

Arno Cahn heads new AOCS panel

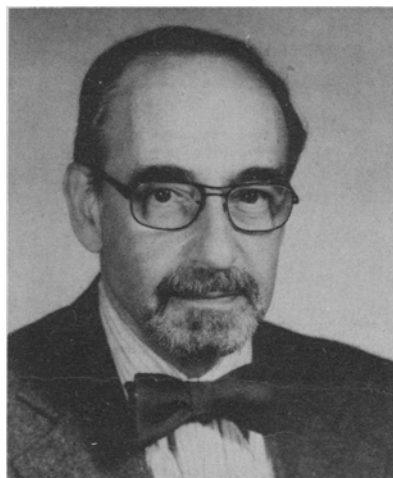
The Soaps and Detergent Advisory Committee for *JAOCS* will be headed by Arno Cahn, recently retired as director of development in the household products division of Lever Brothers Inc. Cahn has formed Arno Cahn Consulting Services in Pearl River, New York.

General goal for the group, Cahn said, will be "to provide needed service to technical people in the soap and detergent industry—principally through exciting and extensive meeting programs and a sustained stream of publications in the technology of soaps and detergents."

The steering committee will focus specifically on programs for national meetings, short courses and world conferences, publication of technical articles in *JAOCS*, and publication of news of the industry.

The committee has existed on a relatively low-key basis since the 1977 World Conference on Soaps and Detergents held in Montreux, Switzerland. Cahn was a planning committee member for that meeting, as were most other members of the group. The revamped committee will have approximately two dozen members.

Cahn plans to establish two subcommittees. The first will work on developing sessions for AOCS national meetings. Approximately 100 to 150 persons attended each of seven half-day sessions held during the AOCS meeting in New Orleans this past May. Ted Matson, group leader in surfactants at Conoco, has agreed to be chairman of this subcommittee. Volunteers are being sought for the second committee which will seek to maintain "a steady stream of quality papers for the technical section of the *Journal*." The goal is to provide a highly technical level but not



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necessarily abstrusely theoretical, Cahn says.

During its meeting in New Orleans, the committee unanimously recommended to the AOCS Governing Board that a second World Conference on Soaps and Detergents be held, preferably in 1985. The original meeting in 1977 attracted approximately 900 persons and the proceedings has become a basic reference text.

Also during its New Orleans sessions, the committee thanked A. Richard Baldwin, AOCS director of publications, who has served as informal chairman of the group at its three meetings since 1977. □

Industry News

Two zeolite plants announced

The PQ Corporation has announced that its project to open a 65-metric-ton capacity zeolite plant is on schedule for start-up by mid-1982. The new merchant plant for manufacturing detergent-grade zeolites will be constructed in Kansas City, Kansas, the site of one of the company's major sodium silicate facilities.

Italy is to be the site of the new Degussa zeolite plant which will produce 30,000 metric tons a year of sodium-aluminum silicate, and is scheduled to go on-stream in 1983. Degussa says that the use of zeolites is increasing worldwide, due to the fact that they provide for a considerable reduction in the phosphate builder content of detergents. The Degussa plant will be south of Rome, close to the largest detergent-producing area of Italy. □

Calendar

AOCS NATIONAL MEETINGS

Annual Meeting, 1982: May 2-6, Sheraton Centre, Toronto, Ontario, Canada.

Annual Meeting, 1983: May 8-12, Chicago Marriott, Chicago, IL.

1981

Chemical Marketing Research Association national meeting, Sept. 20-23, 1981, Dunfey's Hyannis, MA. Contact: CMRA, 139 Chestnut Ave., Staten Island, NY 10305 (tele: 212-727-0550).

Synthetic Organic Chemical Manufacturer's Association 1981 Annual Dinner, Dec. 3, 1981, Hotel Roosevelt, New York, NY. Contact: Maureen H. Campbell, SOCMA, 1075 Central Park Ave., Scarsdale, NY 10583.

1982

The Soap and Detergent Association Industry Convention, Jan. 27-31, 1982, Boca Raton Hotel & Club, Boca Raton, FL.