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ITERG moves offices

Since the first of the year, the main offices of the French Fats and Oils Institute (ITERG) has moved from its previous location at 5, boulevard Latour-Maubourg 75007 Paris, France, to a new location at 10/A, rue de la Paix, 75002, Paris, France. (Telephone: 1 296 50 29; telex: 230905 STABILI.). The General Directorate, the Documentation and Information Service and the Administration all are at this address.

The Paris Laboratories, however, are decentralized in Pessac, near Bordeaux, into a research facilities complex including these ITERG labs: the École Supérieure d'Application des Corps Gras Labs, and a pilot plant for oils and fats processing which will be operated by both ITERG and CETIOM, the French research center on oilseeds cultivated in France. The new labs will be operational within a few weeks and the pilot plant will be operational by July 1980. The address of these facilities will be: ITERG, rue Monge-Zone Industrielle de Pessac-Canejan 33170, Canejan, France. □

Symposium on PUFA

A third meeting in December 1979 was held to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the discovery of the essential fatty acids by Burr and Burr. Three French scientific societies cooperated in the program to review present knowledge of essential fatty acids and the immediate prospects.

Lecture themes were: needs in polyunsaturated fatty acids (PUFA) and metabolic problems, role of PUFA in membranes structure and functions; problems of isomers, peroxides, and cyclized and polymerized fatty acids; and PUFA in the nervous system and brain.

(This report provided from France by A. Uzzan of ITERG). □

Chevreul Medals presented

The 1979 Chevreul Medal laureates are Prof. G. Dervichian, faculty of science of Paris and Institut Pasteur, and Dr. F. Lamchampt, who has retired from the research lab of l'Oreal, the famous cosmetic firm. The awards were presented during December in Paris at a meeting organized by the Association Française pour l'Étude des Corps Gras.

The two laureates are among the best known European specialists of the physics of lipids and of the phases diagrams. Lamchampt is the "father" of the well-known Monsavon process of soapmaking. The two presented separate addresses on oil and water (Dervichian) and the Monsavon process (Lamchampt). These lectures, as well as others presented during the meeting, will be published in the *Revue Française des Corps Gras*. □

IUPAC eyes collaborative work

Davos, Switzerland was the site of meeting of the Commission on Oils, Fats & Derivatives in September, 1979. The commission is part of the Applied Chemistry Division of the International Union of Pure & Applied Chemistry (IUPAC). During the meeting, commission members expressed interest in participating in the AOAC-AOCS collaborative studies of antioxidants by high pressure liquid chromatography and *trans* fatty acids by gas chromatography. At the meeting, it was also reported that the Sixth Edition of the *IUPAC Standard Methods for the Analysis of Oils, Fats & Soaps* has been published. □

ITERG margarine papers

ITERG will publish within a few months the papers presented during the program on margarine held in Paris during December. Speakers included researchers from French universities, consumer organizations, official laboratories, food industries and margarine industry. The non-margarine industry speakers in general described what their respective fields expect and want from the margarine industry, then the margarine industry speakers responded. □

IFAC in new headquarters

The secretariat of the International Federation of Automatic Control (IFAC) is now operating out of a new home in Laxenburg, Austria, a small village about 15 miles south of Vienna. Housed in nearby buildings are two other international scientific institutions, the International Institute of Applied Systems Analysis and the Institute for International Policy.

Persons interested in programs of the IFAC should write to: International Federation of Automatic Control, Secretariat: Schlossplatz 12, A-2361 Laxenburg, Austria. □

Danish firm expands

Grindstedvaerket, a producer of food additives, bulk vitamins and pharmaceuticals, has recently completed a new administration block and an extension of the research facilities at its world headquarters in Brabrand, Denmark. Grindstedvaerket, known internationally as Grindsted Products and Syntetic, has chosen Otto Christensen to replace Carl Vrang as managing director. Mr. Vrang will retire after 1980. □