two years in honor of Dr. H.P. Kaufmann, the founder of the ISF.

Dr. Ackman has been a pioneer in the study of long chain fatty acids in tissues of animals and man, the latter involving collaborative work with research organizations in several nations.

He is the author of more than 280 publications and is a member of numerous organizations, including AOCS, Nova Scotian Institute of Science and Chemical Institute of Canada. He is an associate editor for *Lipids*, serves on the editorial board for the *Journal of Chromatographic Science*, is associate referee on fats and oils for the Association of Official Analytical Chemists, and is chairman of the Canadian National Research Council Associate Committee on Fats and Oils.

He was the 1972 recipient of a Fellowship in the Chemical Institute of Canada, the 1976 Earl McFee Award for distinguished service to worldwide fisheries technology, and the 1977 Aggradex International Award for contributions to nutrition research. He was a participant in the 1977 FAO/WHO consultation on fats and oils, has served as Canada's delegate to the Codex Alimentarius Fats and Oils Committee, and is a member of the ISO tech subcommittee on fats and oils.



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The Kaufmann Lecture will be presented during a plenary session on Tuesday morning, April 29, following a continental breakfast for foreign registrants and others attending their first national AOCS meeting. □

Philip E. Crow is now manager of sales administration for Durkee Industrial Foods Group/SCM Corp. . . . Harshaw Chemical Co. has promoted Joseph E. Davis, Jr., to senior sales representative in the catalyst department . . . Michael DuBois has been appointed director of sales and marketing for the flavors division of Firmenich, Inc. . . . The American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM) has elected Wayne P. Ellis 1980 president; Mr. Ellis is industry standards manager for the H.B. Fuller Co. . . . Carl Goddard has been promoted to senior technical representative, mid-west region, by Glyco Chemicals, Inc. . . . PVO International has named Joseph M. Gruce sales manager of the Chemical Specialties Division in Boonton, NJ . . . Edward Pollak, vice president and general manager of Designed Products of the Olin Corp., has been re-elected to a one-year term as president of the Synthetic Organic Chemical Manufacturers Association . . . Glyco Chemicals has announced the appointment of James T. Quinlan to supervisor of customer service . . . George J. Stockburger is now supervisor of general analysis for the Analytical and Physical Section of ICI America's Corporate research department . . . Karl H. Weber has been pro-

moted to district sales manager, mid-west office, for Glyco Chemicals, Inc. . . . Bill Edwards, Darling & Co., Alan Roemer, Roemer Trading Co., and Wayne Whittaker, Carolina By-Products, three members of the National Renderers Association (NRA), joined J. Stewart Cox, NRA Brussels director, in Egypt and Eastern Europe in September to develop increased trade for U.S. animal by-product protein meals. □

Balazs promoted at Central Soya

Imre L. Balazs, an AOCS member since 1971, has been promoted to the post of scientist, fats and oils research, at Central Soya in Fort Wayne, Indiana. He will be responsible for process research and development work for the firm's refined vegetable oil business.

Balazs is a native of Hungary and was plant superintendent for the National Enterprise for Vegetable Oil and Detergent Industries in Budapest before joining Central Soya in 1968. He is a graduate in chemical engineering from Polytechnical University in Budapest. □